
Meeting Baba in 1952

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AGNES: And when Baba came in, was going to come in '52, the mandali arrived ahead of time. But before that when I met Baba in Myrtle Beach, He called me in with Margaret and He said, "I want Adi to know that only God and Baba and Adi know [she laughs] all the troubles she's gone through to keep Meher Mount for me." I didn't tell Him anything. What, I said, "Trouble? What do you mean Baba?" And here I'd been you know dying of anxiety and when Baba said trouble, I thought, how silly. I didn't have had any trouble. [laughter] It just completely vanished. You know it's a fact. I said, "Trouble? What are you talking about Baba, trouble?" And so he passed on to other things and then he said, "Alright let's talk about where we're going, Meher Mount now, and let's discuss that." So then He said, then again He said, "Are you sure it's not going to be any trouble my coming there?" And again, "Baba what are you talking about?! I've been waiting for five, six years for You. You talk about, 'Don't go to any trouble at all. I can sleep under the trees or on the floor.'"

Who else does that? Anybody else comes they want to be waited on. And Baba said, "Don't go to any trouble." So that. I'd just met Him you see, so in addition to that blinding or whatever it was, recognition that I had with Him.

Here He was sitting like a human being, saying all these fantastic things. It was incredible. And all these little things that He was so considerate of. The tiny things couldn't impress me more. I didn't care if

He was the Avatar; I didn't care because He was too much for me in the physical.

MANI: That's because your heart accepted it.

AGNES: That's right. So the whole time that it, in His presence, all my problems got; money meant nothing. Yeah yeah, and I was just like a little six month child [sound of a child] in front of Baba. It's weird to have that always happen. Were you always that way? [she laughs] The Avatar, you couldn't function in His presence, I mean logically. Everything gets all wiped out. So anyway they, He said, "Now go back to Meher Mount and get ready." I said it's all ready. "Go back, the mandali are coming." So they drove night and day and they got there.

And then they're having tea one day and we didn't have a phone at that time and the message came up the hill from Malcolm Schloss. They had telephoned from Los Angeles that Baba and the group had had a very serious accident. The mandali just jumped up from the table, and Donkin, I gave the telegram to Donkin. He said, "Don't tell them anything because they'll get too excited and we'll go down and telephone." But they knew something was wrong.

They jumped up and, "We're going with you." So we went down to the neighbors, down, a few miles down and telephoned. And they wanted to leave immediately. And only Donkin and Adi were driving. And Adi didn't know the route, didn't know the way. It was Donkin who you

know. In my mind I thought, They'll never get back. But he said then, Baba said "Donkin must fly back immediately." So I took Donkin into Los Angeles and there was a strike. No gasoline and no planes were flying. Only top priority. So I told Donkin, you go to bed and I'll sit on the phone and I'll call all the stations and they had a detour down to Texas and all over the place and before they would ever get to Omaha where the accident was. So I called all the lines and I said, This is a very important person. He requires top priority and he's waiting for his doctor; someone has been seriously hurt and he must have his doctor immediately. This is top priority.

I hung up, I left my phone number. And half an hour the phone rang, And it's a woman at one of the airlines, "Honey I, I believed you." "I know you really meant it, it's a top priority and very important so, well there's a cancellation and you can have it." [laughter] So I let Donkin sleep and in the morning I got him up in time. He got off to Omaha and got there very shortly after the accident. And in the meantime, how were they going to find their way? But I showed them. I drove with them till the place where they turned off. I guess they got there alright.