

## **March 11, 1977 Excerpts From a Letter from Baba Hari Dass (While in India) to a Member of the Satsaṅga**

Editor's Note: Typed circa 2024 with editing in 2025 for format and implementation of IAST transliteration.

I feel very strange to plan for future. Because it is all in God's hands. But we have to plan everything to function in the world properly. Expectation = desires = ambitions: all these things are important for the world.

My going away for three months is very good for the group. It can show everyone's capacity of working. And how much they want to do for the group. If I am there and the group members come for satsaṅga, it is not a big thing. The most important thing is to join satsaṅga when I am not there. It is a responsibility of each member. Very few people feel that responsibility.

About the land project: It is a real test of each member. Those who are ready to dedicate their lives in that project are real yogis. When there is no real āśrama you can't apply rules. But when there is a place where people will live, then you have to enforce a strong discipline. Those who will be able to obey that discipline, that will be their sādhana. The āśrama can't be a place where a bunch of people living and doing anything they want. It must be a place like an iron mold. Where one can't do anything beyond the āśrama discipline.

There is no peace when desires are let loose. The peace is attained by limiting the desires.

[A Person] died. It is very sad. May God give peace to his saṁskāra body after death.

My love and Jai [Sītā Rāma] to "all in the family."

This material is licensed by Sri Rama Foundation under a Creative Commons: Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike license. The rights of use and limitations can be found at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/>.