
BABA COINCIDENCES

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ERUCH: Okay come on then.

PILGRIM 1: We went to Myrtle Beach in 1987 and I'd lived in Montana for 5 years in Missoula. I had this inward feeling to run up to the Gate House and I ran up all the way from the kitchen or something. And I knew that they had computer systems so I wanted to ask them about, is there any Baba people in Montana? And I had been there in '84 and they didn't know of any at that time in 1984. So I.

ERUCH: Come on, what's the matter?

PILGRIM 2: This is what happens. The story starts and then it [crosstalk]

PILGRIM 1: It's started, the laughing has started. But I asked and they said, "Well there's two people in Missoula." And I didn't say to this affect. I said, "You're crazy," to the people at the gate, at the. They were running the computer. "There can't be anybody. I've lived there for 5 years. There couldn't be anybody in Missoula." But then all of a sudden ding-a-ling-a-ling, Andy calls from Missoula and says, you know. He had to ask some question to the people there. So it was at the same time that I was standing there.

PILGRIM 3: Is that right? [laughing]

ERUCH: Oh, you were there at the time when Andy called?

PILGRIM 1: Yeah. So that was a.

PILGRIM 3: Oh that's amazing.

PILGRIM 1: Yeah. And then we met each other.

ERUCH: This tickles him now.

PILGRIM 1: Yeah. [general laughter]

ERUCH: Otherwise all the time he was dopey you know.

PILGRIM 1: Yeah.

ERUCH: It's no coincidence you see. Yeah.

PILGRIM 1: Yeah. But I felt that I wanted to leave Montana and then since Andy was living there I'm going to stay.

ERUCH: Yeah.

PILGRIM 1: At least he likes it better in Montana than even I do so we will stay. Because we have a son now and we have to raise our family.

ERUCH: I don't know whether you have come across a person by name Jack Caraco.

PILGRIM 1: I've heard of him.

ERUCH: Jacko.

PILGRIM 1: I met him earlier. 7-8 years ago.

ERUCH: You know there's a similar story about.

PILGRIM 4: About meeting people yeah at Montecito.

ERUCH: What is that?

PILGRIM 4: Mendocino.

ERUCH: Mendocino.

PILGRIM 4: Mendocino. That's in California.

ERUCH: Yeah.

PILGRIM 4: But he was you know going up to a place where he thought that there was no one.

ERUCH: That's where Mendocino is.

PILGRIM 4: No Mendocino's in Northern California.

ERUCH: But he had gone there and he didn't know any Baba lover or anything of the sort.

PILGRIM 4: That's right.

ERUCH: And he is writing to Mani and us. He says, "Well I have been. I have come over here for last so many months have passed by. I haven't come across a single Baba person. I don't know whether anybody has heard about Baba," And this and that. All that stuff. And then after having written the letter here, Jacko is driving. It's a mountainous place Mendocino?

PILGRIM 4: Yeah. Yeah it is.

ERUCH: So he's driving on a curve and all that and somebody stops. Some student is there. So Jacko [inaudible] hitch-hiking. So Jacko stopped. He said, "Yeah what do you want?" He said, "Can you drop me there on the other side?" "Yeah, sit down." So the person is there and he sits there by the side of Jacko and all of a sudden when the car starts he says, "Oh. That's Meher Baba." Jacko turns to the student and he says, "Well, you have heard of Meher Baba? You have seen Him? You have met Him?"

He says, "No. But well all know of Him in our school you know." "Where is your school?" He says, "Down there." He says, "What school is called?"

PILGRIM 4: Community school.

ERUCH: Community school yeah. He says, "Oh." Jacko says that, "Well Baba after all has shown signs you see that He's here too." So that's how it was.

Next after about 2-3 days again he goes. A girl stops him. And, "Oh that's Meher Baba." He says, "Yeah. Where?" From the school and so forth and so forth. So then, who girl invites him or what?

PILGRIM 4: Then she tells him that why don't you come because we have pictures of Baba in our school and there's an open house.

ERUCH: Ah, she says, "Why don't you come and it's an open house now. We have got pictures of Baba all over the place." And something. Then tell what happened.

PILGRIM 4: So then he goes. He says, "Okay I'll come." So he goes to the school and not only, you go into the school there's a huge praying picture of Baba, says Jai Baba. Every classroom would have Baba pictures. And it turned out that everybody in the school, the teachers knew about Baba. The students knew about Baba.

ERUCH: No but what about the huge frame that was there?

PILGRIM 4: The huge frame when you.

ERUCH: Circling Baba's picture.

PILGRIM 4: Were all the kids.

ERUCH: Kids and the parents.

PILGRIM 4: Like the heart.

ERUCH: Meher Baba's family [Eruch laughs]

PILGRIM 4: Yeah. Meher Baba's family.

PILGRIM 5: Has any of those people from that school came here? That you know of?

PILGRIM 4: No. [crosstalk]

ERUCH: But then he brought a t-shirt for me from Mendocino [Eruch laughs]. That school. Yeah, yeah.

PILGRIM 4: They were all young kids. [crosstalk]

ERUCH: Remember that? You were here when he told us the story?

PILGRIM 5: No.

PILGRIM 4: Then they showed a film of Baba.

ERUCH: Yeah.

PILGRIM 4: He showed a film. But none of them really knew anything about Baba [inaudible] you know knew about Baba in the sense of loving Him that way.

PILGRIM 3: Have you ever heard from those people at all?

PILGRIM 4: No. Not that I know of.

PILGRIM 3: I wonder what happened?

PILGRIM 4: I don't know. A lot of people sort of like.

PILGRIM 2: [crosstalk] Rick went up there.

PILGRIM 4: Because it's a real small mountain area that's in the mountains, forested and [crosstalk].

ERUCH: And some years ago I came to hear about another fantastic story you see. Couple of friends went out. I forget, I have no idea about the topography or geography of the State. But they were telling me some far off place you see. And well they thought that they'll make it and they were happy they are on excursion you see. Walking about, moving about here and there. But somehow or other some storm or something stops them from going further and it's very threatening, the clouds and all this. They did not know what to do. They couldn't go further. They are not in a car or anything. Hiking. So what should we do? It will be very cold.

So there is some, some at a distance you see there is a beach like thing. And they go

there. There is a flicker of light there. So they go there. There is a community there. So they present themselves there and says, "Well we are stranded over here. Can we have some sort of covering on our bodies here because in the night it's threatening?" And all that. Says two of them came and gave us blankets. "Cover your body with them." And they thanked and then they went away and said, "We'll return you'll tomorrow." Said, "Sure."

So this hovel there they went there in the morning to return the blankets but the whole community was. Nobody was there in that, what do you call?

PILGRIM 4: It was like thatched.

ERUCH: It was like thatched. Huts, hutments were there. Nobody is there. What to do? So but they had said that they would return this. They had to go now. So what they did was they just go there inside to drop the blankets and to their amazement there are bunkers like things. On each of the ceilings of the bunkers there are photos of Baba [Eruch laughs]. Yeah.

What happened to the community we don't know. Who are they, what are they? Yeah. Have you heard of that?

PILGRIM 7: No.

ERUCH: Yeah. So that's how it is.

PILGRIM 7: Something that happened last spring. I don't know whose putting up Baba posters but I had a friend that went to one of our meetings. He went like 70 miles out to this hot spring and he saw on a telephone pole a Baba poster way out in

the middle of. I mean it's out on the Indian Reservation. Way out.

ERUCH: Yeah.

PILGRIM 7: From Missoula a Baba poster. He thought it was something because he had just been to a meeting and he didn't know that much about Baba so. And then our friend in Canada, she lives (Bree Rale). She's been here quite a while ago, maybe '83. She lives by herself in British Columbia. And there was somebody who put a Baba photo or a poster out there also. And you know she, the closest people are like 5 or 600 miles away. We're 8 hours from Missoula and Vancouver BC is probably that, you know close to that. It's the next lot of people. Somebody's put Baba photos up around.

PILGRIM 4: Yeah. It's a surprise where Baba's pictures end up.

ERUCH: We are so, what do you call, thrilled to hear these little episodes that we come across now. A time will come after some years when we wouldn't care even to hear these things.

PILGRIM 7: Yeah.

ERUCH: It will be such a common thing, yeah come on [inaudible]

PILGRIM 7: Yeah.