
WE FEEL EMPTIED

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MANI: Had we known as we were going in the plane, what is to happen before we came back, we would not be so light. Even sometimes when we like to know what will happen next, I mean like to know what's in the future, whatever it is.

I realised it is His compassion that He doesn't let us know that we are blindfolded step by step. All we have to know is that He knows and that our hand is in His. He's holding our hand. But He's leading. If all the time we think, "Oh there may be a hole, oh there may be a Hill." No, sometimes also, some of the, for us, for instance, our whole life was directed in every minutest detail personally by Baba. Not a single thing was our own. I mean, even though we know Baba knows, nothing was secret, nothing was private, nothing was ours.

I wasn't mine, so my time wasn't mine, my prose weren't mine, my words weren't mine, my actions weren't mine, it's all Baba's. And now, therefore in the latter years, in the late, mid sixties when Baba started doing work, very gently, preparing us in a way to decide on our own or offer decision or He would say, something would come up and He would play the part of the, that He didn't know what to do about it.

He was part of, and He would say, "What do you think?"

And we were surprised, said, "Baba how, whatever you say we will do, whatever you want."

"No, no, but I am asking you. Tell."

So there again that was an order, you tell.

So we would start and say, "Well, we think it will be like this."

And I found that after a while we got so good at it, whenever He asked, that sometimes we were doing it even before He asked. You know, we were saving Him the trouble of this, especially where it concerned Baba, as a protecting Him. But I realised that little by little Baba was preparing us.

But now the most difficult thing right then for us was, we are not advanced, we don't know, we feel so emptied, more and more and more, which I told myself was fine. Hollow, that's where the bangle is, holding, that's where the holds are and only then can His breath come to the music, the sound of His silence, whatever.

So we just go on. But then I tell myself when we have decided something or advice, is it the right thing Baba? How do you ask? We ask, we talk, how do we know?

And then I come to learn through that more and more, that, and also, not only

from asking, from hearing the lives of His children whom we, who love Him and whom we love, whom He loves and I find that much of the pain we bring on ourselves because of any decision that we have to make or anything that we are confronted with or anything we are faced with, when we do, we have to put Baba first and ourselves second. I don't say that we have come to a point where we don't exist, but we are second. Even a zero can be a second, we are second.

But only when you place yourself first and Baba second, then comes the pain, then comes the trouble, then comes the magnifying of the problems. It's this, it's just this.

Am I, am I really putting myself, am I really, really doing this for Baba? Am I putting myself first or Him second? Because He's the one, the only one and He would describe in this lovely gesture that I came to love, all of illusion like this, a zero, it's a round, round circle or once He referred to it as a potato [pilgrims laugh] a rotten potato or whatever. But you know such.

Now a zero also has a place. Only if it is linked to the one, if it is after the one. Place the zero before the one, finished.

So He's the one the zero is linked after. That zero which is us, Baba lovers' life, has a significance, has a meaning because it is linked to the one. Because of the one, our lives also can have meaning. Whether one is a salesman or a businessman or a doctor or a lawyer, it's not what you do but it's love that you apply to whatever you do or simply it comes through because of Him. Just comes through whether you are a

postman or a teacher or whatever it is. Or a musician. It comes through. Sometimes you are conscious of it, you are consciously applying it or not.

Then as I, Baba is the one and we are the zero after the one. Baba is number ten. So number ten includes all the other numbers. Five does not include ten but ten includes five, ten includes seven, ten includes three. All!

So then it follows that no matter even if those who we know, who will only accept Baba as Jesus or any, no matter what or where, it all reaches Baba. Because all includes, Baba's all inclusive. Being a complete number, the ten. All that is included in Baba. None of that escapes. It may take longer to get there through the [inaudible] but none of that escapes.

And that is what Baba has said to His lovers, to His disciples, to His close ones, that, "Because of your love for me, because of your connection with me, because you are linked with me, those who are linked with you, by relationship, family relationship or friendship or whatever, also receive. They are also benefited with my love, my grace, my blessings."

Because His is unlimited. Because when you sprinkle, when you throw water, the sprinkle, the drops come, reach far and wide and not limited to that particular little spot we are putting it. So Baba reaches out just all over. Especially, the, you see how the link follows the link, the link, right through. It's like the compartments of the train as He had said like that. Then look at the magnitude of His giving, of His blessing.