

Recording 1 Study Questions and Answers

1. What is the title Kriyananda urges us not to forget at the beginning of the recording?
Entering the astral and the dream states, remembering to enter the astral via meditation, contemplation, Samadhi and the dream states.
2. What do you think is the significance of the story about the guru, disciple, and the fish?
[individual answer]
3. What is Kriyananda's philosophy?
No philosophy, just lots of questions.
4. What is the pathway?
The pathway is a conscious mode of living, a lifestyle, a way of speaking, a way of thinking by which your experiences move from words, from words and human values, beyond words and human values.
5. What stepping stones on the pathway do you need to transcend?
Mother, father, society, and also your personal theology and personal deity.
6. How do we measure civilizations?
We measure civilizations by the wars that have been fought and won, the people we have enslaved, and by the economic squeezing of the life blood of other beings.
7. Why is the spiritual life like a boiling pan of water?
All the water does not evaporate in any given moment. A molecule here and a molecule there evaporates. Enlightenment comes to a soul here and a soul there, not in group consciousness or culturally. The role of the molecule is to signal to the others, "Come follow me. I am yet H₂O. Become free from the confinement of the pan and the limitation of the water. Follow me to the life divine to that that lies beyond the dreams of men, women, civilization and culture."
8. What is the danger of teaching and believing one is a guru?
We lock ourselves into human values and simply produce for people a better, new earth life.
9. What do you think Kriyananda means when he says, "Behold human value, the running, ranting and raving. Because of the mother's maidens mating. Knowingly she attains. Aha, behold human value. Behold the mother's maidens mating. Knowingly she attains."
[Individual answer]
10. Why, if you go the astral world, will you have gone nowhere?
Subtle money, gross money, is money. Subtle wisdom, gross wisdom, is wisdom. Subtle blackness, gross blackness is blackness. Subtle time, gross time, is time.
11. What is the religion of the book?
There is but one God and all other Gods are false. And in the religion of the book the God is interpreted by somebody else, priest, swami, telling you what God is and how you should interpret God.

12. What are we trying to do in mysticism with regard to the religion of the book?

What we're trying to do in mysticism is to let go of the religion of the book and move to the mystical experience, which relates to a God which is not the source of being but the manifesting power of that experience that propels you to a new place in consciousness, a transcendent place.

13. What is, and is not, the source of existence?

It is not God, it is life, and in mysticism, we call it Kriya or kundalini. The divine fire is a good word, or fires. It is fire.

14. In Western tradition, what are the three blockages or temptations?

Money, power, tempting God.

15. What are the three problems in Eastern thought?

Lust, fear, social duty.

16. What are you, and are you not, trying to liberate yourself from?

You're not trying to liberate yourself from the devil, or from your civilization, you're trying to liberate yourself from the thought patterns within you.