
Mandali Perspective

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ERUCH: I think there is a passage like that. Some people, the disciples of John the Baptist, said that, well people you see, spiritually inclined, and all that sort of thing should restrict their diets, you see. They shouldn't have feasts like that. They learned this from John the Baptist himself, mind you, the guru of Jesus. And then, this percolates to the disciples of Jesus and they are confused. They say, "Really, what should we do? Should we lead an austere life like they are leading? We should, you see." So they reported to the master, they are confused, you see. So then, the master sternly says that, "What do you expect that while I am in your midst, while the bridegroom is in your midst, you see, do you expect fasting or feasting?" You follow? So there is that springtide while He's in our midst, you see. But does that mean that Jesus wanted people to feast all the time?

No, you see, Jesus wanted them to live the life, you see, that disciplined life, the way that. But when He's in our midst, you see, whatever He tells you to do, you do it. Just as Hafiz has said that, "If a Perfect Master tells you to dip your prayer carpet in wine, do it. And pray over, on that carpet, which is drenched in wine." Whereas a drop of wine on your body is blasphemous. But when He says it, do it. It has no meaning in it. That discipline that is set by Him has no meaning when He says a thing to do it. Contrary to it. You follow? That doesn't mean that it's a contradiction. That's His wish. That's His pleasure.

So, while we were with Him, He told us that,

"You have no scope for meditation as long as you are with me. You are with me, unless you want to have a, you want to create a gap or a distance between you and me." Meditation needs separateness. Otherwise, how will you meditate? Yeah. When you are not present, physically, naturally, Louise will continue to think of you. What Dick must be doing? Where he must be? He must be again writing something. He must be very busy. But when he's there, well, there is no need for all of these thoughts. He is there. She can see it. She can relate herself to you and you to her. That's how.

PILGRIM: I discourage her meditating on me.

ERUCH: It is ridiculous to meditate. You can't. You can't. Even if you want to force yourself, you see, in doing that. So likewise, there are three different categories for whom He has said things, you see. So it equally applies.

What were you saying about, what did you say? Birth control. Same thing. Baba Himself has told us on the quiet that, "You all are not. Who are you all? Why do you become so presumptuous to take upon yourself certain responsibilities? Who are you to think like that? That you are weak. You are this. You are a sinner, and all that. There is no such thing as sin. There is no such thing as virtue, I tell you. Rise above these things, you see. You are something quite different. You are not this."

But if we go and tell this to the people. "Ha, there is no such thing as sin. Wonderful!" [inaudible] [crosstalk] Yeah. So that is not. It's all

taboo, you see. You follow? There are such things, you see. It is He. Under His protection we are given a different light to all the things, you see. It is better to be disciplined. There is sin. Be careful. You'll go to hell. There is punishment waiting for you if you misbehave. "There is no such thing as punishment, I tell you." Baba says. But still it is necessary for the public to know that there is something. Repercussion to your misbehaving. You follow?

But He tells us that, "Be unmindful of all these things. All that you have to do is just obey what I tell you to do. Do exactly as I tell you to do. Don't do as I do." Even goes to that extent. "Don't do as I do but to do exactly as I tell you to do." So that's how He does that. Do you mean to say that we have a license? No, we don't have. We are like you. We sail in the same boat as you are sailing. We know it. We know our weaknesses. We know our strengths also. But this is how He kept us. Now it all applies to us also. You follow?

Now, but, although it applies to us, but we see it in a different light. We can see it from right above. We can have the bird's eye view of the whole situation like that, you see. There's a world of difference between one's perception and another man's perception. So that's how it is. That doesn't mean that we are excluded from all these things. No, we are also included in all that what He has said, but with a different perspective. Just as Louise was troubled, you see. "I've heard this and I've heard that. And Baba has emphasized on birth control."

And this is a confusing point and our mind never gets disturbed because we have a different perspective of the whole thing. Bird's eye view is there. We know what He has said. This He has meant for posterity and this He has given latitude to people, you see. How did it happen? What happened? And I am here, still alive. If you have any confusion, ask me, what happened? What

transpired? And I won't spare myself. I'll give out. I will not withhold anything. I will let you all know how it happened. And confusion clears. But that shouldn't mean that it's a license. Do you follow?

PILGRIM 1: Eruch, I have a question about.

ERUCH: Regarding prayer. Baba wants us to pray. Pray. Yeah, He wants us to pray. But pray what? Why should we pray when we are with Him? Well, where will we go to pray? Which niche is there for us to pray? But He says, "No, come on. I want you all to read the prayer." He himself joins and we very seriously pray and all that and sometimes we laugh out in the midst of the prayer because He wants the prayer to be fast and all that sort of thing. All this is there. That's His humor. That's His pleasure. But why should we pray when He is there? He Himself is there with us. The Lord of purity and prayer is there. So what is there to pray, to whom? You follow? Such things are there like that. There are, there is a thing like this. There is a thing like orbits. Like you have the stratosphere. And what are the spheres, you see?

PILGRIM 2: Ionic sphere.

ERUCH: Ionic sphere, and this sphere, and that. Yes, she is a scientist. Yeah, which other sphere? Ethereal sphere, and that sphere [crosstalk] All that, yeah. So like that. Yeah, there is more. It eludes me. About air. Atmosphere. Atmosphere. Atmosphere, stratosphere and ionic sphere. Yeah. So likewise, there are these things. And they have their own impact, you see. All are totally linked with one another. Yeah, it is apt to be confused. It is so. What can I do? But it is, but this is also the other side is there. But there is, unless and until there is contradiction, we cannot uphold that he is the God-Man. It is only through contradictions we know that he is the God-Man.