

Akhi, the beggar sage, sits at the city gates, instructing all in the dance of life.

Ask Akhi...



Dear Beggar,

The rest of the world is in terror. Some people in our country are afraid to go to the market or to fly in an airplane. How can you sit out in the open at your gate day after day?

Living in fear everywhere

Dear L. I. F. E.,

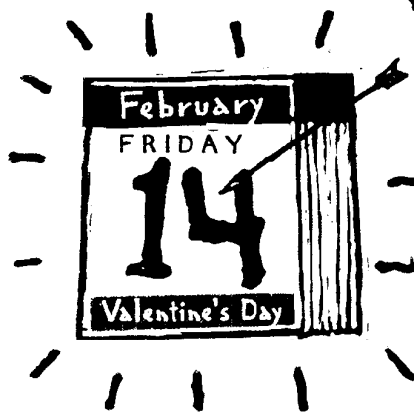
Akhi has been sitting at this gate for as long as he can remember. This is where my friends can find me. If someone were to tell Akhi that his life was in danger, Akhi would be sitting at the gate the next day. It is what Akhi does. Yes, it is my mission to beg. My path, and to follow your path is holy, always.

Every day Akhi looks into the eyes of those who pass through the gate where I sit. Many do not want to look into my eyes. For them, that is terror. The face of poverty reminds them that all is not well in this world, and this is where they live! And I am told, that even when passersby turn their eyes away from Akhi, there I am. Imagine that! Akhi sits at the gate, but at the same time, I go where all who have seen me go.

If only they would come and sit with Akhi. The terror would begin to go away; they would begin to see a friend in Akhi. But it takes time to sit and listen and talk. It takes time to overcome fear. It is Akhi's prayer that more and more people who live in terror will turn their fear into action by sitting for a while with what frightens them. Listen. Learn. And then they will no longer have to look away.

Still here, Akhi

JUST A REMINDER THAT-
This day has
officially been marked
for the...



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Dance & Silent
Auction

COMING NEXT ISSUE:

"WHERE ARE
THEY NOW?"
IN 1988, THERE
WERE FIVE CO-
FOUNDERS OF
BEACON STREET.
FOR THE NEXT
FOUR ISSUES, WE
WILL PROVIDE A
SHORT UPDATE AND
PHOTO OF
JEAN HULSEMAN,
MARIA LIVERS,
KIM MANNING,
AND STEVE RICO.
YOU ARE IN
FOR SOME
WONDERFUL NEWS
AND A FEW
SURPRISES.
STAY TUNED.