

A Vow of Poverty versus a Vow of Renunciation and Dedication unto God

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Explanation

- The only functional reason for using the term, a “Vow of Poverty,” is because it is the term the IRS uses and understands. So, for this reason only, the term a “Vow of Poverty” may be used in correspondence with them.
- In terms of renunciation, taxable liability, and ownership of money there is no difference between a vow of Poverty and a Vow of Renunciation and dedication to God.
- The difference is in the spiritual definition of the purpose before God. This is a personal spiritual matter of which the state has no part.

In Spiritual Terms;

- Whereas a Vow of Poverty invites a relationship with a poverty spirit and personal degradation, ...
- A Vow of Renunciation and Dedication to God rejects any such spiritual contract, because it knows that nothing belongs to self, and that all belongs to God. Therefore, all things should be used to build God’s Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven, by renouncing self interest in order to serve others.
- In worldly terms, and taxation terms, there is no difference between the two vows. They are fundamentally the same. The difference is a spiritual difference, and that is a deeply personal matter between God and the individual alone.