
HARD TO HIDE HIS DIVINITY

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MANI: We had only a few people come and ask about Baba. Like we were in a place like Satara where we don't know anybody, nobody knows us, we know a Civil Surgeon, that's because of...

So then we are trying to project Baba's image in the right way, right? So that people don't misunderstand by this or that one. Then Boom! [sound of hand clap] came the accident. I mean who after that can get up and speak up and say, 'Yes, Baba's God'? You know Dr. Donkin said he sent a card to them for Christmas, and in it was Baba's saying, in which Baba said, 'I was Ram, I was Krishna, and I was Jesus, I'm now Meher Baba'. Oh, that upset them a lot, the missionaries. They are very good people but it upset them a lot, because they started praying for us – we have had a lot of prayers said for us, lots of prayers [laughter and chatter].

AMM*: To save you from this delusion.

MANI: But when the accident came and now we are feeling, 'Oh, it's beyond, it's finished now,' we had no thought for these people. I mean that image, what shall we say, our wish to impress them with who Baba is, make them understand, that's gone, that's shattered, that dream, we just go.

Then we meet them on the road, such reverence, such love, they had been waiting for Baba's car to pass. Been waiting for a long time, and the way they bowed, I just get that one glimpse of them, and it is as if I had glimpsed Baba behind the veil. I mean there was no doubt about that. So I always like to think that just like when Baba's sadra would sometimes tear and you could see a pin, beautiful arm or shoulder and in the same way, when his body is broken it somehow exposes his divinity. You can see through, slightly, it would be very difficult for him *not to* expose his Godhood. One day Baba said *that* because one person kept saying, 'Baba why don't you manifest, you please manifest, when will you manifest ahh' you know [smattering of laughter] some people come who will do that because as I did! Baba very sweetly replied and you know [inaudible] of age. Once he said [pause]

AMF:** Why don't you manifest Baba?

MANI: Yeah, he said, 'It's very easy for me to manifest, very easy for me to release myself, it's difficult *not to*. You have no idea' Baba said. Then he said something so practical and so delightful, he said, 'You know like when you get wind in the stomach, it's so difficult to hold it in isn't it? [Smattering of laughter] But you can you can only do it in the right place at the right time [more laughter].' So at the right time Baba manifesting [inaudible] I thought it was so funny. He never asked that again, that guy [bursts of laughter].

AMM: I think someone said after Baba's accident in the United States in Oklahoma, that after that accident he looked so beautiful and radiant when he was in the hospital injured, just terribly injured but he was so beautiful.

MANI: Yeah and when he gave darshan wasn't it in New York after the accident?

AMM: Yes that's right

AMM: Yes

AMF: Yeah

MANI: Where was it?

AMM: New York

MANI: And we heard versions of it, we heard a description of it later from those who'd been there. Baba's love was released so and it flooded the place where there - all received it. And here was Mehera saying, 'When Baba was so beautiful he didn't give darshan and now his leg in a cast'. Feeling -- wow, Baba was so powerful. Amazing love.

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