

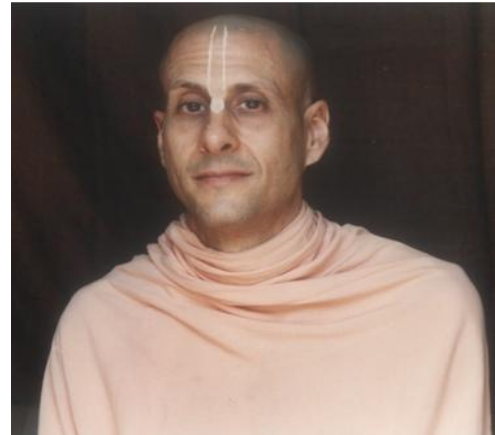


"Perfect Questions & Perfect Answers"
by HH Radhanath Swami Maharaj

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Devotee (D)

D: Our destiny is already decided. Everything is based on previous karma. Why should you bother about everything doing right or wrong?

RNS: Not everything is fixed. How you react to the destiny you have created in past will create destiny for future. For example -- very pious work you get 1 lakh, you gave nice charity and you get one more lakh. What do you do with it? You can sell cocaine...then what is your destiny? You might meet car accident. You could use lakh of rupees in something spiritual then you will get spiritual benefits. How we react to those reactions will decide our future destiny.



D: What we do with 1 lakh of rupees is also based on previous reactions?

RNS: This is a strong misconception. Everything is not fixed. We always have free will. We might have strong inclination but we still have free will. That is why association is important. Then we can use free will in a beneficial way than bad way. If living with drug addicts that perpetuates consciousness. If associated with devotees, that will give us strength.

If we associate with devotees with spiritual aspirations it will give strength to enable our higher self to conquer lower self. If you nourish animalistic propensities then the divine virtues become weak and helpless. On the other hand if you nourish divine virtues by proper association and proper conduct then higher self conquers these animalistic propensities. So we always have freewill. It is a very dangerous type of justification to make no progress to have this fatalistic conception of reality that everything is predestined and I will flow with the current.

RNS: Then why does Krishna speak Gita. Why does prophet Mohammed gave us Quran... Mahavir, Jesus, Nanak, why so many incarnations, yogis, to teach us how to live, how to make right choices if we have no choices. Why go to school? Why not flow with destiny? You have the choice to either study or fail. Only a fool would say why should I study I am destined to fail. Tell that your professor. Then you have your report card tell that to your parents. Useless practical philosophy. Hare Krishna --

D: Modern science says believe what you see? How can we believe in soul and God if we haven't seen them?

RNS: Have you been to Australia? Do you believe there is a place called Australia? (Yes). That means you aren't scientific. My friend, why do you believe in Australia when you have not seen it?

RNS: Why do you believe?

D: Because it's a theory and it's in a globe.

RNS: Because you read about it in books?

D: Yah it's in geography.

RNS: You have met people who have been there?

D: Yes

RNS: So now you believe?

D: Yes, definitely.

RNS: You haven't seen it?

D: No

RNS: So you are a believer.

So similarly we read about God in Holy Scriptures. All the holy scriptures of the world and all the most pure hearted saintly personalities of the world, traditions and all history talk about how they have seen God. And so many people today are coming and telling us how they experience realizations with God. There is more information in books about God than people who have been to Australia.

RNS: Have you seen directly Mahatma Gandhi?

D: No

RNS: Do you believe that he is the father of the nation?

D: Yes

RNS: Haribo!! 99.99% of things that everybody believes is true, they never really experienced through sense perception. 99% of the places you have believed, historical incidents that you have believed you have never seen. I can cover the sun planet with my thumb. Does that mean my thumb is same size as the sun? (NO) How do you know? It's beyond your sense perception. It's so many million times bigger than the earth. We learn it through the scientists who have done

research. Have you seen it?

How do you know who your father is? Were you there at the scene? At the time of conception watching? On the basis of faith. SO everyone has faith beyond sense perception. But there is reasonable logical scientific faith and there is blind faith. So we have to understand God through reasonable logical philosophical faith. Then our belief in God becomes the deepest most profound reality in our lives. Krishna consciousness is a science. It is not a sectarian dogma.

