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## ERUCH'S RELATIONSHIP TO BABA

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**PILGRIM 1:** Did you ever imagine at the time that you would be spending your life with Him?

**ERUCH:** Pardon?

**PILGRIM 1:** Did you ever imagine that you would end up spending your life with Baba?

**ERUCH:** I never imagined anything. I never imagined even after I was called to Him. You see that I was called for the purpose. And then. He called me for something, "Come immediately," nothing more than that. And then when He gave the call never imagined that I would spend the whole life. He said, "Leave all and come." So I went, we went the whole family came. And then also [inaudible]. Even now I don't know. It's like that. It's good that way. Otherwise you become very complacent. It's a good thing brother.

**PILGRIM 1:** Complacency?

**ERUCH:** No [general laughter]. You become complacent otherwise. You know that you are here for all time. All the time it worries me and makes me wonder as to why? Why would He permit a person like I am you see to be by His side you know? One who always inwardly all the time started saying that, "Why? Is He that what He says? Is He? Is He?" And it still it persisted. That Is-He ness persisted and He all the more kept me closer to Him.

**PILGRIM 1:** Is-He ness [general laughter].

**ERUCH:** But from it I learnt gradually how compassionate He is. Others who would want to keep such a person around? Questioning the very Boss. The very bread.

**PILGRIM 1:** That's right at the first you used to question things too?

**ERUCH:** Yeah.

**PILGRIM 1:** Not just at the first?

**ERUCH:** No. At first means when do you mean? At first means what?

**PILGRIM 1:** Well I thought like when you first came to Baba you said you weren't that sure?

**ERUCH:** Yeah I. From the first but never questioned openly. Mind would. Because I had not the guts to question openly. And not the guts I should be fair to myself. Not the guts but I had no use. Because it didn't matter with me. Whether He is what He says He is or what not. But my mind would interrogate, "Is He that what He says? Is it? Can it be that so? Is it that?"

**PILGRIM 1:** You didn't have a certainty about your doubts did you?

**ERUCH:** I had the certainty about my doubts no doubt about it. But it mattered

very little. It was insignificant matter. My doubts were insignificant matters.

**PILGRIM 2:** Well in other words they didn't seem to mind.

**ERUCH:** They didn't bother me.

**PILGRIM 2:** They didn't seem to threaten your being with Baba.

**ERUCH:** No because I was not with Him because He's great or He's God-Man or He's Meher Baba the Ancient One. I was not. Because He called me I was with Him. But then when He started saying that then my mind would say, is He that? Is He that?

**PILGRIM 2:** Is that so?

**ERUCH:** Is that so. So it was like that. But it didn't matter. But then it led me to think. The same mind started thinking. See how compassionate He is that a person like me who doubts His statements or who's not certain of His statements and He not only continues to keep such a person around Him but all the more He keeps closer. He makes me come closer to Him. He gives me more and more opportunities to be with Him closely. So that was very intriguing to me. How, why? Why does He want to do that.

**PILGRIM 3:** Eruch?

**ERUCH:** Yeah.

**PILGRIM 3:** Did you come to feel Baba as God slowly over a period of time or was there one incident or something?

**ERUCH:** No it was not one incident. I don't even remember when it could have

been. But very slowly. Over a period of 40 years you may call it. More than that.

**PILGRIM 3:** So you weren't really seeking to believe in Baba it just happened with you?

**ERUCH:** No. Yes it just happened. No believing is there that He's. Of course, otherwise? Believe means what? Believe that He's a good person, kind person, loving person. You know how I met Him first? The first impact was because of the wound that I had. You know I fell down just a minute before meeting Him. Fell from a fast moving horse carriage you know and in the opposite direction so I just went straight you see. And hurt my elbow very badly. And then he tended me, put me on His lap, caressed me. So all that psychological impression was there, "He's really very good, loving to a total stranger." Like that. So it remained. "He's very kind, very loving." That was there. It began like that. Not more not less just that. And it continued for quite long time.

Then of course the gaps were filled in by our parents. They would say that, "Just do what He wants you to do. You should not refuse. You should continue that way. Why do you do?" I would want to go and play elsewhere. "No. He has come to your house. You go away from here? Why should you do that?" "But I feel comfortable with my friends." "Do you know He's Zoroaster." I would say, "So what if He's Zoroaster? What does that matter?" He says, "You don't have any idea." It's like that. So such was the turmoil there you see, "Why they press me to be with Him? Why they want me to play with Him? Why can't I go outside and play with my friends."

**PILGRIM 3:** All the turmoil was outside.

**ERUCH:** Inside outside like that yeah.