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My family belonged to the caste of the Warriors. Sixteen hundred years ago some travelling Jain monks came to the village of Osia and converted the people of the village to follow the principle of pacifism and complete non-violence. Consequently the people of my family had to renounce service in the army and meat eating. The king permitted it on the grounds of freedom of conscience, but my ancestors had to step down from the caste of Warriors to the caste of Traders. So, I have been a vegetarian for the last sixteen hundred years.

But, just because the editor is a vegetarian, Resurgence does not have to produce a special issue on this subject. Many associates of this magazine, like John Seymour, believe that total vegetarianism is an impracticable proposition; but at the same time a large number of Resurgence readers as well as a growing number of ecologists, decentralists, communitarians and people with a spiritual outlook are coming to the conclusion that meat eating has led our society to greater materialism and a compassionless life-style. Vegetarianism is a symbol of the simple life and a spiritual consciousness. The debate is dominating the minds of many, therefore we invited Jon Wynne-Tyson, who is a strong advocate of an ecologically sound society, and who considers vegetarianism as an inevitable consequence of that society, to put together a special feature for Resurgence. He has very kindly done so, and the issue is in your hands.

Satish Kumar