
HARDSHIPS CONTACTING MASTS

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PILGRIM: What did he do.

ERUCH: What did he do. We followed him. He would go and take us from places to places. Well for my body I learnt one thing that be very careful where there are brooks there very tantalizing, very clear water flowing, sometimes when you just hold the water in your palms and drink it has the fragrance of cherries and other fruits and all that but beware it is not as innocent as you think because one day Baba had asked me to fetch a jar of water for him so I went out in the thick foliage there and I found a stream there, very tempting I drank water and started cleaning the vessel, filled a can of water for him, filtered it and filled it.

While I was there naturally I was big body and all that and naturally shrubs are there, I rubbed against the shrub and I felt as if I am being stung by scorpions. So, there you have such things I forget the Indian name also many years have passed by so while I am going there I am dancing you see because of the stings that are there and I thought there are bees, but there are no bees, nothing is there some innocent plants are there and as soon as I got out there from the clearing there was a man passing by.

I said: What is it this something is there. He said: Where did you go. I said: to the brook there. Oh! It is infested with they are no weeds but are plants and they have these little furs on the leaves and if they touch your body even through your clothes, even the slightest touch you see well you get that. I said: They are there like that. Yeah, but

they make delicious dish if you know how to cook it they are like vegetables.

You see the leaves are broken you see, covered yourself properly and know how to do it, then you cook it, it makes a delicious dish, that's what I learnt for the physical body and the mental body, my mind and my heart I learned while following him was this that to what phase he would go, to what extent he would go taking pains to go out in search of the loved ones because when he went there he would come in contacts with some persons there who had just abandoned everything and lived just like the three cavemen and go there and contact them and give his physical presence there and not only just stand there as a statue there but serve them, rub their body, get the circulation back and all that and would help him doing that.

They are known as the masts or the people on the path the saintly people that's what he did when he went to these remote places and for that it might take days to find one.

PILGRIM: [Inaudible]

ERUCH: There because there was one saint who was also silent, he never spoke and it was fun to see the two silent ones sitting on the riverbed there is a river flowing there. The saint would write something and then Baba would write on the sand also and reply to that. He would bow down to their love, for their Lord and beknown to them who he is. Very rarely they would recognise him because he would veil himself just as he veils before us we don't see him as he

really is because he has got a perfect veil of a human form. Now they are on the planes, inner planes of consciousness so for them also they may be having some different veils to veil himself. They couldn't recognise him there. But rarely somebody would recognise and there that was fun to recognise him, As soon as he is recognized he would be shy, he would leave immediately turn away you know how a person is caught in an act that's how he would do, he would try to disengage himself and get away but there were some people who were very shrewd, they wouldn't allow him to disengage so easily they would hold his feet, they would touch his knees there with both hands, it was real struggle

to get him free out of their clutches and this is one of the stories of Krishna, Mast who had recognized him as his Lord Krishna. They went into such an embrace on the main road and they both fell, lost their balance and they were rolling on the road in an embrace. Sights for God's to see and you take pains to go thousands upon thousands of miles he has travelled, not aeroplane rides or anything of that sort, walking, bullock-carts in Indian bullock-carts that are there. Sometimes in horse carriages, sometimes in buses, trains and that they are not to be found near the cities, outback so we have to go on foot many times to reach the destination that's what we did.