

Q: We have been getting a lot of conflicting information as to the *מציאות המציאות* about what goes on in India.

A: I got at the time this information, maybe it changed by now, I don't know. It probably hasn't changed. It's all done illegally; they bring the hairs and they officially are supposed to burn it, that's the way of their religion, and now suddenly...there's been a lot of Indian hair on the market. But you can make your own inquiries.

Q: How do we know that the cutting of the hair is part of the ceremony *בעולם* as opposed to a *התורה* just to get the hair off the head?

A: That's their religion, you'll inquire. That's supposed to be a *מצווה* for them, you cut off your hair and then he disposes of them.

Q: And they're *חייב* to dispose of it on a *מצבה*?

A: Yes, they're supposed to give it to the *בית המדרש*.

Q: But cutting off the hair is part of the religion.

A: That's what we understand.

Q: You were *מבטוח* that for sure.

A: At the time. They give away their hair for that purpose. They cut it and they're supposed to dispose of it and that's their *מצווה*. You can inquire more, I also couldn't inquire too much. I inquired as much as I could.

Q: And they make a *הקטרה*?

A: Yes, they're supposed to. They cut it in order that there should be a *הקטרה*. That they make or don't make a *הקטרה* is unimportant. They cut it in order to make a *הקטרה*.

Q: And do they make a *הקטרה* on some hairs?

A: That's difficult to say. Some do and some don't. Some do only a bit. The cutting is *קטנה*, and it's made later for the *עבודה* of *שליטה*.

Q: They only burn a few hairs, I understand.

A: They *עושה*, they take away, because Indian hairs are the dearest hairs...

I inquired at the time. It was enough for me to be a problem of a *ספינת* because I couldn't go to the place. They told me you...have to go to India.

Q: There are other professors here in America who claim that

the cutting off of the hair is not part of the ceremony, it's just like a *ד'י-כ'א-א'א*.

A: I know. But the *א'א* themselves do it for the ceremony. Their religion doesn't demand it, but they themselves give it off because they regard it as a ceremony.

Q: And that is enough to make *א'א א'א*.

A: Quite possibly.