

June 3, 1976 Comments and Answers to Questions by Baba Hari Dass during Class at the Calabasas Retreat

Edit notes: The following was typed from notes handwritten at the time of the darśana. Q denotes a question. B indicates what Babaji wrote on his chalkboard, as read by the reader, and then as heard and noted by someone present. Comments in square brackets are generally those of the typist. Comments in parentheses are likely that of the chalkboard reader. There was editing for format and IAST transliteration of Sanskrit terms.

B: Non-collecting is non-acceptance of the kinds of gifts that make you a slave.

B: Each of us creates the whole world, the world as we see it, ourselves. We feel this illusion that we create as truth.

Q: How can we overcome death?

B: By accepting it. The person who is not afraid of it never dies. It is that fear of losing the body that cuts us off from our past identities, and that is death. We are aware of the past, then we never die.

B: Curtain of time and space separates us.

Q: Does everyone have their own astral plane?

B: In the astral plane there is no time and space. There we are one, and separate.

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B: If there is no time and space, you are everywhere. As long as you are separated, you have to die in order to be reborn. The body can't be without time and space.

Q: When we overcome death, do we become one with God's will?

B: It is a stage called "beyond death".

Q: How to get out of the trap?

B: By being desireless.

Q: Population explosion?

B: Put 100 cups of water in the sun and you see 100 suns. More cups or none, the sun doesn't care. This ebb and flow of the population is natural.

B: The desire to be one is devotion.

B: Man is not making a mess on the earth (in nature). It is the process. Individually you can get out. In olden times there was a powerful mantra (brahmāstra) able to destroy whole universes. A weapon. Having come into existence, it had to be used. Was used.

B: Work to eat. Eat to live and to work. You are not just for you.

Q: Too much free time makes us irresponsible?

B: Yes.

B: By having sexual relationship, you take on or give karma. Improper sexual abstinence, blocked urges, can hurt the mind. Mostly in the US. If there is a true understanding, you are not abstaining.

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