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## Significance of Wine

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**ATTENDEE:** Why is it significant when the Master gives you wine?

**DELIA:** I think wine always has been. The Sufi poets talk of wine, they use wine as a symbol. And if a Master gives you wine, He is giving you love, the wine of life. There was an extraordinary incident when in Switzerland, this was, when Baba poured us all wine and He said to one of the Western disciples, "Give me your glass I want to give you some more wine." He said, "No Baba, I don't want any more wine." Baba asked again and he was refusing Baba's grace and love but he didn't know it. Baba's face went dark all over. He sent them all out except this man and myself and He said again, "No one in the East would have dared to have done that."

From then, that person started turning. The final thing came when he disobeyed Baba. We went to Marseilles when Baba was going back to India and someone had given Baba some birds in a cage and then they bought another cage which was much more beautiful and Baba wanted the birds transferred into that cage. He called this man to do it and He said, "Oh no, I'm just doing my tea, Baba." Making some tea. Baba called him again and he didn't come. Baba told Adi Jr. to do it and when Adi went to do it, one of the birds flew away. Then Baba called this man into the room and said, "You and Delia go to that shop and exchange those expensive birds for as many birds as you can get."

He didn't want to go but he went and he got a whole lot of birds which Baba took back to India. He said that this same incident had happened in the time of Buddha. This final act of disobedience, this man completely turned. He couldn't face correction, you see.