WORLD TRAVELLER MEETS BABA

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ERUCH: Baba was giving an audience to people around Him, the people around Him. And all of a sudden there comes a Western lady at the time. And she comes, middle-aged and she looks at Baba and Baba looks at her and makes her feel comfortable and makes her sit down. So she is seated by Baba's side. He says, "From where have you come?" Baba asks. She says, "Baba, I'm travelling all over the world and I have heard your name just now on the road side because there was crowd there and I said, 'What's the matter?' They said 'Meher Baba is there.' So I was attracted. I have just come here because I heard the name. So I'm travelling all over the world." "Travelling all over the world? For what?" "Seeing sights and yeah, I feel happy to see all various sights and various cities and countries," and all that sort of thing. "How long have you been travelling?" "Now it's about 3 or 4 years I have been travelling." Baba says, "Wonderful, very good. Such a happy thing to see the sights."

So, "Have you travelled in India?" She says, "Yes. I'm almost over with my tours in India. Sight-seeing tours." So then Baba questioned her. He says, "Well, now that you have toured in India you must have seen all the sights. Which is the best sight that you liked in the world now? So far you have travelled all over the word, almost all over the world now. And also in India. So which is the best sight that you think that is the best one?" So she takes her time and she goes on and a minute passes by, two minutes pass by. She's trying to find out you see which is the best one. She has not concluded yet which is the best one.

Eventually she comes out with this, "The Himalayas in India are the best sight Baba. Very fascinating and all." "Yeah, very good," Baba says, "They are fascinating, they are. It's so good yeah, it's wonderful." He says, "But you will continue to go in search of different sights you see. And it takes a long time even to decide for which is the best one. But once you see Me, where I reside in your heart, once you come to that then there is no more search for sight-seeing. That's the best sight. And that won't require even a single moment for you to attest that this is the best. So till such time when you reach your heart and see Me adorned in the heart, adorning your heart, you will continue to be in search of different sights. But once you see me, it won't take much time to tell you, or for you to tell us which is the best." [clock chimes]

PILGRIM 1: It is simple like that and yet how much it takes us to realize it.

ERUCH: Yeah. That is always the thing. [crosstalk].

PILGRIM 1: How much we suffer, how much of looking out there like crazy people. Madness.

ERUCH: Madness, madness.

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ERUCH: That's why Baba says this that, "Stop the search."

PILGRIM 1: Yeah.

ERUCH: "Stop the search." It is because you are searching that's why you are continuing to search. Baba says, "You cannot find God. You will not be able to find Him. Because He is never lost. How can you find something which is not lost? So what is needed is not to find God but to lose yourself. It is you who are coming in the way of experiencing your true self." So that's what He tells us. Pursue Him but don't try to find Him or search Him. Before you were, He is.