
BABA DOES HIS JOB

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PILGRIM 1: When are you coming to the West?

MANI: [Speaking in an accent] Excuse me. Could you repeat that question sir?

PILGRIM 1: When are you making your American tour?

MANI: There's only one answer to that. But we don't know. We didn't know any of this would happen. We didn't know anything. When in 1969 after Baba dropped His body we didn't know what was going to happen in Guruprasad for the darshan that Baba had sent out a circular for. So we are only witnesses. Only witnessing what He is doing. So we don't know. He doesn't tell us.

PILGRIM 2: How would you know that if Baba wanted you to come to the West?

MANI: Oh He would make it very clear [general laughter]. Very clear believe me. When He wants something He makes it so darn clear that you know.

PILGRIM 1: I think we should take a vote of all the people assembled in here and the majority wins. Baba was very democratic. All those in favour of Mani coming to the West?

MANI: [inaudible]. If it's for you'll I'm here you see me you see Eruch. You see us. No He does His work. That we have seen

again and. We didn't do anything to make this possible did we John? And in fact we are always witness to the big surprise for all that Baba is doing. So it's His job.

It did remind of the time when there was a Bomanji. An Irani family that lived in lower Meherabad in the early years. Very early years. Before Baba even had begun silence I think. When I was very little I remember when I used to go back. So Baba. So one day. He was doing what Erico does now in Meherabad you know. Very handy with the plough and the soil. He may not have been a gardener but he. And he was the one that used to draw water from the well. The main well which Padri is relying on all those years for drinking water. It used to have those tin [clock chimes] containers that go like this. In a circle it goes up and then then water comes up. And then the thing goes down.

So Baba one day said to him. Expressed a wish to have okra. Baba said, "I have a taste for okra from the garden." "Right", said Bomanji. He had a very Irani accent, Zoroastrian. "I will do that." And Baba said, "But I want it in 10 days," Or some ridiculous time He gave. "Ah," said Bomanji, "You want in 10 days. I am only gardener. I will dig the soil, I will put the manure, I will put the water, I will slave over it. That's my job. But that it should come out so unnaturally in 10 days that is God's job and you are God so that's your job. You see [pilgrims laughing] to your

job. I'll see to my job you see to yours." And Baba [inaudible] about it said, "Okay." Sure enough [Mani and pilgrims laughing]. Usually Baba [inaudible]. But this is between them you see it wasn't for the world. And he told us this story even in 1969. He came. Old with a big white walrus moustache and such a fine family. So he said, "Baba did it. I did my work, He did His work. How He expect me to do God's work? I didn't expect Him to do gardener's work." [general laughter]. So Baba allowed it, "Okay. You do." And He did. It happened.

In fact even in 1969 we didn't know what to do. To Guruprasad? darshan? But how can there be darshan? But how will the darshan be? Baba Himself is not physically with us. What does darshan mean? "I don't think they will come." We said. The others said, "No of course why should they come [inaudible]?" And even then if they come what are we to do? Don't know. As a matter of fact we women at least were witness to every darshan. Even in Guruprasad we were not in it. We were witness. We were the ones that were behind the scene. To see that things were done. That Baba had what He needed. That to see that. If Eruch say wanted more kerchiefs for Baba that we would send out from in there. Or water in the glass or whatever it was you see. We would watch from this side. But this was fantastic. What do we do?

But then we remembered Baba said, "In March you march to Pune." That seemed so delightful at the time when Baba said it. But you see Baba provides the answer before the question comes up. Baba provides before our need arises. If only we trusted that. Because here was the answer before the question came up. Should we go to Pune? Oh the answer was already given. In March you march to Pune. So we went.

Right from that time we have been witness. Why did they come? Where did they come from? We didn't do anything to make it possible. And again and again I'm reminded. Baba said, "I will do my work." We need Him. He doesn't need us. But we very much need Him. Each of us. But He has planned all this. Even what we see now has been planned by Baba. Before you know. I mean He had even told us about it. He had told us in '68. He said, "You all will see. You all will see. My", Covering the whole world. "My young ones, my children. You all will see." And the expression on His face I'll never forget. Such love, such a way of the so you know. "You will see them." And of course I'm a smart girl you know. Immediately think, "You will see us? Why doesn't Baba say we will see them? You will see them. Why not we will see them?" Then I said, "Of course." Naturally Baba sees them already so He says you know, "You will see them." Because I see them all the time. But He told and that's a fact.