

KG-022B

Adi K Irani

Delia DeLeon's apartment, London, UK

February 17, 1970

24:25

Note: Continuation of KG-022A

Content

Adi finishes up at Delia's with some humor on New Life. Adi makes arrangements for free food. House could not be had at all.

Adi pestered by the old persons Babadas and Ghani, to get them some food, and eventually the tongawalla got them the food, as prasad from the price of the tonga rental. Rs. 15 was paid for a Rs. 5 tonga rental, and Adi asked for alms for food from the Rs. 15. Adi to tongawalla: you take us to a restaurant, buy some food for us as alms. Told the tongawalla to come before them and tell them that he was giving the money in bhikhsha. After he said the word, they began eating like dogs. That night Ghani had a heart attack in the room in the dharamshala. All dark, no lights, after the heart attack Ghani taking Baba's name, the next morning Ghani was alright.

There was an open garden, it had an elevated masonry platform. All this is in Tales of the New Life. Baba annoyed he had not found a house, but the garden was under litigation, unbeknownst to them. "I am the guardian of this garden..."

Free passage asked from the man who was going to give the food, but there is a man who can help you who has more money. "In the New Life we used to look quite peculiar to each other." Dressed in turban and kafni and chappals.

Biting cold also a problem. Anyhow Adi went to this businessman who offered to pay the free passage of the team from early morning departure in the train.

Horses and cows, bells ringing, just like a circus.

Baba annoyed that Adi couldn't find a house for the people, but garden turned out to be under litigation, but in the meanwhile they had occupied the garden, and the next morning the real owner showed up.

Confrontation with the real owner, humorous. Real owner used to come with his wife to visit the party. Food man eventually worked out that the person for whom they were cooking was Meher Baba, which annoyed Baba.

Baba got blisters on his feet from the open sandals, biting cold, no bath, sleeping under trees, no assurance of food. Difficult time.

Ghani used to tease Adi about the difficulties of the New Life, and a nice charming exchange between them is given, based on the difference between the actual state of persons in the New Life and the state they formerly occupied as readers of the various Baba discourses and books, and theoretical materials.

Circumstances are different in the West, but the desires are not different. Desires may be expressed more in the West because of circumstances, but for the matter of inner spiritual life it isn't that different. Baba looked upon everyone as His own. Maybe our circumstances in the west are a bit more difficult, but the greater the resistance, the greater the achievement. Maybe a western person may have to struggle more, but the achievement of succeeding in this culture is greater thereby.

Adi remembers the cracks in their fingers from the cold, no Vaseline, no oils, no creams, blood used to drip from the cracks in their fingers. If you want Baba's help you will get it, but your wishing for His help should be there. Adi got gray hair from trying this!

Kaikobad story: K was hospitalized for a month, and the cost was Rs. 950, and Kaikobad (who had his own pension) gave Adi a Rs. 1000 note to settle the hospital bill, but somehow Adi dropped the bill out of his pocket. 24 hours later, Adi realized that he had to go settle the bill, but the money had disappeared. Adi became quite upset, but closed his room, sat and thought, and sent out a boy to look for the money which was not there.

Adi now sat and prayed to Baba insisting that Baba should save him. Sure enough the money was there on the ground a day later, near a tree. Problem with a thief, who stole the money from the person, but a third party intervened and got the money back. This was Baba's response to Adi's longing and praying.