

A Word from the Desert

The Desert Fathers had a horror of extra possessions:

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A disciple saw a few peas lying on the road and he said to his father,

“Shall I pick them up?”

but the old man said in amazement,

“Why? Did you put them there?”

and he said,

“No.”

“Then why should you pick them up?”

Sayings of the Desert Fathers

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