No New Faith, Mind That

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Question: Can we send the circulars that are released to people whom we think might be interested, but know nothing of the Path?

Master: Oh yes, send them to anybody; it is all a gift of God. I have no reserved rights; even in my books I have not given any reserved rights. People write a little pamphlet and they say: "All rights are reserved." I have given out books and there you'll find: "No rights are reserved"— as it is a gift from God for all of humanity. You'll find this seems very unnatural in the eyes of some people, because they want to earn — usurp — some rights. Well, this is a gift from God. If I have anything, that is from God, and God's gift should be given to all. We must learn to stand on our own earnings. And to sell the gifts of God?! Is it not like that? Guru Nanak says it is a heinous crime to sell the gifts of God. They must be given free.*

What are we doing? Any Master who comes up will look at it from that very angle. Nowhere in my books will you find rights reserved. You will find, of course, that the rights of the books are not reserved; for they are given to all of humanity. You can make hundreds of copies and send them out to people at large. That is what I mean.

Are there any rights reserved on the Bible? I think they have got it now. Similarly, for the other scriptures too, they have reserved rights now; but it was not so before. . . .

^{*} This refers primarily to copyright, which Master felt very strongly about and which He spoke about to me personally at great length when He first assigned

me the publication work. While Master was always pleased to have His books given away, and instructed me to give them away to persons who could not afford them, He recognized that the publication of books costs money, and the logical person to defray that cost is the buyer; consequently, all of His books published during His lifetime, while they were not copyrighted (except when His wishes were ignored) did carry a price which covered the cost of the book and also produced income for other aspects of His work. In some cases, He fixed the price Himself.

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