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"As you would not bark back at a dog, do not waste your time arguing with foolsh people." Sage Yogaswami (1869-1948)

"Mind absorbed in God, no place to go." Poondyswami when asked by a Hinduism Today staffer why he sat for 10 years at a roadside shrine in South India without moving from his seat

World-weary, a man took refuge at an ashram. The swami told him, "You can stay here, but you must observe a vow of mauna, silence. You will be allowed to speak two words every six months." He practiced hatha asanas, pranayama, meditation and karma yoga for six months. Then, brought before the abbot and invited to speak, he said, "Bed hard." After another six months, he spoke again, "Food cold." Six more months went by, and he informed the swami, "I'm leaving." The swami replied, "I'm not surprised. You've done nothing but complain since the day you arrived."

"Nonviolence leads to the highest ethics, which is the goal of all evolution. Until we stop harming all other living beings, we are still savages." Thomas A. Edison (1847-1931), American inventor

"I think it would be a good idea." Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

when asked what he thought of Western civilization

Even the ignorant will be reckoned wise, if they refrain from speaking in the presence of the learned. Tirukural, Verse 403

"In India from the beginning, in time of war, breastworks have been built of hotel pillows. It was found that a cannon ball could go thro' earth or sandbag, but when it hit a pillow it hit it with a dull thud and dropped to the ground." Mark Twain (1835-1910) commenting after his four-month lecture tour and hotel stays in India and Sri Lanka in 1896

DID YOU KNOW?

Check, Mate!

The early war game of chess was invented by the Hindus of India. In the Bhaisya Purana (550 bce) it is described as a four-handed dice game. Originally called Chaturanga ("four parts"), its strategies are based on the four branches of the Indian army--elephant (now bishop), horse (knight), chariot (rook) and infantry