
Meeting Meher Baba (3 of 3)

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ANN CONLON: When I went up to get an embrace, I saw this pained expression on Baba's face, and I had a feeling I caused it, but I did not understand it. And the goodbye was so fast you know, a quick embrace and then Rano hustled us all out of the room because that's the way you left Baba when it's time to go, it's time to go. I remembered that expression on Baba's face I didn't dwell on it. But eighteen months later I was fortunate enough to go back to the East-West Gathering when Baba called all His lovers from the east and west by invitation.

On the last day of that Darshan which had been very different from my first meeting. I mean Baba had spoiled me rotten the first time around and at the East-West Gathering there were a great many more people, you couldn't get that close to Him. So on the last day when He said everyone should come and say goodbye, I was only thinking, oh boy, I am going to get one more embrace. I am going to get close.

I wasn't thinking that I was saying goodbye and when I walked up to Him, I was smiling and happy and I leaned over and kissed Him on both cheeks and I said, "Thank you Baba, Thank You." And I stepped back from Him and it was like He was on fire, He was just glowing and grinning from ear to ear and He leaned forward out of his chair and reached up and went [2 loud claps] like that real hard. And I realized, I remembered the year before, and I realized He was saying,

"That's the way I want you to be as happy leaving as you were when you came. There is no separation you take Me with you." But also, I understood in that little thing I had pleased Him, and He was letting me know it. And it was like it took so little, He asked so little, and it took so little to give Him pleasure, like for me to say thank you to be happy, He really wanted me to be happy and that made Him happy, and it was so little to ask. I mean the relationship would change later but I had the impression then that that part of it was complete at that point and He was saying, "You go back to your life now, I want you to be happy, to remember Me, and once in a while you can remember to say thank you." And that picture of Baba with that look of pleasure is still my strongest most vivid memory of Him. And it would be worth anything in the world to see it again.
Jai Baba

Attendees: Jai Baba