## **Did You Experience Apathy**

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**PILGRIM 1:** Did you find periods of being absolutely apathetic, of not being able to go forward or backward and yet not being, but just kind of being dead. Just kind of dead inside?

**ERUCH:** The thing is that from the time, the moment, I was very lively before I came to Baba, before He called me. Very energetic, very active, lively and moody also. Mischievous, as you heard!

When I came to Him because He called me, He kept me by His side and He is a whirlpool of activity. Whirlwind of activity! There is no question of feeling dead or there is no time to feel what you are, you see! [Eruch and pilgrims laughing].

It was all activity and it is still going on! Yeah. But within myself I feel that well, there's nothing. Why I'm here, what am I doing, what is this? There's nothing, absolutely nothing.

**PILGRIM 1:** No, for me it was as if all the activity stopped.

**ERUCH:** Yeah, That's good.

**PILGRIM 1:** Absolutely stopped! Yeah, but if you are not used to it, it's a very scary.

**ERUCH:** Scary thing, Yeah.

PILGRIM 1: Scary thing to be in!

**ERUCH:** But still you are active, isn't it? Within you all activities stop, but still you are active.

PILGRIM 1: Yeah, Yeah.

**ERUCH:** So that's the state. It's a great blessing!

PILGRIM 1: Yeah.

**ERUCH:** Baba wants us to forget ourselves. What is Baba, people would say that Baba bless me for advancement on my spiritual path and all that.

Baba would say, "What advancement you want? What is there to advance on the spiritual path? Effacement is advancement. Let your ego be effaced."

**PILGRIM 2:** Does that mean that you never found yourself praying to Baba for anything?

**ERUCH:** Of course, praying to Baba, yeah.

**PILGRIM 2:** I mean, in the sense, that you know, feeling your own pain and asking Baba for help or was that even [inaudible]?

**ERUCH:** No, that's not for oneself but for many other things, you see, is there. Yeah.

But at the time of Baba, there was no such thing as praying to Him.

You know, when do we pray? When there is sort of a semblance of separateness also should be there, isn't it? But there was no chance, no scope given for us to meditate, concentrate, pray or anything else at all.

**PILGRIM 2:** But since Baba has dropped His body.

**ERUCH:** But after He dropped His body, yeah, He has given us the prayers and we have to, means how it is. Comforting ourselves, to remembering Him, bringing Him to our mind before our mind's eye and remembering Him. Feeling His presence, feeling different emotions that we pass through in His presence and all those sort of things.

That there is a constant reminder to remember Him and most essential is to remember Him. "That is your business!", He says. "Rest. Leave the rest to me."

**PILGRIM 1:** It's so easy.

**ERUCH:** "Just remember me. Forget about anything. Forget about your advancement and effacement, this and that. That I will do. That's my business. Just remember me", that's what He would say.

The prayers He has given, that is a reminder to remember Him because He has given those prayers.

Then we come to this place, He would be seated here. He would adorn the chair, this is His picture. These are the reminders to remember Him.

And we remember Him through these exterior little milestones or whatever you call it as Meherabad, Meherazad, Myrtle Beach or Avatars Abode in Australia or some other place or Centres here, in Washington and all these places, we remember.

These are the milestones and these are the little things that remind us also. That's how it is.

**PILGRIM 1:** Until, comes a time we don't need any of it.

**ERUCH:** Till you forget yourself.

PILGRIM 1: Till you forget yourself.

**ERUCH:** Most important thing is, as Baba says, try to be determined to be mine. Once you are determined to be His, then He takes over. As long as you assert yourself.