## "I AM HERE" PHOTO

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**PILGRIM #1**: What do you know about this picture?

**DEVANA:** The Ancient One picture

**ERUCH:** That's the Ancient One. Yeah, why?

**PILGRIM #1:** Is there any story behind that picture?

ERUCH: Yeah.

**PILGRIM #1:** Is it too long?

**ERUCH:** Yeah. I would like to tell you that. Whose is that? Yours?

PILGRIM #2: Yeah

**ERUCH:** Good. Well go and show her that picture. She was not here the other day? No, she was not here. That Ancient One of Finland story.

**DEVANA:** Oh. You want me to— OK, I think I have it.

**ERUCH:** Who told you about everything? Who told you that there is a story about it?

**PILGRIM #1:** I was remembering. I just was curious. That's it.

**ERUCH:** [Chuckles] What had happened is. I don't know what. It was

a picture taken in '30s or even earlier than that. So recently we came across certain persons who had come from England and she told us a story about a certain woman who had gone to Finland. You know what Finland? Finland.

PILGRIM #1: Yeah.

**ERUCH:** And there she is there on an excursion and all that sort of thing. And there what happened is this. Just read the story first.

**DEVANA:** OK. "Dearest Mani" I will read the part just about that.

ERUCH: Yeah. Yeah.

**DEVANA:** "Dearest Mani. Jai Baba.

Do you remember last August I told you the story of the unknown woman? Well, here it is. During 1930 an unknown woman was meditating in the name of Jesus Christ in one of the public parks in Helsinki, Finland. As she was praying she heard a clear voice saying, "I am here." She could not see anything with her eyes. She had a camera with her and she photographed the spot where the voice came from. She forgot all about the incident and later took several snapshots while on holiday.

She then later took the film to be developed. The film printer knew nothing about the film. As the film was

in the chemical solution, the film maker could not believe his eyes as God-Man took form in front of him. He rushed to the phone, called the woman and with excitement told her, "Madam you have God on your film!" She was puzzled, and then remembered the moment in her prayer in the park and the voice saying, "I am here."

**MEHERWAN**: Yeah. I have got that photograph. I have got that.

**ERUCH:** Have you— have you seen it?

**MEHERWAN**: I have got a negative.

**ERUCH:** Where do you see him? Where do you see him?

PILGRIM #3: I can't see him.

**MEHERWAN:** Cover from behind and see.

**DEVANA:** This way, then people can see it where they can't see it.

**ERUCH:** Can you see the face?

PILGRIM #1: Oh wow!

**ERUCH:** [laughs]

**DEVANA:** If you look at it like where the window is, you can really see it.

PILGRIM #1: Oh wow! Right!

**ERUCH:** Ken, Did you see it?

**KEN:** Yeah!

**ERUCH:** [Whistle blowing] See Ken saw it at first instant but then you couldn't see it. [Laughter] See how he could recognize Baba.

**PILGRIM #3:** Now you see His eye, yeah.

**PILGRIM #1:** Yes, I see him perfectly now. Oh that's amazing!

PILGRIM #4: I read this book.

**ERUCH:** Good.

**MEHERWAN:** Mansari gave me a copy of this.

**DEVANA:** She took a picture in the direction where she heard the voice saying, "I am here." It was in a forest - a park.

**PILGRIM #1:** Wow! That's neat.

**MEHERWAN:** There is one more picture . A small photograph like that. That also, full-standing Baba is there. I got it from Mansari. [Chuckles] I got my collection.