

GLORIES OF BA'BA'

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DEVOTIONAL FLOW

I was initiated into Ananda Marga spiritual practices in the year 1957. In the same year, there was DMC (Dharma Maha' Cakra) Universal Spiritual Congregation of A'nanda Marga followers in Ramnagar, Champaran district, Bihar, India.

I was very eager to attend it, However, an obstacle cropped up. A local election was being held and the son of the Chief Minister of Bihar (India) was a candidate. The higher officers in consultation with the Chief minister's son appointed me as election officer. The Chief Minister's son expected all the 'help' from me in his favour, as luckily for him, he found me to be of his so-called caste (or community). He did not know that I had been initiated into Ananda Marga and would not do any immoral work.

I applied for leave to attend DMC. The higher authorities refused to grant me leave, and told me that I had been appointed as election officer in order to help the son of the Chief minister. I began to explain to them about the importance of DMC, which I really wanted to attend. My immediate boss told me, "Have you gone mad ? How can you dare to avoid the election of the son of the Chief Minister?" I was bent on getting leave, and spoke frankly to my officer that I had joined Ananda Marga and that it was impossible for me to do any immoral act in favour of the Chief Minister's son in the election. Anyhow the officer granted me the leave, but warned me of dire consequences for not helping the Chief Minister's son. Anyhow this obstacle was overcome by the grace of Ba'ba'.

I went to Ramnagar in Champaran, Bihar, where the DMC was to be held. I found myself sitting in a room of the house where Gurudeva had been lodged. He was in fact staying in the room, next to me. Some disciples came to pay their respects to Him. They prostrated themselves before Him to show their respect. I was also asked by somebody to go and pay my respects to Ba'ba.

I entered the room and saw some people prostrating before Him. It did not convince me. I thought: "This person is in plain dress", and, "Why are they

prostrating before Him?" So I bowed down a little with folded hands but did not prostrate, and quickly came out of Ba'ba's room. Again I sat down in the room adjacent to Ba'ba's room.

After some time, people started saying that Ba'ba' was going to go for field walk. Afterwards, some people began announcing that Ba'ba' was returning from His field walk. I heard the sound of His car, and as Ba'ba' came out of it, I immediately began experiencing a tremendous spiritual vibration. My whole body was vibrated and tears flooded my eyes. I could not understand why.

Suddenly one elderly man came up to me and said, "Yes, yes, He is an ordinary man. Why can't you stop your tears?" Really, all along I had been thinking in my mind that Ba'ba' was an ordinary man. I was very surprised. How could this man read my mind? Why did he tell me to stop my tears? Later on I came to know that he could study the minds of others by the grace of Ba'ba. He was taunting me, because I mistook Ba'ba' to be an ordinary man.

Ba'ba' came into the house, and entered His room. At that moment I became so overwhelmed by His spiritual wave, that I automatically began moving towards Ba'ba's room. Then I quickly ran into Ba'ba's room and prostrated myself. Ba'ba' said, "Sit down. Why do you weep? You are only a little late. At least you have come. Don't weep".

Then I sat down with tears in my eyes. After some time I returned to my normal state of consciousness. Here two things are to be marked. First, when I had first seen Ba'ba', I did not prostrate. Why did I prostrate myself this time? On the first occasion, I intellectually took Him to be an ordinary man, and hence I did not prostrate. This time, due to the grace of Ba'ba', the spiritual force in me had arisen, and I was flooded with a devotional feeling. So respect towards Him automatically developed and I immediately prostrated myself before Him.

This means that only with the Guru's grace, does devotion and respect develop in the minds of the disciples. Nobody should think that he/she has respect and devotion for the Guru due to his/her own effort.

Second, why did the tears flow? Due to the spiritual awakening by Ba'ba',

spiritual force (kundalini) suddenly arose, devotional feelings influenced the mind, and hence, tears came out which in itself is a sign of the rising of the Kundalini Shakti. When due to devotional feelings, the mind is overstimulated, and tears start flowing, the mind expands and comes in contact with the Cosmic mind which transmits bliss.

SAMADHI

In 1958 in Jamalpur, Bihar initially there was a small ashram, and all the disciples would come and sit around Ba'ba's cot. Once a student from Muzaffarpur, Bihar, was sitting with us. Ba'ba' suddenly asked that boy to come near His cot. When he came close, Ba'ba' asked, "What do you drink in your hostel and do you keep the bottle hidden in your bookshelf? Nobody knows it. But I know".

The boy became ashamed and accepted that he had been drinking wine and was storing it hidden in the almirah. Ba'ba' told, "You can commit mistakes hundreds of miles away but I can know it". Then Ba'ba' told him to come closer, then Ba'ba touched his ajina' chakra, the middle point of eyebrows, and the boy went into samadhi.

I could not understand, because those were very early days for me in Ananda Marga. I had read about Samadhi, but had never seen a demonstration of it, specially that of a disciple going into samadhi by the touch of the Guru. Everybody was watching curiously. Then Ba'ba' told all of us, "By touching the Ajina' cakra. This boy has gone into samadhi and there has been some hormonal secretion from his pineal gland".

This hormonal secretion of the pineal gland is described as 'Amrta Rasa', nectarean hormone. It appeared as if the boy was unconscious, but he was not senseless rather he was in a gracious samadhi. Ba'ba' said, "After some minutes his senses will return to his body and the world, because he is divinely intoxicated. When he returns from samadhi, you people will see his eyes are red as if drunk, but that is divine intoxication, not wine intoxication".

So after 15-20 minutes he opened his eyes. Then Ba'ba asked us to look at his eyes. We saw it was quite reddish, as if he was drunk. He had not completely returned to his physical senses. Ba'ba asked him "How do you feel, is it enjoyable? Is it better than the enjoyment of wine?" He replied, "It is a

thousand times better". Baba said, "When one drinks wine he loses his senses, the mind is crudified, it becomes blind; but when one goes into samadhi, he goes into a fine state of subtlety and when he returns from samadhi then one is refreshed and consciousness returns.

Then Ba'ba' asked the boy to promise not to drink wine. Baba said, "You do more Sadhana and you will be able to enjoy Samadhi and the hormone secretion from the pineal gland. This will give you more concentration of mind to study well, whereas after drinking wine you lose your senses and you feel sleepy. You miss your studies and waste your father's money in purchasing wine. For samadhi you have not to spend a single paisa.

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It was 1959, I was then a family man in the government service. Usually by Saturday evening we margiis would come to Jamalpur to have Ba'ba's night darshan and for general darshan on Sunday in the Ashram. I came to Piirapainti Railway Station and caught the train. When I entered the compartment, it came to my mind that the margiis had said that Ba'ba' is all knowing. He can read the hearts of all. If it is so, then when I reach Ba'ba's quarters in the evening then at the time of His evening walk to the historical tiger's tomb, even if there be any number of margiis to accompany Him, let Him say that I should accompany Him alone. Then I will believe He is 'Antarayami'.

Ba'ba' was also then employed in the government service of the railways. So He was staying in a Railway Quarter. Usually the disciples who were eager to accompany Him for His walk to the tomb, would wait a few yards away from His house under a margosa tree. Then when Baba would come out of His house, the door would open and all would run to the door. Ba'ba' would come out with an umbrella in His hand whether it was summer, rainy season or winter day or night Someone would then hold His umbrella when He would come out of His house and then He would start walking to the field.

That day something amazing happened. Baba was standing under the Margosa tree and proceeded to talk to the disciples. I ran up to the margosa tree where Ba'ba' was standing. I did my namaskar (Salutations to the Preceptor). Then Ba'ba' smiled and told the other disciples, "All of you go and only he will accompany me today. I had long forgotten the thought that

had come to my mind some hours earlier concerning His "antaryamitva" (occult power used to study the minds of others). Then Ba'ba' asked me to follow Him.

I followed Him alone but became shy and fearful thinking how could I have been so doubtful about His divine qualities or occult powers. In that moment Ba'ba' turned towards me and smiled and all my fears vanished. So this also I could mark, that Ba'ba' can finish the vritti (propensity) of anybody when He chooses.

So I accompanied Ba'ba', sometimes walking silently and sometimes talking. After crossing the wooden railway bridge we came near the old church.

Suddenly, a black dog came onto the road. The dog also accompanied us. This place was about 2 kilometres from Ba'ba's Quarter and the sudden appearance of this strange dog aroused curiosity in my mind. Ba'ba' told me, "Do not allow this dog to touch my body. He will always try to do so. So you remain between the dog and me". So I kept the dog away from Ba'ba* and it followed us all the way to the tomb. When Ba'ba' reached the tomb He took His seat on it.

The dog jumped on the tomb to sit near Ba'ba'. Then Ba'ba' asked me to move the dog from there. I did so, then Ba'ba' asked me, "What do you know about this dog?" I replied, "Nothing, Ba'ba". Then Baba told me, "This dog was a human being in his past life. He was a religious man but committed so serious sin that he got this animal body. If he touches my body, he will die immediately and shall get a human body. But he is still under punishment for four years more according to Cosmic law."

Afterwards, Ba'ba' added that he had a human mind in an animal's body, and that was how he had recognised Him. Also Ba'ba' told me that he recognised me and Dasarath. He was related to Dasarath. Only on the days that Dasarath and I come the dog also come. Immediately, I mentioned to Ba'ba' that Dasarathji was not with us. Then Ba'ba' asked me to go along the road and look for Dasarathji. I walked some distance and returned to Ba'ba' and reported that Dasarathji was not there.

Then Ba'ba' asked me again to go towards the road and that he was definitely coming. So I proceeded to the roadside. When I reached the road, I saw

Dasarathji coming. Surprised, I conveyed to him how I had come to look for him under Ba'ba's order. I began feeling shy to go back to Ba'ba, because I had not believed Him.

I asked Dasarathji, what he knew about this dog. Dasarathji replied that Ba'ba had told him about the dog. I again asked him how this dog behaves with him? Dasarathji told me, "When the dog sees me, he comes near me as if I am known to him. He tries to lick my legs, and wags his tail to show his love towards me". Then both of us came to Ba'ba' on the tomb, and prostrated ourselves doing Sastaunga Pranam (offering of spiritual compliments by lying prone on the ground and stretching the hands towards the Preceptor).

So this day I could mark that Ba'ba' has the occult power to read the minds of others. Also He possesses the occult power to know one and all, their past, present, and future. Further, it was confirmed that there is rebirth and that a human being can also become an animal due to his/her mistake. But all of this can be recognised by intuition and not by intellect.