
HIS LIFE WITH BABA-B

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BHAU: When you, so many are there who have stopped. And so many of course because of Baba's instructions of course they must have, they would have ruined their own life. But they are saved. There are certain persons I know, that they took drugs and they were mentally deranged. But now how they are behaving? They have become calmed down. They have become quite normal. So, when this is harmful thing and still if you just think that, "Oh, there should not be any rule." Rule means, now rules should not be there, alright. But for the sake of management we have to make certain rules. Just like it is for everybody's help. Baba's tomb, it remains open up to 8 o'clock. If you say that, "Why not? I want to go there at midnight." So, that is not. Why should we follow your rule? When we come, go there, registration. What is the need? We have full freedom. Why should you register? It should not be done. It is required legally. We have to send report to the police. And police is very watchful. Every person, address, everything we have to send to the police. So it is for your good. Whatever is there, you must follow.

So whether it is Myrtle Beach or Meherazad or any Center. Even here if you come, you just say that, when I follow Baba. How can you follow Baba when you don't follow His wish? When He has asked not to take drugs, why should you do that? And if you cannot do that then of course somewhere you are breaking His order. So He will not feel pleased with that.

PILGRIM 1: But we are talking about people who are not following Baba but just want to.

BHAU: If they are not following, they have to observe this. They have to observe. It is not that you should take drugs and then because we don't follow you can do anything there in the Center or at Meherazad. So when Baba was there and Baba, how He would keep the people there. It is there, He has given that life. According to that of course, that management is there. It is not from; we just formulate the rules or this. Rules are not there. It is for the sake of management.

PILGRIM 1: Not about them bringing it on the Center but about them quitting through the rest of their lives. And they have to promise to stop in order to come on the Center. They have to promise never to take for the rest of their lives. Not just not to bring it on.

BHAU: No. Suppose if they don't take drugs there. And if they don't take drugs and they just go just to surrender it. That is quite different thing. That is quite different thing and it is for you even when you go there and you have that determination that I am going there just to get rid of it. I will not take drugs there. Then where is the question? Who will stop you?

PILGRIM 1: The rule is that the people cannot come to the Center unless they agree not to take drugs for the rest of their life.

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BHAU: So, it is good rule. It is good rule if it is there. it is a very good rule.
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PILGRIM 2: I think the rule is that you haven't taken drugs within a certain period of time before.

PILGRIM 1: But if you have?

PILGRIM 2: But if you have then if you wait until that certain period of time is elapsed. I don't know what the exact period of time is. Let's just say it's a year. So, if you'd wait a year and not take any drugs then you will be allowed to come to the Center.

PILGRIM 1: Okay

PILGRIM 2: I think part of the reason that there is a rule involved with drugs is not. Is also practical reasons. There was a situation a few years ago where people were trying to remove some of the tax-exempt status of the Center and threatening the existence of the Center because they wanted to have that property for commercial purposes and try to release some of the property, it's very valuable property. If people were to bring drugs to the Center and the police would come in, they would have an excuse then to say, "Well look. Here's drugs here, there's drugs going on", and so forth and it would bring an excuse for them to try to take away the tax-exempt status that they have for being, you know religious organization.

PILGRIM 3: My understanding is that that rule was in place long before that. Long before the tax issue emerged. [crosstalk]

BHAU: No but, when Baba has expressed His wish that drugs should not be taken. So, yes of course one should follow. If one does not follow then why one should go there? So, why to praise them that just some, there should not be any rule. This is open for all and you must go there. It is not a religion. When He has expressed His wish that drugs should not be taken, so when you can't follow this little thing, how

will you follow Him? Forget about Meher Baba but just God, how can you follow God? How can you follow Jesus? When you don't, cannot follow this little thing.

Drugs, of course no. It should not be taken. It should be stopped. If they feel free to take, of course they have their own thing to do. Nothing to do with the Center or anything. Because we also feel sometimes very much perturbed because of that people come and they say that freedom, freedom. Nobody knows about the freedom. What is freedom? Everyone is bound but one does not know that how I am bound? What is freedom? No one has any idea about freedom. So, freedom of course it should come from within. That is eternal freedom. We are bound and we talk about freedom. And freedom means indulging in this all these things, in illusion? Indulging what to any extent, what gain is there? Can you get anything? Have you got any gain? If you just go on indulging in this thing, there is no gain. No gain at all. And the All Knowing, He knows. He knows about that what will happen to the world if it goes on like this. There are people. It is their business. In India, from Pakistan so much drugs. This marijuana and other thing you know, they just export. And so many scandal and this and this. And to different countries also. In colleges, in school and even in small, where the small children go there, they sell sweets. And they mix something in the sweets. And they give to the children. And once they are addicted, they want the same sweets.

How they are ruining because of money, for the sake of money, how they are ruining the children and among different people. So, such things should not be ignored. That rule means it should be very firm rule I should say. That when one cannot be just allowed to take drugs there. Or if he goes there with the determination that I am going to leave these drug, he should not use them. He should not have drugs; he should not take there. So long he's there of course he should not. They also many pilgrims go there and they also don't allow them to have. Even we are very, very liberal I should say. Liberal in the sense that when they go to Ahmednagar and of course they want to go to restaurant and they want to drink beer. Alright. Have it. We don't stop them. Yes, they are habituated and there is nothing wrong in that, why should we stop them? Not to do this.

So, that is not the thing but that thing which is harmful, how should we allow that? And Baba has already given message on that. And if such rule is there in the Center, I'm happy that they have made good rule. And it is for good of all. Why should we just create some trouble again that oh, why we should have freedom. This time when I went to Myrtle Beach, there is one girl. Of course, mentally of course she is sick. Last year she had come to Meherazad. So, of course she was prohibited to come to the Center because she creates trouble. So she wanted to see me. But I went there, even I observed rule. It is not that when I go, they are so and something else, I have come, why I should follow rules? I also follow the rules there. So when I came to know that of course she was asked not to come to the Center because she was creating trouble. So I went to see her. I also found out that if I would go there,

whether it would be objectionable. No, no you can go and see her there, outside. In her house. So I went there. And she was in a very bad plight and I consoled her, this that. And I said that, "Don't think that they have stopped you from coming to the Center. Do one thing, now I am here. Just phone Jane Haynes from here, say that Bhau is here and ask her permission and then of course you can come." So, she phones. So, Jane actually wanted to talk to me there. So she was talking and this girl she hears, and she started shouting, "I'm not going to do this; I'm not going to do that." She started shouting. I said, "Keep quiet, keep quiet. Why do you do like this? I am arranging." Then I arranged in such a way that she should go and talk to Jane about that and observe certain rules.

Now when the Center is closed at 10 o'clock, then why should she be there up to midnight? How can they allow? They close the gate. So she would be there up to midnight. Going here and there, Guest House, here. She would visit this one, that one. So, they would not like and she would not listen. She would say that, "I want freedom. I am free. Who is there to ask me not to do this?" So then there should be some management. One should just think about the management. Of course, for the management the rules are required. Only for the sake of management, if you follow those rules it does not mean that you are just losing anything. Your freedom. On the contrary, it is useful. And it is useful for all concerned. Then management can be made. But if everyone comes and says, "This is my freedom. I just want to be in the Center at 1 o'clock in the morning, I want to pray to Baba at 1 o'clock. You open the gate." So, Beloved will not feel happy about it. You are not making Him pleased. On the contrary you are creating trouble for Him. So, such thing one should just think about that. When I went there, just like you know registration, I also went there. Registered myself.