
Meeting Meher Baba (2 of 2)

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ANN FORBES: So, he met Baba like he met an old friend. He went up to Baba and said, "Baba, I'm so glad you're here. My wife couldn't wait until you came. For weeks she hasn't talked anything but Baba, Baba, Baba!"

[Laughter]

Ann: Baba smiled and shook his hand and with his other hand he patted my right cheek here and I ever love my right cheek for that, you know. That was a great feeling, but the most sublime thought came to me that, "In this moment our marriage is truly blessed by God and I was just most elated that we came through the [inaudible]

Now my other three friends I didn't hear much of their reaction, but one got lost and I looked for her all over and I couldn't find where she was. Finally, I located her way down in a basement in a dark alcove and she said, "I can't stop crying. I said, "What happened?" She says, "Well, I told Baba that I had lost my faith." And Baba said, "I will help you." So that was very good.

Now none of the three had followed Baba. They had always asked me about what I am doing and the certain one that was crying so much she always said, "What's your Baba up to nowadays?" you know. They were always interested. Two of them read all the books, I would say. About my friend Elsa, who Baba promised that He

would help her; she passed on a couple of years ago and a week before her passing, she called me and thanked me for my friendship through the years and for introducing her to Meher Baba. That was most gratifying to me that in her hour of need she felt this consolation from Baba you see, so that was worthwhile for her to come to meet Baba.

Now, when all the other people were through to meet Baba, we thought this was over and I think it was Dana Fields who told us, "No, Baba is now giving a Discourse and wait for that." That was a smaller room where it was arranged. Baba was sitting near a baby grand forte piano and on top of it was a big bowl of fruit. Don Stevens read the Discourse. It is in one of the copies of The Awakener, I couldn't tell you what the Discourse was. I looked-but Baba-you know. Discourse finished, Baba reached for the fruit and then as He would do, look in one direction and quickly throw it in another and everybody scrambled. It was Don Stevens who caught four peaches. He gave me two. I got some prasad second hand also.

When we alighted out of that room I went back to that waiting room to retrieve my troublesome hat and as I looked on the door there by the elevators stood - It was announced that certain people could come with Baba up to His room, we weren't in that group though. There was a group of people waiting for the elevator to

come down and there was Baba and I thought, and my husband said, "Come now, come now." I said, "No wait!" Because I thought oh, maybe Baba would glance, just one little minute second over to me, you know. As I stood there, Baba just slightly turned His head and out of the corner of His eye He looked over. Well, that was another thing. How lucky can you get? One more look.

Out on the sidewalks of New York everything is the same but I was different. I was tall and I was happy and I was light, I was weightless. When they went up on the moon and spoke about weightlessness I just knew. I had experienced it. I knew what it was.

Well I don't know if I can go into all the - I had this encounter with - I had another friend coming up from Wilmington, Delaware to meet Baba the next day but I was so full of enthusiasm and joy that I wanted to see her. I didn't know where she would stay but I knew she would be at the Rosicrucian Convocation at the Fisk Building on 57th street. I told my husband and Elsa you go ahead. I will meet Alberta and I will tell her to please not to miss this opportunity.

I got to the Fisk building and it being a Sunday, the elevator man took me up to the 14th floor and the sign was Closed for the day and there wasn't a soul in that big office building. I was so bursting with joy I had to give it to somebody. As we came down, I turned around to the elevator man, I said, "You know where I was? I come from" and I told him, "I come from seeing a Master." He said, "Yes!" and he was so receptive and just took it all in and there I stood and I poured it all out on the elevator man.

[Laughter]

ANN: Lyn Ott told us a couple of weeks ago how he had come to Baba and it was a couple who had known Baba for eight years and didn't find anybody to talk to that was interested to hear the story of Baba until they found Lyn. He was so receptive, and I could tune in on these people how they must have felt to have one soul that is ready to hear and to know about the Avatar coming here. The greatest gift that we have to give them. That was a great thing. I can still see myself bursting with love and fire to talk to that man and he being also so receptive.

Baba had given me a touch of divine love again. For three days I really felt not really down to earth. I could embrace everybody I met on the street. Somebody would be worried looking and all, I just wanted to give them something. Baba must feel that way when we can't receive what He has to give. Gradually I come down again and that was in '56.

It came that we were deciding that we move to Florida. When we came to Miami I was wondering a couple years after, I was wondering if there would be anybody knowing Baba living in Miami. For the longest time I didn't hear of anything but one time I got The Awakener and there was a little caption that a young man from Miami had wired to Baba that he wants to see Him. Baba cabled back and said, 'Yes he would see him for one hour.'

His name was Irwin Luck and he went to India and Baba allowed him to stay for two weeks. I said, oh, here is somebody that knows Baba. I come to the telephone book and I looked up all the Lucks in the telephone book and rang them up and finally I found the right one.

"Yes, I have a son, Mrs. Luck said, "He was in India, yes. But he's not here."

"When is he coming home?"

"He'll be here tonight."

"Will you please ask him to call?"

Irwin called and he came right over that very night. We talked about it and he talked about his trip to India and all and he said, "Well, we could start some meetings." We had just finished building on an extra room to the house and so I said, "Well yeah, that is fine".

So the room was sanctioned for the Baba meetings and there was about seventeen of Irwin's school mates that he brought over and a few of my friends. So, the Miami group had started that way in Miami. When we said we were moving to Miami, people said, "Why do you want to go to Miami?" I'd say, "I don't go to Miami, I move to Miami." I felt an inward urge that I have to go there you see.

For about ten years we were very active in the Baba group. My husband fully enjoyed that and helped me in every way he possibly could. Only when the drug situation came up in sixties I was at a loss. It was that Gerry and Lois Sealy came and took over and used their knowhow on how to handle people like that But gratifying as it is, most all the people that came in and out of there, the Miami group, in the drug period, they all have righted themselves, they have given it up, became members of society and took up their responsibility and do their bit and still love Baba.

It is most gratifying to see how Baba is holding His own. When I come here and see all these lovely people and drink into their very soul essence and know how deep their love for Baba is; it's just a marvelous time that we are living in this advent and we are privileged to know Baba and come to Baba and love Him. The joy has no end each one has his own bit to contribute and his own love to give out.

We have a marvelous time ahead of us and the more we can express our love and come together in this Baba Abode as it says, the Center was the love gift of Elizabeth, but I always feel that the Avatar has the Center as a gift to His lovers. When we walk in the Center around here. When we feel the Avatar's love all around here and we walk in His footsteps and blessed are we to be here. Praise to the Highest of the High. Avatar Meher Baba, Ki Jai! Avatar Meher Baba, Ki Jai

Attendees: Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai!