
DID BABA ASK YOU TO READ A BOOK

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PILGRIM 1: Eruch, did Baba ever ask you to read a book?

ERUCH: Baba?

PILGRIM 1: Yeah.

ERUCH: Yeah He did ask. Formerly you see what happened when I came first in 1938 to Him. He called me I came. So well we were at Meherabad. We were all the time with Baba but when Baba would be retiring and all that so sometime. I might be having some time in the afternoon or so. So Padri would press me to read books on homeopathy. Because that's something very constructive. And I would. He would tell me what good it does and how good it is for everybody to know and all that. So once I was reading that and Baba asked me, "What are you reading?" I said, "Oh it's a book on homeopathy." He took the book and threw it out [pilgrims laughing].

So I kept quiet and since then I didn't dare to read anything you see. Well I didn't. I thought that anything that I read was not liked by Baba. It wouldn't please Baba. So I didn't read anything. And I haven't read His literature. That is by Him, on Him, For Him, nothing. I haven't read anything.

PILGRIM 1: You've never read the Discourses?

ERUCH: No I haven't read the discourses yet. I didn't have. I didn't.

PILGRIM 1: Just God Speaks [inaudible]

ERUCH: Yeah but that too it was what Baba dictated but not after it was published and I read it and all that. Nothing of that sort.

PILGRIM 1: So you never had a chance to really sit and absorb it.

ERUCH: No, no. So then what happened in the course of time Baba would ask me to read something. Not from His books but something. I would read newspaper or some other book or something like that. So once He told me to read the book. You know the first volume that had come out called The Hobbit. Is it known as **The Hobbit**? Yeah that was the one. And then He told me after that Hobbit book He told me to read The Nazarene. Yeah so I read these two books. He told me to read them.

PILGRIM 1: The Nazarene.

ERUCH: And then He would be after me I have read it. I said, "No. I didn't have time." He says, "Read it, read it." I said, 'Alright I'll read it.' Again He would ask me and then eventually you know it was such a thing that I had to sit. I am not a. Once when you are not in touch with these books you know you don't like to read. So with great difficulty I finished **The**

Hobbit first. And then **Nazarene** He told me to read. So it was such a huge voluminous thing you know. How to read the thing? Eventually I started it but I must say when I started reading it I loved it very much. And then I liked it I wouldn't want to leave it.

PILGRIM 1: Lauren Wagner lent me her copy. I'm in the middle of it. She mentioned that Baba had asked you to read it. And so I was wondering if you had any inkling as to why He asked you to read those?

ERUCH: I don't know. But when I read it, it reminded me of our days with Baba. There is no doubt about it.

PILGRIM 1: What the Nazarene did?

ERUCH: Yeah.

PILGRIM 1: What about the Hobbit?
[general laughter]

ERUCH: I don't know why? What had that to do with it. I don't know. Because maybe I was that.

PILGRIM 1: What **The Hobbit**?

ERUCH: Yeah [general laughter]. But I don't know why He asked. You know sometimes they have their whims you know. Because of the whim the whole creation has started.

PILGRIM 1: Yeah.

ERUCH: But He liked us to. He wanted to hear things. And Mani was a good reader. And Mani does not read like we read. She will always characterise a character in that. Change the voice. Yeah.

PILGRIM 1: Act it out.

ERUCH: Yeah. Act it out not just read out. That's what Baba loved it very much. And anybody would enjoy that. You were to ask her to read something you would enjoy it. You remember the other day she was imitating somebody? Delia's voice and other people.

PILGRIM 1: So you never then read much at all? You read nothing at all?

ERUCH: No I haven't read anything no. No prior to coming to Baba I had read many things.

PILGRIM 1: I mean to Baba Himself though you never read anything then?

ERUCH: No. When I was with Baba by myself I haven't read anything.

PILGRIM 2: [inaudible]

ERUCH: No. Then what happened I began to read Milarepa and other things. And Monkey because Francis wanted me to read. And then nowadays I read. I don't read but our Falu is there. He reads out to me in the night and I hear. Something anything. Last that I read was her letter. That was the end because afterwards the light flickered and faded.

PILGRIM 2: [inaudible][crosstalk]

ERUCH: Light in the eyes. [crosstalk]. Too much of a strain. Last train. No but I do read out things you know myself. Read letters and other things but then it's a strain you know so Falu reads.

PILGRIM 2: So your eye sight was always bad?

ERUCH: Now it has gone bad yeah. It's grown more and more worse.

PILGRIM 1: [inaudible] glasses.

ERUCH: I used to use glasses. Yeah I used to use glasses.

PILGRIM 1: You don't use them now?

ERUCH: Now I can't use glasses. Glasses don't require. I don't know what it means. [crosstalk] He must be knowing it well. But let it be why should we bring about this subject? He has come for Baba he has not come for my eyes. And after all what will my eyes do you see. Just seeing things.