

10/5/78 and 10/6/1978 retreat darshan

(Pet rat.....) Do you know why they have such tails? They make holes, and the tail makes.... (and also show them the way back out!)

(Do you know what might cause that muscle to do that?) Pulled. Happened several times. (Again and again?) Yes. (Cure?) Pine sap.

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Cobra will chase one person, recognize individuals. [Shiva is-*original editor*] Lord of death. Shiva's snake is symbol of death.

Worse snake is the horse-hunter. It's a snake that hangs in a tree. When horses run (they drop and wrap around and constrict, then eat with teeth, biting).

(Python was found with 8 foot long alligator inside.) Saw 30-foot long snake in India, alive. Couldn't tell what it is. Can knock down an elephant. Red snake (small) goes inside the veins and up.

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[to air-deranged girl] For itching, you can do sweating therapy at the land [at Mount Madonna Center].

(Lacking teachers, should people in the US Midwest move to the coasts?) Where there is a desire, that will find a way. (Is it a personal decision?) The desire is personal. (I don't understand.) This is not a group desire. (A teacher is needed? Or sadhana can be done without one?) Teacher is important, but one can do it without a teacher. (So people should move?) Thirsty [person] goes to a well. The well doesn't go to a thirsty [person].

(Can get help from teacher without being physically with him?) Yes. (Then why do we all still have such bad tendencies?) (Speak for yourself.) (Why doesn't Babaji open an ashram in town where people can live with him and get help full time?) A small tree under a big tree can't flourish. Depending on a teacher stops you from standing on your own feet. A teacher can cook for you, but can't eat for you. Follow what he says, and then you are with your teacher all the time.

(I have asthma...) Learn cloth dhauti. How long have you had it? (Since I was five.) Also there are herbs. (So you think it should be worked on on the physical side?) Yes.

(How to overcome fears?) Of what? (Of everything. Of being physically hurt. Of dying, I think.) Fear of dying is the base [basis] of all fears. This fear comes when we don't accept death as a part of life.