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Swami: Good evening everybody. How was your day? Hello? Tired? According to your English calendar how old I am – January 1973, January 8?

Students: Thirty-one.

Swami: There's a big controversy, thirty-two or thirty-one. Indians are saying I'm thirty-two, some people are saying I'm thirty-one. Anya?

Anya: Well, just as you said, take your pick, but you're an Indian so it has to be thirty-two.

Swami: Terry, can you clarify this, my confusion?

Terry: Well the Indians start counting when you're conceived, not when you're actually born. We start counting after you're actually born.

Swami: So, you're saying I'm thirty-two?

Terry: If I was an Indian I'd say thirty-two, but I'm not so it's thirty-one.

Swami: So thirty-one is lucky number or what?

Terry: Thirty-two is better.

Swami: Anya he's making me upset. (laughing)

Jonathan: Next year you can be thirty-two, western calendar.

Swami: I'm happy to follow the Indian calendar, thirty-one – odd numbers. Good. Tomorrow I'm going to, around two p.m., sometime, I'm going to discuss the Jesus Channels, remaining channels. Just I want to ask today if anybody has any questions, any clarifications, any confusions, any doubts? And tonight I want to pick up some important people, out of them some lottery, three people, what I said. And by grace of Baba and Almighty and Jesus we made the cross to bleed. Of course everybody knows that and again they're making small nine crosses. And also that crosses have to bleed in their countries. And they're really catch at least one channel, they will start to flow, and the second can start. Your Swami energy in the Gurusthan can come... about the Samadhis and... Penukonda. So if anybody has any questions, this is the right time before I'm jumping in thirty-one years. I'm happy to clarify your confusions. Yes Franz.

Franz: Why do we have these blocks? Where do they come from?

Swami: What do you think?

Franz: I don't know.

Swami: What blocks you have really bothering you?

Franz: Oh, I'm impatient.

Swami: Impatience, that's the worst block. Saburi – shraddha and saburi. Baba always says practice and patience no matter what. If you're impatient he'll keep driving time.

Franz: I have many other blocks. Where do they come from? Who gave us these blocks?

Swami: Research on them, that's why you're here, you have to research. If you're really sympathy, kind, caring nature, and dedication, forgiving nature, the blocks will be little far away from you. Caring, loving, forgiving – done, you won't have any more blocks majority. If you take personally everything, then you're in the stuck, in the terrible blocks.

Doug, today you're my soup. Today you're my food. I have questions for you. Can you stand up if you don't mind? Are you ok?

Doug: Yes.

Swami: How is your day?

Doug: I've had better days. It wasn't a cheerful day.

Swami: Why?

Doug: I don't know, maybe full moon.

Swami: Full moon means maybe you're carrying some psychiatric problems?

Doug: Could be.

Swami: Every full moon and new moon, especially on the full moon... Do the doctor's do the operations in the operation theater in America?

Clint: No, we try not to do anything in the hospitals on the full moon. Yes, it's true.

Swami: But I like the full moon to do operating. That's really guts time to do it. That's true, full moon makes little unbalance, same time, if you're really perfect master you can fix it. Why you really want to create a center in America? What are the main reasons?

Doug: I want to be able to help people with their spiritual growth and do healing work.

Swami: Spiritual growth. You want to make them to grow spiritual growth? Do you think you're enough grown spiritual growth to create a center to grow there?

Doug: Mostly no.

Swami: So why you have that thought to do that?

Doug: This has been a desire to me for thirty years and more in the last couple of years.

Swami: Can we come for deal?

Doug: Sure, make a deal.

Swami: You sure you want to create a center there?

Doug: Actually, I'd like to have a center in Colorado, somewhere in the U.S. and have another center somewhere in a warm climate. I'd like to have two centers.

Swami: Say that again.

Doug: I'd like to actually do two centers.

Swami: Two centers. When you're getting married?

Doug: I have no idea. It's not on the near horizon.

Swami: How old are you?

Doug: Almost fifty-seven.

Swami: Baldhead, fifty-seven, you don't know what you want to do but you want to do. First you want to create one place a center. Again you want to change to two places but you want to win the Mother Divine's heart. First win a woman's heart – simple, a woman's heart. Is it difficult?

Doug: Why are you interested having me getting married?

Swami: Why not? If you have any interest since thirty years to create a center, why can't I have the interest on you to get married? Is it fair guys? Hello?

Students: Yes.

Doug: Why, why?

Swami: I will tell. I'm not hiding. I won't hide. First what I see in you, every person can have a doubt, good. That's natural to get confused, ok. If you keep getting confused, keep getting doubts and that block, especially with the illusion Maha Maya, it really can drive very strange. It can put you in the ultimate final stage very terrible confusion and it brings a lot of depression. It will bring the unbelievable depression. I knew many, many people then they got the addiction to the alcohol, drugs, and they don't care – one part of Vairagya. That's not Vairagya! So, win the woman's heart to who really cares about you, about your feelings and your heart. That's the key point to open your channels to win the Mother Divine. I always told it in Paramhansa's history. He meditated, Bhairavi Mata came and everybody... He learned lot of channels and Bhairavi Mata taught channels, same time his wife whenever she's coming, Mother Divine also appeared. She had a darshan of Mother Divine and had also a conversation. It means a woman has that quickly can get success. Why can't you go through the woman's heart energy to get success? You want to try, you don't want to try? If you don't want to try, I want to give different channel to you - just go by bus.

Doug: It's not a matter of wanting to try or not wanting to try.

Swami: Why you have a fear?

Doug: I'm not afraid of having a relationship or getting married. I would have to say a large portion of my life I was like that, but I'm not like that now. But I see how difficult it is to have a very good relationship.

Swami: What do you mean good relationship?

Doug: Nourishing relationship, a relationship that uplifts both people and unless I have that, I'm not really interested in having a rough relationship. So I'm not closed to the idea, but it has to be the right person.

Swami: Can you tell your taste of the woman, please, how much she has to be height, weight, character personality? Maybe I can think. And I can make a person to be as your personal secretary, to make a friendship to grow, we'll see. Each part there's a depth meaning in my words. Don't take it as joke.

Doug: Right. My first criteria is, that someone has a big open heart.

Swami: Big, open heart means whatever terrible things you do then you come back and she forgives you like that or what?

Doug: I've had that experience of having my heart being completely open and not and that would be important, someone who has an open heart.

Swami: Then? Just think, you're fifty-seven years old, it's almost pretty good late. You're not answering.

Doug: That's really my most important criteria. How can you... when you meet someone then you can see how compatible you are with them, how you get along and how you share things and...

Swami: Give your one bad experience, one or two. Bhairavi Yoga's and Jesus Channels majority linked with relationship, that's why I'm mentioned this. I'm coming this point to talk on this. Of course there is also you can go the Vishnu channel, Shiva channel and Shiva-Shakti channel. So, I want to put him Shiva-Shakti maybe if it works, we'll see. He's the toughest character in my file.

Doug: What kind of relationship did you want me to talk about?

Swami: Just whatever you had the bad experience on the woman, I want to hear it.

Doug: Well, I've had an experience where someone was completely loving, the lady I was with was completely loving with an open heart and I don't think we ever had an argument about anything. And then I've had a relationship that was just the opposite, where everything seemed to be a problem. So I've had both sides.

Swami: Same lady?

Doug: No.

Swami: You always mentioned two centers. That's why I'm checking. Which center it is, same center, or different center? You started same time relationship with two women?

Doug: No, they were at different times.

Swami: When you're arguing we're you telling how another lady who had the open heart, did you tell about her greatness to the other lady?

Doug: Not while we were arguing, no.

Swami: When you're normal talking, were you explaining how she was great?

Doug: We talked about our past relationships.

Swami: That's enough to kill your... Does it make sense girls? Hello?

Girls: Yes.

Swami: So, whenever the woman you met with the big open heart, why weren't you able to stand with her?

Doug: I wasn't ready at that time; I wasn't ready. I was afraid of making a commitment. She wasn't but I was.

Swami: She was ready but you were not?

Doug: Right.

Swami: How come I can believe to give some power to you? I'm ready but maybe you'll change your mind?

Doug: Change my mind about doing work in the world?

Swami: Yes.

Doug: I have no other thing that I really want to do.

Swami: Today you're saying that you're really pretty good attracted to spirituality, maybe tomorrow you'll change.

Doug: I guess anything's possible.

Swami: So you're not authentic proof to saying, "Swami, I won't do that. I promise and they're witnessing.

Doug: But like you said, anything can happen. Someone can change and maybe they change completely, but that's not my thinking but I can allow the possibility that anything can happen.

Swami: Anything?

Doug: Anything.

Swami: Anything can happen so you want to marry or not?

Doug: At this time, my thinking is not in that direction. If I met someone I really thought was a good match, then I would have some interest but I don't think about that.

Swami: Why I'm asking, having confusion on you. If I gave power, ok if I gave a something then you start to fall in love with a beautiful woman and after five, six months later, then she starts to, "Hey, why can't we have a children?" Who cares about a healing center? Who cares about spirituality?" If she started influence on you, what is my position?

Doug: Well, when you asked me about criteria, that would be one of my criteria is that the lady would have to understand what I want to do, this spiritual path, and have some involvement in it, and be able to support that.

Swami: For example, if I choose a woman for you, are you ready?

Doug: Am I ready? No.

Swami: But if I gave a power are you ready?

Doug: Yes.

Swami: Why? Why I have to give that to you?

Doug: You don't have to.

Swami: See, if I gave a woman to him, he's not ready. If I gave a power, he's ready. What do we call this type of mind?

Doug: I can explain it.

Swami: No, go ahead, try.

Doug: I learned to meditate, first learned about enlightenment and spirituality in 1968.

Swami: Before I was born, thanks.

Doug: Since that time I've just been thinking about this. This has been my desire to really to accomplish in this area. And for a while, maybe fifteen years or so, I was very impatient about it and was thinking, living for the future, thinking I would only be happy when I get that. And then I had to learn to relax because I realized it could take awhile. So this has been my desire since I was a young man and that hasn't changed.

Swami: So?

Doug: Well you seem to be talking as if I could all of the sudden change my mind and go some other direction but actually when I met different women, I usually convince them to learn how to meditate. Usually I would teach them to meditate.

Swami: That's why they driving you crazy, they got super upset, "I met a wrong character, forget about it." They ran away, isn't it?

Doug: No. I think all the ladies I brought, as meditators, still meditate.

Swami: For why? Until they're having a good bite of the mango, after they got the taste, feel a little, "Oh, it's a little lemonish." You know, you understand what I'm talking?

Doug: No.

Swami: You can't take a woman and immediately put them in spirituality. Who really came in your life, starting to teach them

meditation, your thirty years, boring knowledge putting them. In a matter of three, four months, one years, they go crazy.

Doug: Actually they didn't go crazy.

Swami: I saw one woman, I witnessed why she ran away. I know exactly perfect answer. I have a letter.

Doug: She just sent me an email...

Swami: No, I have a letter.

Doug: She just sent me an email and said her heart was here in the ashram with you and Baba and me.

Swami: And you too?

Doug: I was included in there too.

Swami: So?

Doug: So she's not running away. She would love to be here. She doesn't know how to come, to overcome her fear to come but she would love to come.

Swami: You created such a fear?

Doug: I didn't create the fear. That was the first thing she asked you for the first time when you met her, when you asked her what she wanted. She asked if you could help her get rid of her fears.

Swami: Of course she's not that fear like you. She's stronger now.

Doug: Yea, she's stronger now.

Swami: So, if I gave a woman you don't like accept it?

Doug: I'd rather have the ability to help people.

Swami: So you want to take a Sannyasin?

Doug: That would be ok.

Swami: You sure?

Doug: No, this is something I've wrestled with for some years. If I had my choice, that would be my choice.

Swami: Look, you want to get married or you want to take Sannysin, which one? Sannyasin means, tomorrow you're taking Sannyasin on my birthday, giving different beautiful scarf, all the time you have to wear it. Some principles. Hello?

Doug: It's not something I can decide in one second. It would be something I have to think about.

Swami: You thought thirty years. C'mon you're really driving me crazy.

Doug: This issue has been a big confusion for a long time whether to be celibate or get married so I would go back and forth.

Swami: See, fifty-seven years gone, almost all. Now you can decide. Thirty years you practiced spirituality. Of course if I'm in your position I can decide like that. That lack of clarity, that brings crashes.

Doug: It's probably more lack of knowledge about the benefits of each one.

Swami: What do you mean by each path?

Doug: By being a Sannyasi or being a householder.

Swami: You want to think for ten more years?

Doug: Not ten years.

Swami: Two minutes?

Doug: Give me a little longer period of time than that.

Swami: What do you mean by Sannyasin in your thinking?

Doug: In my thinking, someone who lives alone who doesn't take a wife, remains celibate. I guess that's what I think.

Swami: That's it? Franz, what it means by Sannyasin?

Franz: I don't know.

Swami: Ramakrishna?

Ramakrishna: In your definition I think it would be not having the worldly attachments.

Swami: One part true. A household means you'll be attached to the world?

Ramakrishna: Householder means you have certain responsibilities, having a wife, a family, a house... You have to be in that world to take care of that world.

Swami: Sannyasin means, it's not the crazy saints what they told it to be celibate, "Don't do that, don't do this..." that's completely nonsense. You have to know a part of everything what is there in the globe, same time you're detached. Is Shiva a Sannyasi or a Samsari? Just I'm asking?

Doug: I don't know.

Swami: Shiva's married person?

Doug: Yes, he's married person.

Swami: How many wives?

Doug: Two.

Swami: Krishna? How many?

Doug: Hundreds.

Swami: Hundreds? He married legally eight. Of course they says whatever it is the masters. He never says the woman is the big obstacle. No *Vedas* never, ever says the woman is the big obstacle for the

enlightenment - either you're a Sannyasi or householder. It's up to you and your master's relationship. If you and your master relationship is stronger - done, will take care of everything. What Upadesha you took it, what process you're doing, which path you're really going it, then it will take care. You really can blast the mountain any obstacles, you can reach your destiny. Now you can say, now you can decide, you want to be Sannyasin or get married?

Doug: I don't have enough information to make that decision.

Swami: When you want to tell?

Doug: When do I want to decide? I'd like to talk to you more about the Sannyasi. I think I know about the other one.

Swami: I'm not Sannyasi. I'm saying I'm not Sannyasi. I'm not a God. I have all diseases in me, I have all medicines in me, I have all blocks in me and also I have all solutions in me. I'm not saying it proudly, but I know myself. My master, pretty good he enjoyed whatever he wanted. A Sannyasi means you have to simply sit under the tree, take rudrasa mala and keep chanting mantras, eating only vegetables, not even looking at the woman, not even having a thought. First you have to win the victory of the healing abilities, no matter what, you has to get it. You know what I'm saying? Some students they get through their austerities' power. Some saints, some students they get through their pujas. Some saints, some students they get directly from their master, taking the water, transferring the energy. It lifts them on the spot. You know what I'm saying?

It depends on, so you've been since thirty years confusion. I don't want to put you in the confusion anymore in the globe - to make you come out from the egg. You're like a big coconut but I have a strong hammer, believe me, pretty big strong hammer. So you can decide and you can tell me tomorrow. If you want to go with companion to create some unbelievable things in the world, yes, I'm ready to go ahead forward to help you and try it. If you want to be alone yourself, one day if you feel frustration and, "What is the life?" if you lost the connection of the Guru Paramparas - that's the terrible. You know what I'm saying? That's why millions and millions of spiritual practitioners, they don't have the connection to their Guru Paramparas, their master's link. Somewhere

they dropped. Do you have the cassette of Virabrahmhendra Ramakrishna?

Ramakrishna: Yes, Swami.

Swami: So some guys can go and watch the movie. It's very interesting. The projector room, like forty people can sit in there. Everybody can see it. Just watch what is the life with the students and he, what he did it. He's a Samsari but he got Jiva Samadhi, with the live he dropped his soul.

Swami to Doug: I can make you feel sleep, take your soul like for one and a half, two days, then again I can send you back. Then, what you do with that energy in the world if you're not clarity? The companion is most powerful diamond shot in the heart. Either you want it or you don't want it - take it, just make a wall. If you want it, keep go. Whenever it comes, the guru will decide, continue it. If you don't want it, just cut off, no more torturing on it. Does it make sense? Hello?

Doug: Yes.

Swami: So tomorrow I really want to hear your answer. And go, everybody, to watch that cassette if you have the time and the patience, I really recommend to watch that film. So, it's time for the Arathi. Have a good day guys and see you tomorrow.

End of Talk