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# Philosophy

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**PILGRIM #1:** Meherjee, Ali, what are your physical activities?

**ADI:** Who?

**PILGRIM #1:** Yours, both, what's your physical activity?

**ADI:** [inaudible]

**MEHERJEE:** My physical activity is I have got a family, I have got a factory to run my, to look after my children and I have to carry out Baba's orders.

**PILGRIM #2:** How many children do you have?

**MEHERJEE:** Two daughters

**PILGRIM #1:** How old are they? [sound of pilgrims laughing]

**MEHERJEE:** One is about 33, and other is 24. Anything else?

**PILGRIM #2:** Do you have any grandchildren?

**MEHERJEE:** I have one grandchild, yes. Six months old.

**PILGRIM #3:** Meherjee, I asked you earlier in the evening on what Baba says about eating meat or certain kind of diets. I mean.

**MEHERJEE:** Yes, about eating, Baba never specified any specific instructions for anyone unless to someone whom He directs that he should not eat this or he should not eat that or not smoke or he should not drink. Otherwise Baba does play out general instructions for diet. As long as you could keep healthy, both mind and body, you can have anything you like.

**PILGRIM #3:** Having certain foods you, you maintain your body very, you take care of your body better in certain, [inaudible].

**MEHERJEE:** Not necessarily.

**PILGRIM #3:** organic.

**MEHERJEE:** He does not play out any hard and fast rules.

**ADI:** You see, at least with us, I have been with Baba for last 43 years, I have been eating everything. [sound of pilgrims laughing] Anything that comes my way.

**PILGRIM #2:** Do you think there is an extra collective consciousness?

**ADI:** Pardon?

**PILGRIM #2:** A collective consciousness?

**ADI:** Collective consciousness?

**PILGRIM #2:** Yes, sort of thing like that.

**ADI:** Collective consciousness?

**PILGRIM #2:** Uh huh.

**ADI:** Yes, collective consciousness doesn't literally mean really anything unless the consciousness for all are merged into the universal consciousness. That is the greatest collective consciousness.

Collective consciousness means people coming together and meeting together and thinking on one specific subject. It's a collective meditation. Anything you think over and all the ideas and thoughts that you get pertaining to a certain subject which are relative to a certain subject can be a meditation.

And collective consciousness is just as we physically meet each other, we talk about a common thing which all of the people who are gathered are interested in. It can be called collective consciousness.

I do not know if there is anything else you mean?

**PILGRIM # 2:** Like mythology and.

**ADI:** Hmm?

**PILGRIM # 2:** Psychology and relatedness of the spirit [inaudible].

**ADI:** You see, psychology is a subject that cannot come in the purview [sound of vehicle passing by] of, it can come in the purview of Baba's explanation indeed, but it has a very low value for the matter of that, yes.

Psychology is only the jargon of the human mind systematized through some sort of a science introduced by man.

**PILGRIM #2:** How about mythology?

**MEHERJEE:** It's a medical [inaudible].

**ADI:** Hmm?

**PILGRIM #2:** [Inaudible] Mythology, I'm interested in mythology.

**ADI:** Mythology. Mythology?

**PILGRIM #2:** Mythology.

**ADI:** Mythology is a myth. [sound of pilgrims laughing] Let her speak. Let her explain.

**PILGRIM #2:** Obviously they are constructed. But do you believe that there is any kind of purpose, because I have been told that philosophy is a kind of mythology. I was figuring since you've [inaudible] philosophy.

**ADI:** This is from the Western point of view, you are right. You see, philosophy is built, I may tell you, I may draw the distinction between Western philosophy and Eastern philosophy. Both the philosophies are built on mythology to a certain extent, but the Eastern philosophy really, the real essence of Eastern philosophy is based on the direct experience of those who are, who are spiritually advanced, who receive, who snap away from the physical consciousness, enter into another world, another consciousness, higher consciousness. It is subtle and mental and then they experience certain things which are depicted, you see.

**PILGRIM #2:** [inaudible]

**ADI:** Hmm?

**PILGRIM #2:** [inaudible]

**ADI:** What? You don't understand?

**PILGRIM #3:** She says she won't understand.

**ADI:** Naturally, she won't understand. This is a, if you are beginning to do it, you won't understand. You have to slowly get near it. You see, if there is a scientist working with the test tubes, then, something is about it. Man who

doesn't know anything about it is ready to jump to conclusions and he may ask certain questions that the scientist would think not to the level that they should be asked, you see.

So in the beginning, naturally, one does not know the subject, he does not know, but it doesn't mean one should not give oneself a chance to go a little ahead and try to grasp the understanding.