

*Mehera's letter 9/11 send later f*

Meherazad  
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Dearest Hilda,

Jai Baba to you from your Meherazad family - we remember you very lovingly and recall with joy your visit to Baba's Home along with dear Anthony - how perfect the Beloved's timing, how great His Love for His loved ones!

Dear Mehera received your letter and shared it with me. We have kept silent when a couple of young ones wrote on the matter you speak of in your letter; but as you are very close to our hearts in Baba's Love, Mehera wishes that I reply.

There's too much or nothing at all to say dear Hilda, so I must strike a balance. "Sufism Speaks Out", the widely circulated booklet you received, is mainly a reproduction of the very angry and personal letters that members of Sufism Reoriented wrote to Eruch. It has many inaccuracies, incorrect statements and misquotes of our words. It is totally their side of the picture, all the time sidestepping the issue in question.

Among the various incorrect statements, is that Baba wrote the Sufi Charter. Baba did not write it - several versions were drafted by them and others, and one was approved by Him.

They say, on page 30 (2nd para) of the booklet: "You may recall that, before His passing in 1969, Baba told some of the mandali, 'Wait till Ivy's Sufi's come here - they are so full of love - it will renew your lives' !!! (Baba did not mention Ivy's Sufi's. He just gestured widely, referring to all His many young ones yet to come.)

Another interesting absurd statement from 'Sufism Speaks Out', (page 55), "Now He (Meher Baba) is the Master of the world and not the Master of individuals...He Himself wished Sufis to have the example of earthly masters." !!!

Talking of 'masters' in another booklet by Sufism Reoriented titled "Conversations with a Western Guru" (meaning Ivy), they say that founding and organizing Sufism Reoriented occupied Baba's attention for more than twenty years, and was the most innovative educational project of His Life! (Astounding, when the mandali who lived with Baba, very seldom heard Him mention about it in all those years!!)

I could go on and on, but I have no wish to. We have always had love and respect for Ivy, and as you should know there must have been a strong reason for Eruch's WARNING letter, to which many Baba-lovers responded with remarks such as, "This has been long overdue - we are happy someone in authority at last had the guts to speak put." and so on. Without knowing the facts, it is easy to see how anyone reading their booklet can feel as you do. But you dear Hilda could not possibly think Baba's mandali would act without a real reason or out of ignorance and malice! There was nothing personal, and we have not harboured any ill feeling towards dear Ivy or her mureeds. What Eruch did was done as a duty. Many of the new and old Baba-lovers (Myrtle Beach and other places) have been very upset with Sufism Reoriented's attack on the mandali, and at the force of their anger which even made them distribute their booklet (Sufism Speaks Out) to non Baba-lovers and strangers at their play on Baba's Birthday and at the showing of Ivy's film 'Murshida' in public! We have not hit back. We are not angered but we do feel sad for them, even while we know it is all Beloved Baba's Divine Game which is part of His work.

Perhaps the "Sufism Speaks Out" booklet is all you have received pertaining to the matter in question. For your interest and information I am enclosing here copies of letters sent from our side - you will know how it started and ended as far as we are concerned.

Without this, the distorted picture presented in their booklets would be bound to affect the balance of your judgement.

With fondest love to you as ever dear Hilda, from Mehera and myself, and our hearts' wishes that this finds you well and happy in Beloved Baba's Love.

(Mani)