

KG-002B

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...And we are very busy with this conference here. I was conducted to his cell where he was lying in bed very quietly. I asked about his health, and he told me that some catch is there and after meeting with Baba he couldn't move his legs. I told him Baba's assurance that the conference would go ahead as planned, and everything would be alright. Baba has sent his special blessings and his nazar will be there.

Eruch went back, Baba asked about his condition and Eruch said that it wasn't good and he didn't see how the conference could go forward. Baba sent me back to see Shivananda many times in the ensuing few days. Eruch was treated with suspicion by the disciples at this, because they thought Baba might have brought about the condition of Shivananda. Eruch, according to them, was making the health worse. Eruch said he was just a postman. Last time, appointment was emphasized by Baba. Most personal work between you and him, Eruch emphasized.

Finally Baba goes there and the real story begins. Bal Natu was called to the meeting. Date was roughly 1953-1954 and Baba was using the board at that time. Meherjee, Nariman, Kumar, Eruch, Bal, Kishan Singh, Elcha went with Baba.

They had created a big show for Baba's reception, but Baba brushed them aside to go in. They had created a seat, and were singing Bhajans. Baba said he should not be disturbed because he had the work to do. Secretary made out that he was "Baba's disciple" and so Baba sat for 2-3 minutes, and then Baba made to go. Baba made it clear that it was not for their people, but only for his work. The more Baba discouraged them, the more they wanted to go. Shivananda was happy to see Baba, and Baba was pressing the legs. "Now that I have come, everything will be fine and perfect. But, I have not come for this, but for another purpose. As early as 1942 we have been hearing rumors that Meher Baba is indulging in women and liquor. And the rumor used to come from your place."

Shivananda denies it, and Baba brings Bal Natu forth, and a very vivid picture is given by Bal, and it skewers Shivananda, who is forced to admit, "that his tongue slipped." "How blessed is your tongue, because the Ancient, One has come to you because of it."

Eruch can not give the picture of the authority in the room, and the infinite compassion that was there.

They left, the conference was held, Shivananda was well, and Baba said to Shivananda's disciples, "I warned you that you shouldn't have attended. Now I give you an order to never leave him. Don't mention anything of this visit in your magazine, and forget what happened here today."

The next day, Shuddanand Bharati came from Delhi. Baba's message that such conferences would not help. They came to him, and Baba said that he should continue with the conference. This is how SB came into contact with Baba. SB is a yogi of repute, a poet, a leader of meditation and a good man, Eruch says.

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There was a certain person, like Gil, and he was meditating in a cave, and the cave was very remote, in a forest area, and he was happy there, meditating. He meditated for so long that his eyebrows touched the floor. Baba tells that there was an aboriginal of the local area who was hunting. He saw the cave and he came and saw the old man, seated all quiet. He thought this man was suffering, and he put his hand on the meditator. "What are you doing here? Are you lost, did you have a fight with your family? Did you lose something. Now the old man was not a highly-advanced person, and he thought, "What can this man know of what I am really doing here, so I should just say that I have lost something, and try to get rid of this ignoramus, who won't have the mentality in any case, being an aboriginal."

"What is it you have lost? This whole area belongs to us, and we can find it for you."

"You won't be able to find it."

"Just tell me and if I can't find it within 24 hours, I will kill myself."

These aboriginals are very strict with their word. "Describe me."

So the old man describes the Lord, whom he has been sitting in search of for all this time. Having described the form of the Lord, the abo goes out in search not knowing that the Lord has not been lost here. On the dot of the 24th hour the abo decides to commit suicide, when the Lord appears to him. The abo fixes a rope to the Lord and says, "He'll be so happy to see you so come along with me."

Meanwhile the old man is absorbed in his samadhi, and the abo comes with the lost person, "The lost is found." The old man comes out and the abo says it is here, and the Lord disappears, and the old man didn't see him.

The abo thinks he has cheated the old man, and says it is worthless for me to live. The abo starts to kill himself, and the Lord speaks to him and says that the old man does not deserve to see Him, and the abo says that it makes no difference to the fact that his word has been abrogated, violated and unless the Lord appears to the man, he must kill himself. So the Lord appears for a second time, and with that appearance the old man benefited.

The old man bows down to the abo. Eruch says all this meditation is soothing but otherwise it is simply bunkum, and the innocence, being most natural [is preferable to the Lord than all that pretense.]

Eruch says he doesn't miss Baba but he misses Baba's silence, the same silence that they were all fed up with. In 54, there was a total vacuum of conversation. We thought he would break his silence, but it wasn't that. And then He started these finger gestures. He Himself would say what a binding it was to have to use finger gestures. A beautiful thing came out of it, though. [Eruch repeats the why do people shout at each other story.] Soon after this he said, "Take the other case, where a person is in love with another. What happens? They speak nicely, lovingly, softly, and the greater the love the softer the tone, and when they are really in love no word is needed to be exchanged. No words are needed when I love you so much. "Where is the scope for the utterance of any word," Eruch asks.

Eruch" Quite often I have seen him in a crowd, chatting or enquiring with His signs. He'd cover his face with a shawl sometimes and just sit quietly.

Baba on a tour of America once said, "Is there anyone out there left? Go take a further look properly. Sure enough there was another person. Norina got her and brought her in to Baba. A lady, waiting and looking, and Norina went up to her and says, "Come inside." "Why should I?" "Because the man inside wants you." It was Einstein's daughter. But to the best of Eruch's knowledge there was no direct contact between Baba and Einstein.

Some material on surrender -- it's personal and not pre-planned. It's possible that Eruch is making a joke out of the cable that Shaligram Sharma sent to Baba asking for permission to surrender to him. Surrender joke about man who wants to surrender his wife and children.

Neither success or failure should affect you, and that goes for suffering, too.

Seeking the parents' blessing: Baba emphasized this point and it is common in the east, not in the west. Children are disciplined to pay respects to all elders. Even an 18 year old person will give up a seat to a 25 year old person. It's respect for experience levels. This is gradually fading out, but in the old days one would bow down to the parents first thing in the morning and seek their blessings for the day.

So even when one gets older, there is this matter of seeking the blessing of the parents. Baba said make up with the parents to the maximum degree possible, and a happy blending of the feelings of the parents and the children is sought, and most possibly it has to do with the impressions, but I don't know.

Eruch remarks that when someone would come from the West over there without the blessing of the parents, Baba would say to apologize to the parents upon the seeker's return. Nothing should stand in your way where it comes to being with Him.

About trying to please Baba, Eruch tells a girl to try to please Him. Last night if there is no God, what the hell, and if there is, try to please Him.

Eruch: "Don't thank me, I just thank you people time and again." Same themes the past 45 years. Everything, every library is replete with the same thing. So simple but so far removed.