

July 24, 1979 Class on Enlightenment with Baba Hari Dass

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. R is comments likely of the chalkboard reader. Comments in square brackets are generally those of the typist. Names of individuals who are not public figures are removed to protect their privacy. There was editing for format and IAST transliteration of Sanskrit terms.

[These notes start a third of the way through; a satsaṅga member made a tape.]

From Babaji's notebook: Saṁcita [karma] means collective.

R: Prārabdha karma is ripe.

Babaji or [reading from] his notebook:

Now the body in the liberated man is existing by prārabdha karma The fate of that body is to exist.

R: Āgāmi karma has an alternative name which means [future].

Q: So the liberated one is free of saṁcita and āgāmi?

B: [Babaji nods.] No past and future karma. Also no present karma.

R: Living only by the past.

B: Like a dry leaf blowing in the wind

1. The Self in the body is due to saṁskāra.

2. The Self in the body is to work out the saṁskāra.

3. If the Self leaves, then saṁskāra can't be worked out.

B: We are getting saṁskāra from our existence in mahat.

Q: That would be saṁcita karma?

B: [Yes.]

B: In Brahman there are three energies.

R: Brahmā, Viṣṇu, and Śiva.

B: Consciousness, will and matter. Why there is will in the first place can't be answered. It's... prakṛti. We could have ears like a cow, but we don't.

Q: Where does this ignorance, this awareness of separation, come from?

B: Ignorance started when mahat starts ahaṁkāra [when ahaṁkāra separates].

Q: The creation is an ignorance.

B: Yes

Q: So it just happened, is not good or bad, is just a fact.

B: Negative and positive is only in our mental level. If you see the overall picture, then you can't say negative or positive. Clouds create fear in a potter and create happiness in a

farmer. Clouds are not creating it, but the potter is afraid his pots will melt. And a farmer is happy that it will grow his grain.

Q: So ignorance is...? [missed it – maybe something like: our point of departure? our big obstacle?]

B: Yes, if we want liberation.

Q: Is it part of fate that we were born in our particular bodies?

B: Yes. Saṃskāra which are ripe and give fruit in individual bodies. It's body saṃskāra. There are millions of different saṃskāra... to take fruit.

Q: Does the Self, before taking birth, elect to work out certain things?

B: Saṃskāra. The Self has nothing to do with the body. Individual self is only when we are in the body. You can say the air of the balloon is separate from this balloon.

Q: What make up the balloon of the body?

B: Prakṛti śakti.

R: The body is a denser form of the Self....

B: Consciousness, will, and matter. These three energies make a form. The form again has three energies. They make it denser.

Q: Body is made of something....

B: Yes. There is a substance of the Self. The matter is a substance of the Self [a substantial form of the Self].

Q: What is meant by gaining knowledge of past lives?

B: It means no death. Complete forgetfulness of the past identity is death. If you can see what you were, are and will be, then you never died and never will die.
[during a tape change] Fear of death is gone - peace.

[readings from Babaji's writings on:

1. Self
2. Desires and saṃskāra
3. Puruṣārtha, effort by the mind, words, and actions to attain peace or God:
Puruṣa = God, artha = form
4. Guru
5. Seven stages of enlightenment]

Q: Is awakening of kuṇḍalinī the same thing as liberation?

B: Its result is liberation. It awakens and can go to sleep again. On the way there are several obstacles.

Q: It can be a very gradual process...?

B: [Yes.]

Q: Do organ transplants have effect on saṃskāra?

B: It will affect the body saṃskāra

Q: Just in this lifetime?

B: This body is only for one lifetime. Can get a similar body but not the same body.

Q: Will transplant patient get just body saṃskāra?

B: [Right.]

Q: If the brain is transplanted?

R: Then you'll get mental saṃskāra.

B: [Yes.]

Q: What about the heart?

B: It's physical.

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