

5/5/79 darshan

Q [about Babaji's guru]

A: He would tell one thing and then leave.

R: For two or three months.

A: He always said, "Clean up your own garbage." That's why I liked him.

Q [about the relationship]

A: Still.

[conversation with Catholic monks, priests, from monastery near Carmel, plus Babaji's devotees]

Bji: It's a journey which you can't share with anyone.

Bji: I don't believe in forms.

R: Babaji believes there is energy.

Bji: In Tibet, the lamas cheated people.

R: Told them they would be safe, and sent them to fight the invaders with sticks and stones.

A: They gave them amulets. [Bji pantomimed the guns.]

R: They were wiped out.

A: Those who did not die came back and asked why the others were killed. They [the priests] said the amulet must not have been good [not Bji's exact words].

R: There was a strong priesthood.

Q: You don't believe in priests?

A: [Bji nodded that he does.] Not all.

R: The priesthood in Tibet at that time had a lot of corruption.

A: The priests were rulers.

Bji: I lived in a graveyard for several years.

Q: What was your purpose in living in the graveyard?

A: Sadhana.

R: To be alone.

A: It was the only place people were afraid to go. So I became a ghost for them.

R: Some people in the village thought Babaji was a ghost.

Q: Why didn't the spirits bother you?

A: I was strong enough to bother them. They bother those who are afraid.

Q: It's the people's own fear that becomes dangerous?

A: Yes.

Q: Is there a stigma in India against people who die of snakebite?

A: It is said that they don't die for three days

R: --even though vital signs are gone—

A: so they don't cremate them.

A: Sometimes they would leave the dead body. Barren ground. One day they burned a man sitting with half his body above the ground.

R: To scare Babaji.

Q: What kind of strength and weakness were you referring to?

A: I knew they [spirits] didn't have a body so they couldn't attack.

Q: When we meet spirits like these, what should our attitude be?

A: God [with no period after this one word, so there may have been more, but see 5/8/79 darshan]

R: Jesus was tempted during forty days in the desert, as was Buddha

Q: Jesus spent some time in India?

A: Kashmir. There's a cave where they found some proof. Also I heard that he visited Nalanda University.

R: Twelve years out of his life are unaccounted for, in the New Testament.

Q: What was his purpose in being in India, or in Kashmir?

A: In India there was a center of yogic knowledge. Taksila University.

R: Buddha studied there.

Q: Basis for belief he was in India?

A: I think the Kashmir story is based on some written thing. In Shrimad Bhagawat they mention Jesus Christ.

R: And it was written before he was born.

Q: What was the Sanskrit name he would have been given?

A: Yayshu Kreest [phonetically transliterated].

Q: What does the scripture say?

A: Bhagawat is a history from creation to its end. The future chapter [chapter on the future] talks about Jesus Christ. Such a person will come.

Q: Some Hindus know more about the Bible than Christians!

R: Memorization is important.

A: In Bengal, if you go, you can't win in discussions. In Sanskrit there is a subject [study] of discussion. In Bengal they're trained in it.

Vivekananda learned it.

R: Method of disputation.

A: Dirk [sp?] shastra.

Q: What is the purpose of it?

A: To find the reality.

Q: Is the method of discussion, if done right, a way to [enlightenment]?

A: If the aim is right. If your aim is to fight—

R: That is what you get.

A: Example: two sadhus kill each other discussing about God.

Q: Still.

Q2: All around the world.

A: They all say God is one, and they still fight.

Bji: [Read] ten thousand books and nothing will be attained. Meditate, and all knowledge will be revealed. We have all knowledge within us in a dormant stage.

Q: You're going to have a library anyway [at Mount Madonna Center].

A: For those who want to read. I was not allowed to keep any book. Two cloths and one pot.

Bji: Hermit life and householder life are not the same.

Q: Saint Thomas Aquinas had a realization of God late in his life, and realized all he had written was just straw. Did he go to India?

A: [Bji shook his head.] In Madras there was a huge monastery. A Christian saint came there.

Q: Long ago?

A: Yes.

Q or R: Could have been Thomas the Apostle.

R or Q: He went to India.

A: Yes.

Bji: [Mustard powder dish] is good for the lungs.

Q: Asthma medicine...

A: Two parts garlic, four parts ginger, eight parts honey, If you get a strong attack, then marijuana. Turmeric is also good.

Bji: The ocean and the full moon together can create problems. The combination is not good for meditation.

Q: How?

A: Pulls the water element, inside and outside.

from a letter of Babaji's to Sadanand Ward Mailliard in early 1977 about the land project [that created Mount Madonna Center]:

Can't do anything you want [not exact words]. The peace is attained by limiting the desires.

[during a recent meeting]

Bji: How do you create a feeling of responsibility? I am looking for a feeling. Like a sick mother still cooks for her child.