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## Saints

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**ADI:** Cooked food. If it was raw food, we eat raw food. If it had been cooked and all the Baba's disciples who collected that food used to bring near Baba, Baba used to pull it, and then distribute it to all and then we had few morsels of food to eat.

You see, it was such a, and we were never used to this life and Baba never allowed us, Baba never asked us to go through the hardships of this life. And even today, after the finish of the New Life, Baba did not insist upon anybody to go on begging this.

Because Baba says I have again come from my New Life to the old life, resumed the old life, you see. Baba always wanted everybody to keep himself very happy, look after his own duties of life, if it is a study, to study, if it is a married life, take a job, look after his wife, be most practical in the world.

Only keep my love in your heart and look upon that love as the most precious thing in your life, that love is for Meher Baba, who is the personification of God. Keep that conviction within you and offer these prayers which I have given you and Baba said that you have the stamp of my blessings upon you, you could be receptive to my love anywhere, anytime, I of course give you that blessings.

So, this is the long and short of the New Life. There are many, many instances in

between of the different types of suffering Baba put us through which I will relate tomorrow because it will take some long time to do it.

**ATTENDEE #1:** I wonder which of Baba lovers added to [inaudible] Saints or people on spiritual path.

**ADI:** Now listen, this is a very important question.

**ATTENDEE #1:** Or are there books of you just books or things like that of people who.

**ADI:** Please give me some water. This is a very important subject.

During his lifetime, time and again, Baba has given warnings, Baba has intimated all His disciples not to go to any other saints because there are saints and saints we do not know in the world. It is very difficult to assess the value of a real saint. To assess the value of a really spiritual advanced man.

There are many persons in the world as I always say, that they look to be very saintly, they may even have saintly qualities, but to be a saint actually, to be advanced on the spiritual path is the most difficult thing. And that is only achieved when a man completely loses his physical consciousness, enters into the subtle plane

and is only become subtly conscious for the time being until he goes into the mental plane and he becomes unconscious of the subtle plane and unconscious of the physical plane.

It's a compartmental existence and that advancement in the world of Baba is a turning of the mind completely, the mind takes an about turn. He becomes oblivious to the world, the world doesn't exist for him, he is not conscious of the world and then he advances. That person and still we do not know, in the internal stages whether he is on the first plane, second plane, third plane, fourth plane, sixth plane, seventh plane.

Seventh plane is the highest plane, you see. There are many a slips between the cup and the lip and it is most difficult! Baba says do not go to any saint. Whether somebody said that he's a real saint, somebody says he is an imitation saint, there is no reason for anybody who is connected with Meher Baba, the Avatar of the Age, the personification of God on earth to, for that man to go anywhere at all.

He very boldly and very emphatically says so. To that end He issued warnings which are printed. If you have read it, there are certain booklets in which Baba has given warning that you should not go to any other saint at all.

**ATTENDEE #2:** Reading books like Sri Aurobindo and things like that of others, just out of curiosity or like.

**ADI:** The thing is, curiosity leads to an interest. [Attendees laughing]. Interest creates a necessity. Interest creates a habit, habit creates a necessity and man falls a

prey to it. Reading those books are really not bad but they are not absolutely important and necessary. If that is not necessary for us and important for us why should we indulge in it?

A man says, I do not want to fall into a well but I like to go and stand on the parapet of the well [Attendees laughing] and do acrobatics and if the foot slips, he goes down and drowns himself.

Why should we take that risk? To deviate from, to the personage, who is the Highest of the High, where most men who have come in the orbit of His love, when we have read about Him and we know we are convinced about it, why should we digress ourselves, go from place to place? Like a butterfly going from one flower to another.

We dissipate our spiritual energy by this. It is not absolutely necessary at all. You have to concentrate it, to give the, get the full response of His blessings and love, we have to concentrate fully, 100% upon Him and Him alone.

Because as long, those who are bound by the law, a law of illusion, we have to take recourse to, somebody will come and say, why should we heed some other saint and why should not.

Why should you go? You are bound by law, you have to go through the process, you have to concentrate, otherwise the response you're going, in like manner Baba says God is everywhere, there is God even in the Saint.

Hinduism said that God is in the stone also, so go on worship the stone, go on rubbing your head against it, your lifetime, maybe ten lifetimes or hundred lifetimes

and you may get a response. But what will be the nature? What will be the speed of the response? What will be the volume of the response you are going to get?

But here is Baba, He says I have got everything ready, it is up to you. Just to open up yourself and take it. I am the ocean of love.

Can you compare Meher Baba's statement to any other saint, past or present? Ram, Krishna, Parmahansa was called Avatar by somebody, he himself did not say he was the Avatar of the age. Aurobindo, somebody has said that Aurobindo was the Avatar, he has not really claimed himself.

But here is Meher Baba, day in and day out He comes and says, I am, if I am anything I am the Avatar of the Age, I am the Highest of the High.

If He's really not, how could He have the courage to say and what would He gain by saying this? I really, honestly believe that if Meher Baba had called Himself an ordinary saint, He would have a much greater following today than He has.

But why should He say so? He must tell anything honestly that He is. So inevitably you have to come to the conclusion that what He says, He must be, otherwise He's a mad man and a mad man cannot draw these hundreds of people after him! [Attendees laughing] You see when we look upon a man, mad man, we get away from him, we don't go after him at all.

So how can Baba during His silence, all these years, how has He drawn so many, hundreds of people, thousands of people all over the world? Is He really mad?

So inevitably we have to come to the conclusion that what He says, He must be, otherwise He is nothing. Baba says, you cannot accept me as something lesser than the Highest of the High. If I am something, I am Highest of the High, otherwise I am nothing.

If somebody comes out and says Meher Baba is fraud, Baba used to openly, unequivocally come out and say, if you have the guts, come out in the world, come out in the world and declare to the world that Meher Baba is fraud, don't wait for a moment!

But if you have faith in me, if you accept me and really have the conviction and believe in me for what I have called myself, for what I am, then you submit yourself, give me your 100% love, obey me and love me and forget about everything else.

This is the great royal road that has been given to us. Why should we run into the lanes and by-lanes and leave the highway?