
RESPONDING TO LOVE WITH VIOLENCE

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PILGRIM 1: The reason why I personally was bringing back these teachings of Baba. Love and violence and justice and injustice. Maybe because I am from a part of the world where we live with high violence as you can imagine [inaudible]. In my country which is not very different from India. Ninety percent of the people are over exploited and mistreated. And when they express their ideas they are wiped out. The people who are concerned about this thing think about alternative solutions. One of them is that violence you get violence. The other ones say that if you use violence why don't you give love? At least so far it doesn't seem that. The ideal answer would be to get love, to give love. Because it doesn't seem to work at least over a period of time maybe 4-5 years. And that way these questions keep coming back to people who have lived that kind of reality [inaudible].

If I will take this issue of love in my personal life and just think about how I can get love [inaudible]. But still there is the question of how you relate to this other part that is my reality in which I have not seen love. And it's a violent reality and unjust.

ERUCH: The thing is whatever it is. So now you are suffering. You have to give your. Give love in return to all the blows that you receive. And in the process you are annihilated. You are all the time loving isn't it? Why do you want to love the

person who's giving you a? Giving you the blows. Why? What is the motive behind it? There must be something? Because others have said that? You are trying to experiment on it?

PILGRIM 1: No, because there is an obvious action-reaction thing in life. You give something you get something in the same nature. You give violence you get violence.

ERUCH: I give violence, you get the blows and I receive love from you.

PILGRIM 1: Correct.

ERUCH: Okay. But why do you do that? It's just an exchange that. But what motivates you to do that? Why not you give me a blow? Why love? What is it? Why have you selected to give me love?

PILGRIM 1: I guess because many are reacting to it, somebody started it.

ERUCH: Somebody started. Because you are trying to experiment with it isn't it? You are trying to experiment. Somebody had said that it's best to give love rather than to give blows. It is that. That's the thing. That's the only reason. But the reason for which you are going to give love is not because of somebody has said that you should give love but it should come. It should spring spontaneously from you. And then just see the result. There won't be a single blow

afterwards. If it were to well from within you. But if you were to just try and experiment it then you will be annihilated by blows. But if it springs from you spontaneously then the force of love is so great that nothing stands in your way.

But we cannot have that. We cannot be that. Why? Because we have our impressions. Past many, many reincarnations we have the heritage of our animal nature. Hatred is there. Love is there mingled with hatred. Hatred is there mingled with force. Force is there with jealousy and superiority and inferiority complexes that are there. All that has been inherited by us. So all that we can give is nothing but this. In return we want to give love. Why? Because it is good to give love. But it is not our own. It's a borrowed thing heard from somewhere else. But if we. It won't carry that force. It has no force. It's an impotent love. So if it were to spring forth from us spontaneously from your being it will have such a tremendous force that there wouldn't be a next blow. Man would be paralysed. He wouldn't feel like giving you blows to a person who is full of. Is love personified. Nothing can happen to him. And that is the life of a true one which is in itself, springs itself. it's a spontaneous thing. It's not a borrowed thing.

And that can be had only by His grace. You care to live. Live for Him and die for Him. One in a million can have that force of love but not all. But gradually these little practices take us closer and closer and closer and closer to that eventful dawn when love springs forth spontaneously from one's being. This is how it is. Otherwise it's not possible. Till such time the brave will continue to retort blow with blow. Some philosophers will

continue to give another blow [inaudible] blow thinking that well that will serve him better. Some war general you see will give you a blow to annihilate you or to altogether get you out of his way. So all these will continue. Blow for blow, blow for blow.

Why? Because we have not learned the lessons of humility and love. The Lord had said, I don't know whether you know this scriptures you know? Jesus Christ what he said.

PILGRIM 1: What about the scriptures?

ERUCH: Yeah. He has said that if one were to slap you on one cheek. What did he say?

PILGRIM 1: Well He said, "Turn the other cheek."

ERUCH: Turn the other cheek. What does it mean?

PILGRIM 2: That means you respond with love. In a sense I think that's what He was saying.

ERUCH: Be humble.

PILGRIM 1: [inaudible]

ERUCH: Yeah. Be humble. [crosstalk] But humble not in the sense of your weakness. Not through cowardice. But through your nobility and greatness. Knowing fully well that this man who gives me a slap I give him another one. If you want to spend your ire upon him alright here is another one. Here is another one. How long is he going to do that. He'll get tired he'll stop it. Be humble.