
MANI'S LETTERS TO BABA

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MANI: I used to write letters to Baba; when I was seven and eight. I had them. I didn't know they were there. I had forgotten all about it, you know. But I found these, somebody found these, some old letters.

Eruch once gave me a letter that I had written long ago, and in Gujarati to Baba. And then more letters and more letters we found in the old records. And in one of the latest ones I read, I mean it's not the latest, it's the one I read most lately. And I'm so dramatic in that, and I tell Baba, I said, "May God grant," in one sentence somewhere. "May God grant that we meet again soon."

[general laughter]

Now when I read it, I really can't believe it! I would say things like that in these letters. "Please, why do you have your letters to me written by other people?" I wanted it direct to me, because—

"Please send me a button, a Baba button with your own hands that you have, and send it to me, and don't let mother know. She always takes these things and puts them away in the cupboard and says, 'It's for you when you grow up.' And I want it now."

[Mani laughs]

PILGRIM: So did He send you a letter?

MANI: Oh yes, oh dear me, yes. I think — poor Changi, Framroze Dadachanji, Baba's secretary, had a lot of work because he would take down Baba's dictation.