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Topics

Manzil-e-Meem stories

Conviction of Baba's Godhood is God-Realization in Disguise

Content

Adi, discussing life in Manzil-e-Meem: "I was going to commercial college in Bombay at that time. Masaji used to cook for the whole mandali. In the morning I had breakfast with Baba, who used to feed me with his hands, morsel after morsel. Then I would go to college via the local Bombay train at 9 AM. I came back in the evening, it was a great distance to go. I was ordered that when I went to the college and came back home to study, that time was for work on the studies, but while I was traveling on the train, I was to keep notes on all the important thoughts I had. Any person I spoke to or talked to and how that person came in contact with me. 10 miles on the train! All that was a disciplinary training for me.

"If I came across any old friends on the train, I was not supposed to talk to that person at all. One day I was traveling on the train, and one of my old friends from school days saw me. He came and sat right before me, he called me I turned my head and he got so irritated he almost started abusing me. Eventually he walked away. He got off at a later station, but it was embarrassing for me.

"Another man, six foot tall, big man, a very great school friend of mine came all the way from Persia, where he had been staying, to see me. He came to the doors of Manzil-e-Meem, and he sees me as I enter the gate. No reply is from me, and he stays by the gate, puzzled. I go to Baba and say that this is an old friend of mine who has come, and should I not go and say a few words to him?

"Baba gets quite irritated, pointing out to me that the instructions are there and I should not even have asked this question of Him. The man keeps standing at the gate and for one full hour, but he got disappointed and wrote a very nasty letter to me. The letter came to Baba's hand and He ordered me to tear it up and throw it away. I am just giving you an idea of the level of the discipline at that time.

A Southern woman says (roughly) "Baba says that others indirectly connected with Baba through us are benefited by Baba, maybe my parents, but I don't understand how it works for the parents of a madman who comes in to... Can you answer anything about this?"

Adi: Baba knows all his men and women wherever they are, and he always sees to it that each such person comes in contact with Baba at the time appointed by Him. We have seen so many times apparently people contacting Baba who it then seems to us that that person had contact with Baba in a past life.

Question: Sometimes we don't feel as though we are following Baba very well and we don't feel that close to Him, and worse than that, we are supposed to be the New Humanity! We really seem far from one, in spite of the fact that we are here.

[Lots of laughter, plus someone in the background saying, "We're the worst..."]

Adi: "You see, these fluctuations of the mind are bound to be there. Mind oscillates and there are ups and downs in our thinking, but that should not disturb our love for Baba. Say I love my mother very much, but a time may come when I may become irritated with her and even abuse her. It doesn't mean I don't love her. Are we supposed to maintain our so-called feelings at the same level and pitch, always at the boiling point? Not at all. This is very natural after all. Sometimes we are in one mood or in another as regards Baba and many times I have fretted and fumed within myself, and maybe even abused Baba. But it doesn't affect my love for Baba."

Question: "Has your experience with Baba been one of consciously feeling his love or one of consciously feeling suffering?"

Adi: "No, even if the suffering is there, it is all love, suffering out of love, and love is so overwhelming that really speaking suffering, for some reason, is not like that of a man of the world who goes wrong. It's a very joyous suffering. And any suffering for Baba, no matter how bad it may be, is not like the suffering of a man of the world. It's joyful suffering.

Question: "But when you talk of feeling Baba's love is it just a feeling of happiness?"

Adi: "No, it is something much deeper. It is not just happiness of a life of plenty and all the conveniences and money and enjoying life. It's a deeper happiness than that. And more than that is the conviction, the rock-like, unassailable conviction on which you hold your stand. You make it the foundation of your life and the conviction is so firm that it never changes under any circumstances. If anybody is a true lover of Baba, he can be challenged on his conviction and he can be asked whether Baba is God, and I'm absolutely sure that Baba is God. Even if he is threatened with death, he will still say, "I do not mind about my head, but I still say Baba is God." He's sure Baba is God. Mind you Baba does not give you the conviction along with the knowledge, but we become so certain about it. Baba says that knowledge can be gotten at any time. We have no light, no lantern to see in the darkness, but still we are convinced.

Everything animate and inanimate is in a constant state of flux but Baba gives you that conviction will be there. How does he give the conviction. Imagine in this darkness of your ignorance he gives us a thing so enduring, even though we may die, body will go,

subtle body will go, so I say to a real Baba lover that this conviction is God Realization in disguise!

[People laugh and Kitty is heard to say, "It's a very nice thought."]

Meeting ends with Avatar Meher Baba ki Jai.

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Topics

Prem Ashram Words of Baba

Story of Abdulla Pakwaran

Content

...feel at home here, and feel at home in the West..." Elizabeth introducing Meherjee and Adi. Adi introduces himself as an office holder, and Elizabeth introduces Meherjee as a householder.

Elizabeth introduced Meherjee as a long-time disciple and Adi who was very young coming to Baba in 1922. Elizabeth presents Meherjee, calling him a "householder" and calling Adi a bachelor. Adi corrects her, calling himself an "office holder". "I'm a widow without children, but I have so many children, and Baba is the father so we are related. The meeting will begin with the Master's Prayer."

Lyn Ott explains a few brief things about the Master's Prayer. It begins with O Parvardigar -- O God Almighty -- and ends with important names given to God in the various world religions...

Kitty repeats some things Baba said to them in 1958, 12 years prior: "I am not a saint. I am the Ancient One and I tell you the time has come. When I drop my body I shall remain in all who love Me. I can never die. Love me, obey me and you will find me."

"I say with my divine authority I am God in human form. Therefore love me. I know everything. And remember one thing. The time has come. Show your mettle in this mid period. It is the time. The world will do my work when I am not physically here. There is no doubt of my being God-personified. Love one another as my workers and then give that love to others, and think of Me always."

[Order of the program is given by Kitty]

Meherjee: "It gives me great pleasure... [He wants to talk about life with Baba, not planes, spiritual matters, consciousness and all that. He tells 1927 story when he was studying in Poona, and how Chanji came to talk him out of his studies and into going on a picnic to Ahmednagar. Student life was just reading eating, sleeping, playing. Meherjee declines, because his exams are close, but Chanji insisted. Meherjee's father was an orthodox priest, and he might get annoyed.

So, story of the picnic and the visit to Baba's place and meeting Baba unfolds.

[Baba: "If you pass, go ahead. If not, come to Me."]

Baba used to give discourses to the school. Most of the discourses that have been published were given at that time.

Meherjee tells the story of Abdulla in the Prem Ashram, how he screamed aloud while Baba was giving his discourses. Sixth plane experiences -- q.v. Ramjoo's diaries and Sobs and Throbs. It made a great impression on Meherjee. Baba asked Meherjee to look after the boy, [and their relationship lasted for years afterward].

Another incident: sitting near Baba, Baidul comes running with a cup in his hand and tells Baba that the rice is not properly cooked. [This develops into the story about Chhagan and Chhagan's suicide attempt.]

Baba advises Meherjee on business and his job. Baba saves Meherjee from humiliation at the hands of the Persian employer who hires him.

Meherjee tells that Abdulla was known to him after both of them had gone back to Iran. Baba asked if Meherjee can employ him and Baba gives permission. War started, and Meherjee caught hold of Abdulla. At Isfahan Abdulla asked Baba to release him, but Baba said wait for a while but he wanted to go anyway. Tears in Baba's eyes when he said he wanted to leave no matter what. Now the full story of the newspaper and the censorship and the spying and the jail.

Baba made Meherjee look after Abdulla on the hill, and now Abdulla came to his company and became his clerk, and was again, at Baba's instigation, looking after Abdulla.

1956 Meherjee made all the arrangements for Baba. Baba asked for a couple of days rest in Colombo, Ceylon. Came to Singapore, layover at the airline's expense. No restrictions, no orders, so Meherjee and Adi had a drink in the bar and food at the restaurant.

That night was the most horrible night. The hotel was air conditioned, and Baba asked the air conditioning to be turned off. Nilu was on night watch, and every few minutes Baba would call for them. Baba asks Meherjee to find out what time breakfast will be available.

Meherjee determines that 6 AM is breakfast time, but in the middle of night Baba had fever, and he would not sleep, and in addition he would not allow mandali to sleep. At 2:30 Baba said he wanted his breakfast. Baba created a terrible atmosphere. At 5 AM they took their baggage down to the lobby. There were three BOAC buses waiting for passengers for various planes. "Which bus will be taking us to the airport?" He made us sit in the bus that Meherjee specified (but Meherjee was just guessing). Naturally it wasn't the bus for Bombay.

[Baba again gets wild at Meherjee.]

[tape ends, but in case you don't get to read the continuation, this was the night that France and Britain invaded Egypt and Russia threatened all out war over the invasion, which was about who would control the Suez Canal.]