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Peter asks, "What is the significance of the lighting of the Dhuni?"

Adi's remarks are about the antipathy of fire and water. Water puts out fire, and Adi implies that the fire of the Dhuni called down the water to put itself out. History of Dhuni is also mentioned in passing, though Adi says the Dhuni of the Avatar is something different. Dhuni is a medium. You shed your sankaras, and they are burned in the flame.

Peter asks, "What did Baba's Final Declaration mean?"

Adi says it is very important, given at Meherabad under a huge pandal, and people came from Baba centres all over India. It was read in various languages to an Indian audience. Someone asked a question in the midst of it. Baba had to commit himself to the date of the happenings, and you have to read the declaration carefully. The populace can criticize, saying that Baba said all this and it hasn't come to pass. When He speaks in His language, we hear the words but they don't mean what we think they mean. God is speaking here! If you do not understand, say it is your fault. Baba has done a great favor for servants like us to be able to explain to the experts who assail us.

Can I pin down the father to speak in the language of children? Baba says that I am not to worry about it.

Peter asks, "Were you worried?"

Adi says, "As far as my head was concerned, I was worried. In my heart I was not worried."

Adi says, "I get very much confused [with respect to the New Life], but I don't worry about not understanding."

There is another thing. If the understanding of Baba's declaration was very straightforward, it might not have caused the human mind to think about it. These are all my interpretations. We are only here to serve Him and carry out His wishes.

Before we went to the West, we got many sessions with Baba on how to behave. We were amazed at the restraint with which He related to the Westerners. Baba was particularly gentle; all the kicks were received by the mandali, and all the kisses were received by the Westerners.

It was a revolution for us in our minds and hearts to come to the West. It was peculiar and new in many ways, quite a new place, the atmosphere, the food, Baba's dealing with us. The young boys were told not too close to the young girls and not too far -- don't hurt their feelings, but don't become involved romantically. It was harder than if Baba had told us to turn our faces away.

Peter says, "Baba seemed so graceful in the West, so at ease."

Adi says that His whole life was for others, for the whole world. The care they took of Baba was so that he would be in the best position to serve the world.

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Commenting on a painting maybe of Rano's in which there is a youth bowing down to Baba, though not facing Baba. Those in the queue behind Baba are believers or non-believers, and Baba is dragging them along in their chains! But here is this youth, his arms raised to heaven, and how near he is to God!

We can forget about evolution and reincarnation. We're here. At least that is my impression.

Question about his relationship with the other men. Backett responds:

I was very impressed by Will Donkin, he went, and then he came back on leave from Baba, and there was something about him, a typical Englishman. He was a Captain in the army, but I met him in London, he came over and he gave a few words, and I remained with him after the others had gone out of the room. I remember him saying that Baba's mercy was unbounded. That really impressed me. It's so necessary to humanity.

In the weeks, my heart and mind were with Baba, so I was never impressed by any of the men. There was one from France who had a problem with meat and curry, and Baba said we were to go straight home, but this man hasn't been heard from since.

When I got back to London, things began to work. If you're near the mountain you can't see anything but the next ridge above, but if you are a ways away from it, you can see more of it, and that was how I felt.

I was standing in a queue waiting for a bus when I came back, wearing Baba's badge, and a woman asked, "Is that God?" I said yes, Christ returned. It was one of many incidents in which Baba explained to me that he was closely present.

Question: What about the last embrace, the Final Declaration, the heavy stuff? You were there, and Baba was saying these things, and how were you feeling?

In the ashram, sometimes Baba would give a discourse, very intellectual. I could follow the threads of it, but I never liked those very penetrating talks. At other times He would

give explanations that satisfy the heart. Others were there for whom these were intended, so one learned just to go on with the programme [without trying to influence the topic or the talk.]

Question: 29th and 30th September?

I felt on this occasion that Baba was very serious, in a very serious mood, although He did embrace us again, but this was the last day. I didn't understand altogether the Last Declaration, but Baba explained it up to a point. When we speak of 3/4 of the world being destroyed, what cannot be destroyed? Love and Truth, and that's all that matters.

Questioner: Adi Senior has said that 3/4 of the world will come to Him.

Will says, "What can be destroyed? Unless it goes into some creative form. Baba has come to wipe out the ego, by wiping that out means something will take its place. People are ready. Someone asked Baba, "What is Truth?" Baba replied, "Where ignorance is not."