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Eruch: All the rites and rituals of all world religions are put to fire. Baba called the mandali to the fire and Baba put the words Eruch had written into the fire, collected the ash in tins the next day. Someone points out that this happened, the putting of the ashes into the tins, on January 31(!)

Short discussion, which turns long is there about the Book, where it is, and Eruch says that in this very hall, a few days before He passed away... (He stopped coming to the hall on 14th January, Sankrant day in India and on that day Baba would say, "Sweeten your mouth and speak sweetly." On that day Baba gave sweets in his bedroom.) At that time Eruch asked Baba where is the book, and Baba spelled out "Safe." "Where is it?" Eruch asked. Baba responded with some sign, that Eruch thought as the sign for the West, or westerners. "Any instructions given?" Eruch persisted because Eruch had felt that Baba was not long for the world, and Baba said, "Don't worry about it, all instructions have been given." Eruch was asked about the whereabouts of the book even at Baba's internment. The sign was for Adi, Sarosh and even others. Even there was some seance business. Aloba got fiery and said he was going out (presumably to try to find it!). "Where are you going? You shouldn't leave here," Eruch said. Aloba wanted to go at 6 PM some night. So the Persians think that Hafiz is the way to find out the answer to various questions, so Eruch said to Aloba, "Take your bath, and consult Hafiz," and Aloba offered the volume to Baba's seat, and opened to a chapter of a ghazal and every line of the ghazal says, "Don't ask me." Aloba dropped the idea on that advice from Hafiz. Mansari was saying that Baba had told her that the seekers of the path are the ones it will help, even though the lovers are now searching for it. Baba even said to Eruch that scientists and engineers would benefit from it.

A few old mandali read a few pages of the book. Adi read a few. Eruch says, "Somebody must have it." The book was in a vault in Bombay at one time, but the book came out of the vault in good order.

Book written at Meherabad, and Meherazad came into the Baba world in 1943.

Eruch to Jamie Newell: "If you found the Discourses so heavy, what about that book? Will you be able to read it?" Jamie responds with good humor.

Symbols of religions: Dr. Donkin worked upon the symbols of the religions and they were printed in the Wayfarers. Somehow this led to the designs and their variations that are found in Baba's emblem. "Now we see that emblem on all sorts of documents, wedding

announcements and so forth. The Star of David is included now, whereas formerly it wasn't there at first.

A man tells the story of a friend of his who had pictures of Mukhtananda on the walls of his house. This man was contemptuous of the person's devotion, which included the idea that Mukhtananda should make the person rich and contented physically. In addition, the man reported that the friend liked a form of meditation practice in which the friend would form an image of Mukhtananda and an image of some other saint, and then would imagine the saint merged into Mukhtananda. The person reported to the man that he couldn't make it work with Meher Baba.

To all this, Eruch tries to make the man's attitude more neutral. Eruch referred to the worship of others as kindergarten for spirituality. Eruch tries to make the man more comfortable with the idea that his friend has found something.

Eruch says all things turn to dust, and the person will thirst for something else. Let each one go in his own way towards Him. If a person asserts things about his master and derogates Baba, what to do? It's OK to express your belief in return but try not to make it in anger. Baba has said "I am the one to take away all that you have and make you totally empty for you ready to receive the grace I have come to give." This is the difference.

Eruch says we have a saying, traditionally. "One who gives a gift and receives it back is not a person to be relied upon." It's common sense.

Eruch says that He allows these things to play, and if he didn't what would be the chance for his Grace to function? Such things are bound to be in the world. A thief goes to Meher Baba and prays to Baba's photo. "Baba, I am going out tonight and please give me enough to feed my family for a month." He does and Baba blesses him, and it works. Another says, "Baba please keep me safe from theft." And Baba blesses that one.

There's a challenge. "I want to believe in You." Baba says, "If you believe in me I am happy," but His trait is to take everything away from you. The world gives praises to the Lord, but with strings attached. "I'll love you if you give me what I want..."

Story of something that truly happened in India. There was a certain king who was ruling over his subjects, and he ruled justly, and they loved the king. King was getting old and he had a very handsome son, and he thought he should abdicate the throne in favor of his son. He wanted to marry the son off first, to a beautiful girl so there might be a handsome king and queen when the King would abdicate. Eventually the wedding takes place, they live the married life, and the King announces that he will now abdicate. Son was handsome, strong, and appeared to be quite just. So king retired and new king continued to be happy with the subjects, and vice versa.

The queen over the vast territories doesn't seem to be happy, so the son ponders over it, and asks her why she is not happy. "With all this we have, I find one thing lacking; I haven't heard you speak out the name of the Lord yet since we are together."

This becomes the story of the king who unwittingly cries out the name of the Lord. It's an oft-told story in later years.

The queen tells the king that he had uttered the name of the Lord. "What? My beloved escaped from my heart?" Such is the way Baba wants us to hold the precious treasure that He gives us. To contain the love is very important.

We understand that prayer should not be for show. Eruch says our love for him is quite personal, not that it should prevent us from telling others about Him. Eruch says that he never talks about how much he loves Baba. That's personal, and it's between Eruch and Baba.

Now Eruch turns to Louis Agostini to ask him to relieve him. Louis says he only met Baba once. "They treat me like one of the old people from Myrtle Beach who have been with Baba forever, whereas I only met him at E-W Gathering.

Eruch says this is the treasure we can share. Louis says that inevitably question 1 is how one heard about Baba. Louis says it started when he was quite young. He hadn't even gone to school yet. He was less than 6 years old and yet he was thinking the thought of death. No external reason for him to reflect on.

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