

January 9, 1979 Darśana 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. There was editing for format and IAST transliteration of Sanskrit terms.

Q: About the view that only in the West are there efforts to make scientific breakthroughs, discoveries...

B: Westerners do crazy things to break through. Science is in the Hindu culture also. Jagadish [Chandra] Bose was the first scientist who proved that plants have life and emotions. Solar energy was discovered in India several thousand years ago. I mean that science is in every country. In seeking peace, you discover millions of things.

R: Different method.

Q: Question of non-killing of cows and of starvation in India...

B: Overpopulated countries are always in danger.

Q: Kill the cows...

B: Then [you] don't get milk.

Q: Kill the bulls.

B: The bulls are used to plow the fields. The population increases where there is food. Why is the elephant population decreasing in Africa? Forests are decreasing. By killing the cows the problem will not solve. Here you feed a cow more than a person. In India, cows live on wild grass.

Q: In times of famine, couldn't cows provide meat?

B: Cows also die. I saw famine in Bihār. People ate even the leaves. They still died. The dogs lived. They ate people.

Q: Dissection of animals for scientific and educational purposes....

B: There are values of each category of life. To live, you can kill a cow. Because the life value of a cow is less than a human. To save humanity, we have to use lower lives.

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