Baba's Joke

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ADI: Yes, any other question?

PILGRIM #1: Umm, You know [inaudible] must be thousand, thousand, can you remember just right off hand a joke which Baba told you? Any Joke. [sound of pilgrims laughing]

ADI: Any joke Baba has told us [inaudible foreign language]. Baba said that the whole creation is a huge joke for me. But that huge joke became so burdensome for Him that He said that during His lifetime, "Because of the huge joke I had to suffer so much".

PILGRIM #2: How about a joke Baba has played on you?

ADI: Hmm?

PILGRIM #2: How about a joke Baba has played on you.

ADI: Baba, the greatest joke Baba played on you is to wean away from our other life and drew us near Him. And made us do as He wanted us to do. As He wanted us to do.

PILGRIM #2: I've some views in, that you tend to encourage non-discrimination, I really can't between [inaudible] and separate them but yet you made discrimination as for example between the initiated and into the spiritual mean and the end [inaudible].

ADI: No, no. I have not made any discrimination at all. I've just made a

statement of fact, the position. The person who comes to you to learn certain things, he takes time to grasp. There is not the least discrimination.

You will not be Baba people if you least discriminate against him. I will give you an instance in 1956 when I had been to New York with Baba. One atheist, he was a scientist. He came and Baba asked me to go and talk to him.

The first question he asked me was, "Who the hell is this Meher Baba, I do not believe in God, how can I believe Meher Baba is God? And this is all fraud and this is sham and all this show and all that and I do not believe in anything at all."

I said, "Outspoken man like you will be most welcome to meet Meher Baba. Because He says, He doesn't bother whether you believe in God or whether you do not believe in God. His concern with you and with your life and with your love.

And He says so long as you have a human body and you call yourself a human being, and you are, you testify indirectly your faith in God. You may be conscious of it or you may not be conscious of it. You may believe or you may not believe in God.

Baba does not bother about it at all but He's much concerned that you are a human being and He loves you more than you can love yourself."

More than you love yourself, these words are actually proved by His acts. And it has been in some form or the other in the case of every Mandali member it has been so. It

may not be in that form, it may be in some other form but the concern and the love Baba has for His men is really big. There is no comparison.