

September 19, 1978 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. Comments in square brackets are generally those of the typist.

- B: Here even when people see each other [regularly], they don't talk. It is a cultural thing. In India, everyone talks. I think India was attacked by foreigners so many times that they needed to know each other. Then it became a cultural thing. In some areas where people died in famine several times, they still [years later] would ask [each other, first question]. Did you eat? Culture is created by different situations we face. Here people don't see the things they waste. It is because the people came from poverty in Europe. Here they got so much all of a sudden that they didn't care about wasting. Now it's a cultural thing.
- Q: Could it change?
- B: If there would be one famine.
- Q: Where can they go?
- B: Go to [their] graves. Where can they go? Everywhere it's the same situation. At first people eat. Eat everything. In Rajasthan a five-year old child did not know what is rain. It did not rain for five years. Somewhere [meaning in some places?], nothing.
- Q: Can women conceive under conditions of starvation?
- B: Yes. Food is first. People seek for food.
- B: Three days ago 15,000 people were killed in Iran by earthquake.
- Q: Here buildings are stronger.
- B: Here you have fire problem if there is earthquake.
- B: Life goes through so many risks all the time.

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