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Meherjee Karkaria

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Content

This is an interview by Pete of Meherjee in which Meherjee recounts his story about what became of Abdulla Pakwaran after he left Baba.

Meherjee starts off telling that Abdulla made the unilateral decision to leave Baba against Baba's wishes, and there were tears in Baba's eyes at the event of their parting. Then he reveals that he wanted to stay in touch with Abdulla, but his contact with him was interrupted, though they were both in Persia at the time. Abdulla went to work for Anglo-Persian Oil company, and in those days the relationship between the government and Anglo-Persian was such that there was great suspicion.

Abdulla sent Persian newspapers to a friend in India, and the Indian friend, in response, sent Indian papers to Abdulla. They had the habit at that time, being young, unsophisticated guys, of writing in the margin of each newspaper some poetry or other silly stuff. Because of the suspicion of Anglo-Persian, the post office was intercepting Abdulla's mail, and they took the view that the notes in the margins must be some coded spy messages intended for British ears.

They imprisoned Abdulla for it, without trial and without recourse. Eventually they decided that the charge was unfounded, and let him go, but told him to go back to his home city and stay there. Meherjee speculates that if Abdulla had stayed with Baba for a while longer, this incident in his life need not have taken place, and that is why Baba was moved to tears, because he knew that Abdulla's plight was both pitiable and not necessary. While Abdulla was in jail, Meherjee wrote messages to him offering him employment, but the letters never reached the prisoner, and Meherjee had no idea what had happened to him. Eventually, though Abdulla had no head for business, Meherjee did employ him.

Meherjee's business was in Bandar Abbas, and eventually he got in touch with Abdulla and Abdulla came to Meherjee and Meherjee employed him as his manager in Bandar Abbas.

Meherjee explained about Abdulla, "The poor fellow never succeeded in business at anything. AP was a straightforward honest man..." but apparently it was not Baba's plan to make him a business success.

[Now Meherjee tells his astrology story: those who have conviction of Baba's Godhood should not have anything to do with stars. It's a good enough version and anyone who wants the best version should merge this with the other.]

Finally the story about going to India just as Baba was leaving for England and how Meherjee could have gotten to India in time to see Baba off, but took the slow boat to accommodate his friends and thus missed seeing Him.