

DRAFT

King's Road,  
Ahmednagar, India.

3rd June 1966

My dear Don,

Your letter of May 22, 1966 along with the two typed copies of ASSIGNMENT, was forwarded to Baba at Guruprasad, Poona.

Baba has noted the urgency of having a fresh publication of the Discourses and expressed His happiness and satisfaction over your efforts to get this publication done early and cheaply in Japan.

On hearing the text of ASSIGNMENT Baba remarked that He has no objection to anyone bringing out a new edition of the Discourses provided the party finances it, but He does not approve of any individual or Body having the sole right over the future REVISIONS and editions of these Discourses.

When all is said and done the simple fact is Baba has legally assigned copyright of the Discourses to me for my lifetime, and so Baba cannot reassign it! After my lifetime the copyright reverts to Meher Baba or the trustees of His last Will and Testament.

Baba had thought it "proper and desirable to entrust control to the Sufis" of God Speaks, Listen Humanity, Beams and Life at Its Best, for these were all new books at the time He assigned copyright to Sufism Reoriented, but the 5 vols. of Discourses is a very old publication dating back to 1939 and He has already assigned its copyright to me.

In view of this position you should let me know whether Sufism Reoriented will want to reprint the Discourses under my copyright.

I am sure that Baba would not be less happy with Sufism Reoriented's undertaking to spread His Message this way, for the important thing as you say, is the "getting on with the publication job."

As for the cost of printing by Sufism Reoriented this should be fully recovered from sales.

Yours brotherly,

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