
FIRST HAVE VICTORY OVER YOURSELF

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PILGRIM 1: [Inaudible] The question I'm asking to myself [inaudible]. To look at this process going by without reacting [inaudible].

ERUCH: But are you trying to help yourself or help others?

PILGRIM 1: Well others of course. Not only myself. It's easier to help myself.

ERUCH: No. What Baba wants us to do is first help yourself and then when you have won the victory over yourself then you can be of help to others. Otherwise whatever help and service you render it is trying to be too presumptuous. You have to first have the victory over yourself. Then you can [inaudible] to others. You cannot help others like that. You won't be able to serve anybody without any self interest in it. You'll feel happy, you'll feel great. You have done a great thing. You have interfered. You have been a champion for them. All these things will elevate your ego which comes in your way of truth. You want to be a truthful person, this is not the way to be truthful. First and foremost is to gain victory over yourself. You have to be the master of yourself then you can gain victory.

But if you want to champion the cause of others well you can. There are many ways. Non-violence is there, non-cooperation is there. [Inaudible] go on strike, do rioting and all these things are there in the world.

But that is meant for the world. If you want to save the world first save yourself only then can you save the world. You have not saved yourself how can you save the world then? This is what He would say. He has been telling us, warning us. That's what He said.

PILGRIM 2: Aren't all these things in the world really taken care of by Baba?

ERUCH: Of course. Everything He has been taking care of everything and anything. Everything is working out precisely the way He wants it. But our trying to be of help to others you see. Trying to do some service to society, to community and all this sort of thing is presumptuous on our part. But even that is inspired by Him. Inspired by Him you have been given an opportunity to do that. But what happens is not to help them but to help yourself by doing so. He wants us. He creates opportunities for you to be of service to society, to community and all that. But what happens in the process? You feel that you are of help to them instead of feeling that this is an opportunity to be of help to me while I'm serving them. There is that little subtle difference which goes against us. [pause in conversation].

Suppose if I am a leader of the calibre of Gandhi. I have dedicated myself to this serving my country or whatever it be. Any nation it may be where I am placed. I'm dedicated. All the time I have been doing

things which is helping to promote amity, concord, harmony and all that. I am for that. I am not for violence. I'm not for force. I am not going to wage wars. I want peace all around me and in the World. And that's why I am being honoured and my name is spread all over the world that here is a champion who has taken the cause of humanity to spread peace. Wonderful it is good but has it served the purpose? No. Why? Because there is that slip. The trip. I have tripped because I feel that I am of help to others. I am doing something to them to help them. Instead of feeling that I am helping myself and that I have been given the opportunity to serve them to help myself. And that's where we trip.

PILGRIM 3: We have many saints in the history of the world [inaudible].

ERUCH: But they didn't do all these sort of things. Saints never do these things. Saints have never taken up. They have never championed the cause of nations or anything. They know very well just as he said this that, "Does not Baba handle the situation properly?" They know it. That it is too presumptuous. So why should we meddle in the affairs? It has been pre-ordained. It is like that. It is working with such precision that for us to say even something against it or in favour of it is too presumptuous on our part. They know it. They never go into this.

There's a nice story. Do you want to hear the story about this? Oh when will it all end you know? [general laughter].