

March 23, 1978 Darśana at Retreat 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. There was editing for format and IAST transliteration of Sanskrit terms.

[Question must have been about relation of God to our soul / spirit]

B: In a relation of a sun and its shadow. Soul has no separate existence except in relation [not Babaji's words] to God, the universal soul. Spirit is bound with saṁskāra, and without them has no existence. Soul exists with or without saṁskāra. Word "soul" is used in lower level as spirit also.

Q: Retains separate existence after merging?

B: Does pitcher of water poured into ocean remain a pitcher of water?

Q: Is that our final end?

B: Yes. [there could have been a further question here?] It depends on our understanding about God.

Q: Then why was there a beginning of individual souls?

B: It looks like a beginning to us, but in a larger scale it's a cycle. Fly sits on soccer ball and it rotates. We see it rotating but the fly doesn't.

Q: Creation is without beginning?

B: That's why God is beginningless and endless. God and his creation are same, can't be different.

[In response to a child's question]

B: There is a system that makes these earths continually and destroys them.

Q: People are on other earths?

B: Yes.

Q: Also striving to reach God?

B: The aim of creation is to dissolve into God. Knowingly or unknowingly. Anything we do, good or bad, is for attaining God. When we do bad things, it gives us an idea to do good things.

Q: Man's appetite for bad....

B: You mean identifying with bad [Babaji's question]? It's a cycle. Man is not bad, just like old age is not bad. It's a part of life. Birth can't be separated from death.

B: Cakravartin is title of king, means one who has conquered the earth. Earth is a wheel [world = whirl = wheel]. Cakra means rotation. Anything which rotates. The result of rotation makes it round.

B: Bad should be replaced by good, and good should be replaced by no action.

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