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## BABA'S BIRTHDAY

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**ERUCH:** And, well He said. At that time there was no such set pattern to celebrate His birthday because Baba never encouraged us to celebrate His birthday in the beginning. Because what's there to be celebrated? Sometimes He even forgot to celebrate His birthday because we were on tours at that time. But there was a celebration all over the country. They used to celebrate His birthday. And in the beginning it was that nobody knew what was the date, which date was that of His birthday. Because there was a lot of mix up between His Zoroastrian calendar birthday and the English calendar and all sorts of things.

Our Zoroastrian calendars are, well, reckoned at different phases of the moon and it's a lunar calendar. And there is no fixed date but we have got each days named after the angels or the archangels and so forth. So He was born on which day?

**PILGRIM 1:** Tir. Tir.

**ERUCH:** Tir Roh? Known as on the day of Tir and the month of Mehar with a [inaudible]. It is always uncertain on which day of according to the English calendar does that particular day comes so the birthday was uncertain.

Zoroastrian would follow that birthday or some womenfolk will see the calendar and say, "Oh, the birthday will follow on 22nd or 18th of February." Something like that according to the lunar phases. And the rest of them did not know what to do. "When is His birthday?" They will ask. Many people had to write letters and back and forth correspondence was there and lot of

confusion was there. Nobody knew as to when they should celebrate His birthday. Which day?

In order to avoid this whole confusion and all that, Baba told them eventually to follow the English calendar, that He was born on 25th of February at 5am. He gave the time also. "So that's my birthday and the time I got delivered."

Since then people all over the world have observed His birthday on 25th February and they know that the time is 5 am in the morning. So it's fine. It's universal. But in spite of it all, these Zoroastrian women. These women are the cause of all confusion and chaos. They continue to celebrate according to the lunar month. And that's why, you see, sometimes when the people who have not heard of the 25th of February and they said, "Oh, today is Baba's, Meher Baba's birthday. Is it so?" "Yeah, today is His birthday." And then again another confusion begins. And so forth and so on.

So we have been imploring the women, "Please stick to 25th." They don't want it. They never listen to men. Maybe it's good that they do that. At least for us, the men. Because we have two days' special breakfasts. And so it's a happy thing for us. But then when we have to go in for correspondence, it's irritating.

So in short, what has happened is that Baba's birthday is always celebrated on 25th of February at 5 am. And then, once we have fixed the day and the time, what happened was that for the first time there was great enthusiasm amongst the workers, the helpers who are here. The gardeners and the farm labourers and all these people. And

they wanted to observe His birthday with scale befitting their Lord and so forth and so on.

So they, for the first birthday that we had celebrated here, we remember that they had decorated the Hall. This Mandali Hall was decorated. There were no verandahs over here. All this was, all this was not there.

So then what they did was, that they created these little festoons, you know, streams and flags and all that sort of, all over the compound they were here. And it was a very happy feeling. Since then, it has been a routine that the birthday decorations are managed and controlled by the labourers, the farmers and the helpers who help us here. And we are the ones who enjoy it. Whatever they do here. So it is their privilege. We supervise. We sometimes help them. Advising them or help them in having the transport and all that.

Now what is to be done on the 25th of February? What should we do? How do we celebrate? There is no such thing as celebration. It's a day of great joy. And another thing is that, we say that it's the birthday of Meher Baba, birthday of Meher Baba. Who is Meher Baba? The one who is never born and who never dies. He is the eternal one. How do you celebrate His birthday? The one who is never born. He's the birthless one. He's the deathless one. His compassion comes in the picture because He is infinitely compassionate.

He descends into the world of illusion where we relate ourselves with forms and figures. And therefore we see a baby being delivered. at certain intervals which Baba has given to us as approximately from 700 to 1400 years time and again, He's being delivered as male human child, whenever the circumstances and the era demand.

So we find them in male human form and that's the time and date of which [inaudible]. This time, in this advent, Avatar Meher Baba, He was born

on 25th February according to the register that is kept in the hospital there. 5 am is the time.

So how do you celebrate? So He gave the right answer. You have to do is assemble yourself in the Hall [inaudible]. And before 5am we are here ready. All that you do is have a good dress and all that. Decent clothing. At least they are fresh from the laundry and all that. Have a bath. Put on them. And assemble there.

In the meantime the Hall is decorated and everything is fine. And there is little incense burning that [inaudible] because it is already morning hour. And of course the bath also gives us a freshness. So we are standing here waiting for the clock to chime 5. As soon as we hear the chiming, He had told us that all that you have to do is to hail. And He said that. He has set the guidelines for those who live with Him. Shout out in unison for seven times, "Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai!" So for seven times we do that. Having heard us start this, the women there on that side also hear the loud shout. So we also. There, our echoes reach there and their echoes reach us. It's a nice way of remembering one who is birthless and deathless. In spite of it, you are happy in celebrating that day and the whole day is a great day of joy for us.

Then what happens is, that, that is the day when outwardly it is all that. Then what happens is that we come close together. After that we bow down to His seat and remember Him or just meet Him. When He was present here then we would greet Him, "Happy birthday, Baba" and Baba will smile in silence and all that. And each one will be given an embrace. So now what we do is that His physical presence is not with us. So pay our respects, very sad and recall the figure of His being with us and then we greet each other and greet each other saying, "Happy Baba Birthday" and feel Baba in each one of us and that's how the day begins. We embrace each other and say, "Happy Baba Birthday. Happy Birthday"

We greet Baba in each one. That's the superficial of our day. It appears like that to a stranger who comes who sees this. But within each heart there is a fresh resolve. All that has passed, is past. It's all drowned in the ocean of love. And we begin our life afresh. And we make a fresh resolve to please our Lord in best way. Why? Because when we gave in for seven times, we say, "Avatar Meher Baba ki Jai!". It means victory to Avatar Meher Baba. And how best we can make Him the victorious one is each one's own resolve. What one has to do is to make a resolve that He helps us remain vanquished. So that victory be His. Otherwise what happens is for each time our assertions are there and we want to assert ourselves and remain above others. So that's an opportunity that He gives us and that day we make a fresh resolve that we be vanquished and let the Lord, His victory.

So He alone is the victorious and we are. We implore Him. That He will help us by His blessings, His grace and we lose ourselves and He alone emerges victorious to us. It is the defeat of the lower self and the glory of His true self within us. That's how it is.

Now this is this side of the picture. What had happened was that when He first guided us that we should, if we want to celebrate His birthday it should be celebrated on 25th February then He had also added one of His wishes apart from hailing Him seven times and all that. He said, [sound of clock chiming] He guided us that, "You all should celebrate my Birthday, if you wish to celebrate, at your own places. So remaining wherever you are and celebrate my birthday if you wish to."

So, In India, in this country what we find is that we celebrate His birthday and they don't come over here. They celebrate at their respective places. They have their own Centres. There are many Centres. Hundreds of Centres in this country where Baba lovers gather together at the Centre and celebrate His Birthday.

Now what happens is that each one, each family would want to celebrate in his own house or her own house. So that's what they do at that time also. But it is better that they leave their homes and come together at one place and that is the Centre for Avatar Meher Baba so and so place in Poona, Avatar Meher Baba Centre Bombay, Avatar Meher Baba Centre Madras, Avatar Meher Baba Centre Calcutta, Avatar Meher Baba Centre Bilaspur, Bhopal, Andhra, Vijayawada, Kakinada, [inaudible]. All the places, you see. Big cities and towns, villages also now you find Centres. So people, Baba lovers from that area, gather together at one place and well there is a loud chorus of hailing the victorious Lord.

So instead of being at their homes now they are celebrating His birthday in their area, at their place at the Centre. And there is a little breakfast, tea or sweets are being distributed and all that. The happy part of the celebration is for me of course is the special breakfast and we love that. And of course i'm sure all love that. Because we are after all human beings and we are people we get nourishment from the grossness of the gross world, that is how it is.

So, that is how we celebrate the birthday. Now what had happened. Little sidelines are there. Nature of mind and heart is such that it's never satisfied. Mind wants to have something better and still better. And hearts' emotion wants to express itself.

So what they thought was. Just celebrating birthday on 25th February doesn't make them feel satisfied. But they are not express themselves enough. Somebody gets a good idea. Why not celebrate His birthday sometime seven days in advance and let it culminate on 25th of February. So that's how they started celebrating His birthday seven days in advance. And wonderful. And each day of the celebration then gives an opportunity to a family who can afford to have a proper celebration. And say on 20th of February, somebody has who can afford, he decorates his

place. He has a big place. A compound and all that. He collects all the people. He invites the citizens and he invites his friends and family and all that apart from Baba lovers. They all gather there too, it's a big affair.

Likewise for seven days, big affair of each town, each city and each place and village and everywhere. So that was fine.

Then again the mind and the heart was of course not satisfied. So they say, "Listen, so what we should do is we should celebrate the number of days in advance. Each day. So suppose now it's His 60th birthday so why can't we celebrate, start celebrating 60 days in advance and culminate on 60th?" That is the good idea and we will have good fun. Because in the meantime what had happened. Families had increased. Baba lover families. They wanted to celebrate. Each one wanted to have his own opportunity to celebrate once a year. So that afforded them the opportunity. So that's how it came into vogue that we start celebrating His birthday so many days in advance according to the number of years that they are celebrating.

And I still remember the 60th birthday that was celebrated in Andhra. It was at [inaudible]. It was a whole day of real joy. It was on 25th. But prior to that they were celebrating and it all culminated on 25th of February in that town. And Baba was Himself there. It was fun. We had a great day that day.

This reminds me that Baba passed away on 31st January and soon after that naturally after we returned from Meherabad. After the internment, Mani had to send out the final Family Letter. She thought that was her duty. [inaudible] Family Letters were being circulated. So she had to wind up the whole Family Letter business so she had to send a last Family Letter giving update. Giving the whole history of what is happening now. In that, naturally, she had to include the birthday message on 25th February and Baba had passed

earlier on 31st January. And the message appeared to her. And quite a lot of people when they started coming to us, they enquired as to, "How come we got this message. We read Baba's message after 31st of January. But you all made that message for Him or what is it? Is it Baba's message or is message from the mandali for His birthday?"

"No, it's Baba's message."

"How can He give the message? He was not there to give the message that day?"

So that is how he gave. Because at that time before He passed away. This birthday had started. They were celebrating His birthday. While He passed away there was a birthday celebrated in the country. So naturally they had asked for a message and He had given them this message, which has become now a message for all there. So that's how it appears. That satisfied their curiosity.

Now His birthday has taken a bigger shape, a greater shape. Westerners have come here in our midst, you see. They would want to celebrate the birthday. Give the life to their Lord. Entertain their Lord. And our life with Baba was, we remember His state was that He needed entertainment. Because He entertains us when we are with Him and He in return needs to be entertained. Now it is our duty to entertain Him. With our good thoughts, good words and good deeds. That's the entertainment that He gets from us. Besides that, naturally we being puny creatures, we think of entertaining Him in our own skits and little things [inaudible]. His messages and His words and all that. That day we saw that Hugh and Jeanne are here. He's a magician. But he brings in his magic show words like the divine hand, Baba's hand and Avatar's hand and also anything, any act, Baba's words and messages are woven in. So these are the things. The other day we had for Baba's birthday here, the skit called, "Divine circus of the greatest show on earth".

So then. Many messages were there if you paid heed. They were quoting some lines from what Baba had said. It reminds us of Him. So birthday occasion if to remind us of the birthless one. [inaudible] and it's an opportunity for us to make that fresh resolve to live for Him, die for Him. That's all. That's what that we celebrate.

What happens then here after we greet each other on that day? We then make room for the women to come and greet Baba over here. So that. How can we do that? Because. Then while they are coming here in procession we go and greet Baba in His room. So we visit His room and women visit us here in the Mandali Hall. So that's how it is. After that we have breakfast and then we set out into [inaudible]. In Ahmednagar Centre there we pay our respect and homage to Baba there. He had opened a Centre there. In the meantime the program is culminated over there. The morning program is culminated and then there is another cup of tea and another sweet dish there. Most of us get it. And then after that we go to Meherabad.

And there is another little entertainment waiting. After paying our homage to Baba there, everything. In short the day is passed remembering Him as much, as forcefully as possible. As many times as possible. That's how we pass the day. At the end of the day all those who want to celebrate His birthday feel exhausted. That's but natural. And the exhaustion is in direct proportion to their efforts to please Him. So those who are not exhausted, remember that you have all not tried to please Him. [pilgrims laugh]. You were exhausted?

**PILGRIM 2:** No, I slept through the whole day [inaudible].

**ERUCH:** And that's the only day once people who cannot sleep throughout the year can go to sleep at night. [pilgrims laugh] Without any recourse to meditation.

**PILGRIM 3:** [inaudible]

**ERUCH:** Huh?

**PILGRIM 3:** I mean they see the oneness.

**ERUCH:** You did go but?

**PILGRIM 3:** [inaudible]

**ERUCH:** [inaudible]. Nilu was there or not?

**PILGRIM 3:** Yes, she was.

**ERUCH:** What you were wearing? It's too cold at [inaudible]. They are always here.

**PILGRIM 3:** Always here. So.

**ERUCH:** She's a very intelligent woman.

**PILGRIM 3:** She is.

**ERUCH:** She is. Who's older? You are older?

**PILGRIM 4:** I am ten years younger to him. [pilgrims laugh].

**ERUCH:** Now come on, accept the fact that you are older than him.

**PILGRIM 4:** I am five years older than him.

**ERUCH:** So that's about the birthday. Another thing. Another comic thing that had happened, one of the incidents that did occur during Baba's lifetime on His birthday. So, while Baba was here. This was when Baba is not here. This routine is being followed. When Baba is here we need not go to Baba's room and go there. But the women didn't come over here because they have Baba. And it was lucky that we had Baba the omnipresent at all places at one and the same time. So Baba was here with us and Baba was there with them and so forth.

So when Baba would be here. So naturally. He would come and be embraced and all and was seated here and birthday is the busiest day because people send cables and greetings to Baba and all that. And Baba in His kindness and His mercy, in His love, compassion and all that would want to send responses. So He would keep us busy. And we would slog from morning to evening. We have slogged already for many, many days in advance but still on the last day there are many cables coming. So it has been a regular thing for the Post and Telegraph Department. They say, "My god! The mail that comes. You see, even surpasses the mail of the Government." So huge bags would be carried at that time by these people and came in. So it would be a busy day for us all.

Baba was seated one day on His birthday. Attending to these cables that were being read out to Him and His responses and all that. All of a sudden, couple of people from south of India came and they were very happy to be here where Baba is. And uninvited without any notice or intimation they came here. And we saw them. Some people were here. "Well, what do you want? Why are you all here?"

"We have come here for Baba. We have brought this for Baba and we need to see Baba"

Baba inquired as to what brought them here.

"Baba, today is your birthday."

"Yes. And I am very happy to see you. But why aren't you at your places?"

"Yes, Baba. At our place birthdays are being celebrated with great pomp and all that. It's a great festivity. And we thought that if this festive occasion is observed with such pomp and show and entertainment, how much more so could be where you are? So we decided to come here."

"You got to go back soon. Because I'm not here now. I am with you all there. You go back. Go back and attend to the birthday celebration there."

So that's how it was. So they. They felt themselves as if, what has happened? There is no celebration around here. Baba said, "How can there be anything? It's done there. I'm there. Go there."

So that's how they came with the expectation to find that there will be something great over here. Greater than the great that is being done there. But then they were disappointed. There was nothing. Except Baba was here and we were here attending to all these sorts of things. So that was a little fun, you see. And Baba chuckled and always said, "That fellow comes here to find something great being done here. What is done here is being done there by Baba lovers. So the expression of love is same."

So likewise in many cities and towns, in villages. People are there celebrating, and we have got these invitation cards and pamphlets and programs. And we respond to them even now, and they ask for messages of Baba. And what could we do but we repeat the same old messages. We say whatever comes to our heart and mind at that time we send that out. So it's a good thing. But the most important thing is how each one, within themselves, resolves that. One's life. Pattern of life from here. That's all.

**PILGRIM 3:** Would you know in the New Life, did you celebrate anything? Baba lovers? When there was [inaudible].

**ERUCH:** Why about the New Life? Nothing, while we were on mast tours and all we would forgot that this is His birthday, all right. Nothing of the sort. His birthday, it could be celebrated every day. It's an opportunity to give birth to Him in our hearts. So every action, every life should be such that. There's no such particular thing but you feel that way that well. This is the day when

He was delivered then this is a special occasion and all that. A life of good thoughts, good words and good deeds. Keeping Him as our constant companion is His real birthday. Allowing the birth of Christ within ourselves. Or as He has put us, put to us you see that we should live His message. Our life should be such that it becomes His message. Then that's all. That is celebrating. That's all. What else can we do? Is there anything left out?

**PILGRIM 3:** No, it could also be that children also. I was just thinking. Because they really like to do that sort of thing. The story of Jesus Christ [inaudible].

**ERUCH:** Yeah, that reminds us. These are the reminders to remember Him. Anything, you see. Entertainments that we have. Singing or hailing or assembling here and sitting quietly. Anything and everything that keeps us to remember Him. That's the best thing.

**PILGRIM 2:** At the Bombay Centre we started 89 days before.

**ERUCH:** Every weekday you all had things? Did you all put on any feasts or plays? Today we started weighing ourselves, you know. We weighed ourselves trying to find out how many kilos we have put on. [pilgrims laugh]

**PILGRIM 2:** Eruch, every Saturday from the 89th birthday we used to have functions in different places in Bombay.

**ERUCH:** You made any sweets available?

**PILGRIM 2:** Some prasad.

**ERUCH:** Prasad.

**PILGRIM 2:** By, whoever held that here. It has to be there.

**ERUCH:** Here you know sometimes what happens. We receive complaints afterwards. That so and so neglected us, you see. And we would like to celebrate His birthday and they just shoved our request. So the aftermath of the birthday celebrations would be felt by us, you see. Because the complaints would come. And the letters. And then we had to write letters pacifying this party and then exhorting the other party. While next time do this and do that and these adjustments have to be made. So it's good now that they are celebrating in advance so that each family can have his own birthday. Sometimes it happens that there are more families than the days. So what they do is morning program is at one family. The afternoon program at the other. Evening program at another one. So that's how they feel happy about it. Each one wants to put the best show to entertain the Lord. I don't know the scale of heart. I can't play this game of heart.

**PILGRIM 6:** You can't?

**ERUCH:** That's not a nice game. It's a painful game. There's more pain than joy. Does it give joy to you? It's a mixed pain. As Baba puts it as, "It's a blissful agony." [pilgrims laugh]. Huh?

**PILGRIM 4:** Beautifully put.

**ERUCH:** Yeah.

**PILGRIM 6:** You are tired of the game now?

**ERUCH:** [inaudible]. One thing I would like you all to know. What really. It is good for you all that you all remember us and all that. And remember the Lord. These are the little reminders to remember Him and all that. But hope that serves the purpose. But then what happens is, you know, they send us Baba birthday greeting cards and Christmas cards and all that. They cost money, don't they? It's a reminder that you remember us and then we have to send reply. If we send (we don't of course.) But then that's the

way. That's how it is. We used to in the beginning but now it is impossible to cope up with these things.

So we have two boxes now. New Year and birthday. So all that happens. Is it New Year? Put in the box. We read it of course. Is it Birthday? Put in the box. That's how it is. And each time after the year ends and what we do is. Bind them and put them in the store room.

So I say, instead of spending money in birthday greeting cards or Christmas cards and all that. Why? Why do that? Unless it definitely in doing that we remember the Lord that is best. But if you remember us. It's no good. So I am just drawing your attention that if it serves the purpose to remind you of the Lord It is the best thing. Because anything little thing that reminds us of Him is the best. But if it reminds you of us, it's no use spending your money on that. That's what I feel. You follow what I'm saying? It is waste of money. Waste of postage. We know that you all love us. We know. We are happy about it. And you all know that we love you all because who cannot love the lovers of the Lord? It's but ridiculous to think in any other way. You all know that. It's a common factor. So what's there to affirm? But if it serves to remind you of the Lord, do so. If not, resist.

Mani wouldn't like what I've said it. [pilgrims laugh]. Because she'd love to have all sorts of cards. She goes through all that. I said, "Then who's going to collect them and who's going to file them? It's all labelled here." Why call in for all this? But she loves to have, you know there are many cards. Each year, new fashions are there in new cards. Today we have seventh anniversary. See how that thing is and we all enjoyed that. Yeah, it's good. That way it's good.

You know today is the seventh wedding anniversary of Rick and Sheryl?

**ALL:** Happy Anniversary!

**ERUCH:** What else? What else? What is your [inaudible]? [Foreign language] Did you call [inaudible].

**PILGRIM 7:** [inaudible].

**ERUCH:** [inaudible]

**PILGRIM 7:**[inaudible]. What's in a name anyway?

**ERUCH:** That's true. What's in a name, but on the names only there are wars. The crusade wars. "Why?" Some say, "Allah is great." And some say, "No, Jesus Christ was the one who was with us, He's our God." And they say, "No, ours is Allah. And Mohammad was a prophet of God." Others say "Zoroaster." What's in a name you say, but then on the name crusades have been fought.

But that name is quite different, in our language quite different. Who cares for us, you know? But remember one thing also. That if we hold onto Him, the king who is the eternal. Our hold onto Him, is what realises us, that's it. Would Peter be remembered? Would John be remembered? Would Mark and Mathew and? [gap in tape] The only thing that is. That appendix has no meaning. So cut it off and throw it off. It doesn't serve any purpose. But it is still there. Why is it?

**PILGRIM 8:** No, the appendix.

**ERUCH:** The appendage has come, you see, from the word appendix. I am trying to tell you. You are asking me a question. So it is there. It doesn't serve any purpose but it is still there. Just as a great one, you see, who was conversing and who knew about. Only this morning. Where is? [inaudible]. Whose story was that? Some great one was asked, you see. Who was familiar with the language of the ants and knew what the ants are and could talk to the ants and all that. The great one. And he one day had the curiosity to ask the ants, "Do you have God too?" What was the thing?



**PILGRIM 9:** [inaudible]

**ERUCH:** He asks them. Asks the ants. What?

**PILGRIM 9:** What is it? Is God like an ant?

**ERUCH:** Yeah, is God like an ant? How do you accept God? Is He like an ant? Of course not. Ants have only one [inaudible] but God has two [inaudible]. So like wise we have only one appendix. God has two appendages. [pilgrims laugh]

So what happens is that they are there. Although they have no such function whatsoever. But they are there. So is the divine law, you see. That you have to have them. But now scientists have found out, you know. The use for appendix. Do you know that? Probably they thought it was of no use. But now, in this nuclear age. They found the radiation. That those who had the appendix removed, they were more susceptible to radiation. [sound of clock chiming]. And yeah, they have no hope. And those who had the appendix. They were, there was some saving grace in that. That's what the doctors. The specialists found out. So it may be having some meaning behind it but we don't know. But they saw the purpose and they are the two who are always there. The God Man has a circle of 10. Circles are there. Each member of the circle is just as we. I am a human being. I am Eruch. But I am Eruch made of two hands, two legs, two eyes, two nostrils, two ears, two, a mouth and a tongue and all that.

Likewise, the God Man has 10 circles. Each circle has 12 members. So it comes to 120 of His what you call, useful parts of His body, you call it. Of His universal body. But He has two appendix. Two appendages as they call it. Where are they? They also. Because they belong to Him, they also have the good fortune to be in the circle. Be in His body. Be a part of His body. Part and parcel of His being. So what did you want to know? [inaudible] want me to name them? So I

named them. One is [inaudible], one is [inaudible]. [pilgrims laugh]

**PILGRIM 10:** I think you are joking.

**ERUCH:** No, I'm not joking. It's a serious thing. It's true. What I'm saying is what I've heard from Him. But I didn't hear who they are? Who the two are. [inaudible] says that he has the full list of the 12 circles of the God, including the two appendages. That's why I tell you. I don't know but there is always some truth in what I say. You didn't know that? It's a fact. When he comes to Bombay. Ask him that what Eruch was saying. Will you remember? Really? Yeah. He tells others. I don't know. I haven't seen. I know nothing about it. That's what it is. I have heard from others also. So ask him.

**PILGRIM 10:** If you don't know. I don't expect anyone else to know.

**ERUCH:** Why? Am I supposed to know everything?

**PILGRIM 10:** Yeah. [inaudible] You have been living with Baba night and day. I would expect you to know it. If you don't know then I don't expect [inaudible].

**ERUCH:** You have no idea, you see. What else is behind the stage. What was on the stage I am witness to it from 1948. That's true. But behind the stage. How am I to know anything about it? Just as behind the stage what happened was. You want to hear a Baba story? Baba would every now and then tell us these things, you see.

As human beings, we lived with Him. He made us serve Him and all that. It was good we were with Him and all that. But mind is there. We have feelings with hearts of our own which are not yet [inaudible]. So we used to get these thoughts. And we used to get these, what do you call, feelings in us. What's the sense of our living here?

So then time and again He would try to comfort us and say, "You all are blessed people but you should learn to love me as the women love me, how good it would be. You wouldn't be pestered with these feelings and thoughts. All that you need to do me is to love me as the women love me."

Women is the women mandali. He's telling the men mandali. And that didn't give us comfort. On the contrary it irritated us all the more. [pilgrims laugh] It is a fact. Why you talk that way? Why are we let down like that? So time and again He would tell us that. Once in two years. Once in six years. Once in four years. Like that. So one day I couldn't contain myself. And I burst it out. "So every time you say this that the women love you. And we have to love you as the women love. Well, you will have the taste of that love from us if once you come to us as the Avatar in female form then you will feel the love of the men." [crosstalk]

So, He says, "That cannot be possible. Because it is so ordained that I come time and again in male human form."

And the day before yesterday. It revealed to me why does He have to come in male uniform form which I was told Rick that day while I was wearing my socks. Yeah, I told you no, Rick. I said, "Look, Rick. He has to be male human form."

He said, "What happened? What happened?" [pilgrims laugh]

I said, "Look, while I'm wearing the socks, you know. It has to be in this fashion. I can't have the socks, you see which has the foot this way or that way. Because my foot is such that I must have the socks in this way and socks are manufactured in a way it has to be. There is no other way to manufacture a sock. Pair of socks. The way it is manufactured has to be the same way. So likewise He has to be a male human form. There is no way out. Because it has to be just as a sock. A pair of socks. They have to be in the way that they are manufactured. You can't say why can't you have the socks this way or that way, because your foot is like that. That's why the socks have to be manufactured like that. So it struck me, "Oh, what He was saying."