



Case Study

Chapter - 4: Renunciation through Knowledge

A Lady complains to a teacher that she has insufficient money to attend one of his classes. The teacher asks the lady “what is the reason?” The lady answers saying that she has a very low paying job, is the lone breadwinner of the family and hence has no money to pay for the course. She very pitifully asked the teacher if she can attend the course without paying any money. The teacher did not respond at that time and said to her that he will consider the request.

Two days later the teacher met the same lady again and during their conversation the lady mentioned to the teacher that she has 5 million rupees in the bank under her name, a property worth 16 million rupees in her name and lands worth 1 million rupees. The lady is in her mid 60's having settled all her children's needs.

1. Was the lady poor monetarily? What do you think?
2. Should the teacher have given the knowledge without getting money from the lady?
3. What is the primary knowledge that the lady has to learn?
4. Would the Lady have learned the knowledge from the teacher in her current state of mind?
5. Put yourself in the place of the lady and think about all the situations where you would have reacted that way. Mention them.
6. What have you learned from this case study?