
SAHAVAS

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ERUCH: These points they are very beautiful.

PILGRIM 1: Over here.

ERUCH: But see if you'll want to read that also. These are what He said. These are the notes of the day when He said that on that particular day.

PILGRIM 1: This is February 15th 1958. And it's a sahasas and this is what Baba said on sahasas.

"Sahasas is the intimacy of give and take of love. I am the only Beloved and you all are my lovers. Or I am the only lover and you all are my beloveds. I want you all to remain happy in My sahasas. This will be the last sahasas. I am the ocean of love. Draw as much of this love as possible. Make the most of this opportunity. It rests with you to draw as much love as possible out of the ocean. It does not rest with me to explain to you as to how you should love me. Does a husband or a wife explain to one another how to love?

One thing is certain, that I want to give you my love. It depends on each of you to receive it. Easy way to receive it is to forget your home, family and all worldly affairs when you are here and be receptive to my love. This is the first thing to follow if you want to receive the maximum of my love. The second thing to follow is to have a good night's rest. Sleep well each night

and feel fresh when you come here for my sahasas each day.

I am God. If you remain drowsy in my presence you will miss me. And your drowsiness will oblige you to remain absent from my presence in spite of your daily attendance. Sahasas means intimate companionship. To establish this companionship you should be free with me. Sahasas is the intimacy of give and take of love between the lovers and the beloved. There is no need to explain this give and take of love. To create an atmosphere of explanations and discourses is to mar the dignity of love which is established only in the closest of intimacy.

How do I participate in the sahasas? I bow down to myself, I embrace myself. It is I who smile, who weep. It is Baba who sits here on the dais seat and it is Baba who squats on the ground in the pandal [foreign]. Baba meets upon Baba. Baba consoles Baba, pets Baba, chides Baba. It is all Baba, Baba, Baba. Such is my experience of participation in the sahasas.

Drink deep at the fountain of my love. But do not lose consciousness. If you can but taste even a drop of this love what wonderful experience it will be. Have you any idea what this sahasas is? He who approaches me with a heart full of love has my sahasas. After I drop this body and my passing away from your midst many things will be said about this sahasas. Take the

fullest advantage of this opportunity in the living presence of the Avatar. Forget everything else but my sahavas. And concentrate all your attention on me. I am the Ancient One."

ERUCH: Which year is that?

PILGRIM 1: 1958 February.

ERUCH: This is '79. 21 years have passed since then.

PILGRIM 1: Was it this that you wanted read?

ERUCH: Yeah.

PILGRIM 1: Baba's remarks during the sahavas 1979.

ERUCH: Just stray remarks.

PILGRIM 1: Baba emphasised, 'I am sakshat [foreign] Paramatma. If anyone were to.

ERUCH: Sakshat means veritable. Veritably.

PILGRIM 1: "If anyone were to get even a glimpse of my real state one would like to be cut into pieces a thousand times for me." While meeting and embracing one of the sahavasees by name Shri Bahuguna.

ERUCH: Bahuguna. Bahuguna.

PILGRIM 1: Meaning with many qualities. Baba jocularly remarked, "I am also bahurupiya" [foreign].

ERUCH: Bahurupiya.

PILGRIM 1: One who assumes various characters.

ERUCH: Yeah. [laughing] Bahuguna is a name in India. Amongst Indians. Bahuguna is many qualities. Gun [foreign]. Gun is quality.

PILGRIM 1: So Baba said, "I am also bahurupiya."

ERUCH: Bahurupiya means yeah.

PILGRIM 1: One who assumes various characters.

ERUCH: Various characters. Sometimes he becomes a woman. Sometimes he becomes a very strong man, old man, young child like that. They change. Here in India on the streets they move about. They are known as bahurupiyas. They change their characters. Their forms.

PILGRIM 1: Baba said, "Once if I were to turn the key those who are opposed to me would change into real bhaktas [foreign] lovers in no time. Anyway even virudh bhakti [foreign] remembrance of those who oppose is better than no bhakti at all. Remembrance through love." Baba once remarked, "Of what use would it be to have my photos on paper? Best is to establish them in your hearts."

Baba stressed, "If I am not all-knowing what would it avail you to send me chits and notes? And if I am all-knowing I know everything. Chits and notes do not serve any purpose." [pilgrims laughing]. "I tell you I know everything. I am all-knowing."

ERUCH: Because sometimes in sahavas or as such they would pass some note to Baba you see. So once, twice, thrice He

collected. He means somebody else collected on His behalf. then He gave out this. These are stray remarks you see in the course of the sahavas.

PILGRIM 1: Baba also said, "If you all take me to be God, God is all-knowing. What is it then that makes you come to me with your difficulties? [general laughter]. As it is, it seems to you that I do not know everything [pilgrims laughing]." Baba told Godavari Mai.

ERUCH: Godavari Mai.

PILGRIM 1: Godavari Mai. "It is definite that I am in everyone and the glory of the suns is the 7th shadow of my real state of reality. Even a glimpse of this glory was enough for one to lose all consciousness. Nothing but the effulgence then remained to be seen to people."

ERUCH: These are all copyrighted things ha.

PILGRIM 1: Yeah.

PILGRIM 2: Well you want to repeat that?

ERUCH: [Laughing] No, what I mean to say be careful how you have made use of these things. No it's not copyrights, I don't think.

PILGRIM 1: No they are. They have been published.

ERUCH: They have been published.

PILGRIM 1: Baba said, "So far as birthdays go."

ERUCH: What was the heading of it?

PILGRIM 1: "Baba's Remarks During Sahavas".

ERUCH: So it has been published?

PILGRIM 1:No. Not all of it.

ERUCH: All of them?

PILGRIM 1: [crosstalk] In the Awakener. "So far as birthdays go, every day is my birthday." Baba once remarked, "Love has no limits but the mind is in the way. This hitch cannot be removed without my grace. It is impossible to be removed because mind has to annihilate itself. For example if one were asked to jump over oneself the most one would do would be to take a somersault. It is impossible to jump over oneself. One may jump over others but not over oneself. One may love Baba sincerely, one may want to realise Baba as He really is. But the hitch remains, and this hitch can only be removed by my grace. Books etc. would not bring about one's spiritual regeneration. Mind cannot be annihilated by mind as one cannot jump over oneself.

Only by loving me as I ought to be loved can the mind be destroyed. Anyone may have love for Baba but not the love I wanted. My lovers' faith may be likened to one who is fond of lions and admires them so much that he keeps the lion in his own home. But being afraid of the lion he puts him in a cage. The lion is always encaged. Even when he feeds the lion he feeds the pet animal from a distance and from outside the cage. Baba is also treated like the lion by the lovers. There is love, there is admiration, there is an intense desire to see Baba comfortable and happy and Baba is also frequently fed by the love of the lovers. But all this is done keeping Baba

segregated from one's own self. What is wanted of the lovers is that they should open the cage and through intense love for their Baba throw themselves inside the cage to become food for the lion of love. The lover should permit himself to be totally consumed through his own love for the Beloved. In spite of all explanations and readings of books, words remain mere words. They do not take one any further than mere intellectual satisfaction. Only love for God works the miracle because love is beyond mind and intellect. Where then is the necessity to read? I authoritatively say I am the Ancient One. I have been saying this to all the world. If you love me with all your heart you shall be made free eternally."

Next point is taking the sahasas.

ERUCH: It is not you will, you SHALL be.

PILGRIM 1: Taking the sahasasees on Meherabad Hill Baba said, "When I leave this body it will have its rest in the tomb on this Hill. After 70 years this Hill."

ERUCH: Which year is this now?

PILGRIM 1: '58.

ERUCH: Oh.

PILGRIM 1: Still.

ERUCH: Hmm. Still '58.

PILGRIM 1: Yeah, that same sahasas.

ERUCH: Hmm. So what did you say?

PILGRIM 1: "When I leave this body it will have its rest in the tomb on this Hill. After 70 years this Hill will turn into a place of

world pilgrimage, where lovers of God, philosophers and celebrities will come to pay homage to the tomb. How fortunate you all are that you are here in my living presence. And that you could come up the hill with me. Those of you who have not seen the tomb before should go there and see it and pay respects [bell rings] with the firm resolve that you will try your best to give happiness to others at the cost of your own, and that you will love Baba with all your heart."

ERUCH: See He has guided you all already. What is it? What's the last one?

PILGRIM 1: "Those of you who have not seen the tomb before should go there and see it and pay respects with the firm resolve that you will try your best to give happiness to others at the cost of your own, and that you will love Baba with all your heart. Having made this resolve try to follow up these two things honestly."

Baba once said, "The affairs of the universe continue to go on without being burdensome to me in the least. But the discourses and explanations on subjects of the affairs of the universe, [general laughter] these are headaches [pilgrims and Eruch laughing]. I am the Lord of the universe. The affairs of the universe continue without my paying special attention to them. They continue to work out as naturally as one's own breathing is natural. And one has not to pay particular or special attention to it. For when there is exertion or when one is pressed to give a discourse to explain breathing itself."