

## At the border of Nirvana there's a crossing ...

And when you reach the border of Nirvana, someone will come up to you and inform you that if you enter into Nirvana, everything that you've ever loved will be lost. "You will be alone. There will be the most terrible aloneness that you can imagine. You will be alienated from everything, including yourself, forever ... a sense of drifting in a cold desolate space forever."

And that moment, O nobly born, all the images from all of your lives will come forward and will demand your attention. They will say, "Don't cross over there. You will lose us, and you will be sorrowful and empty and void."

If you listen to what that fellow at the border tells you, then you won't cross over. You'll go back to all the things that have bound you and limited you also. You'll go back to both because in the world of Duality you have the pairs of opposites.

If you listen to me, which no one does, fortunately, I would suggest that it's not like that at all. That when that fellow comes up to you and warns you against crossing the border, you'll say, "Listen, several lifetimes ago I read one of Rama's books and while he very rarely says anything of any value whatsoever, there was one point he made which I put on a three-by-five file card which I happen to have in my back pocket. And I was going to review it because he said I'd run into you. I didn't actually believe it at the time but now that I've run into you I just happen to have this file card tucked away here and I'd like to examine it for a moment, if you don't mind."

And of course he'll say, "We don't have time, the worlds are turning, existence is manifesting ..." And you'll say, "Just a minute!" You'll take out your faded three-by-five file card, it's a few lifetimes old -- actually, it would be better if you had a plastic one which you had laser engraved, because as we all know plastic lasts forever -- and it says "DON'T LISTEN!" Hopefully it will be in the right language.

Don't listen because in Nirvana, it's not like that. It's not empty or cold or barren. You don't remember that the ecstasy and completion of absorption in God is so fantastic that you can't possibly have lost anything because all the things you've always loved and always experienced came forth from there and exist there and are always there.

~Rama