

The Five-Volume Set

The first fifty-one of Meher Baba's discourses were published serially (one per issue) in the *Meher Baba Journal*, a monthly magazine that issued from its editorial offices in Bangalore and Ahmednagar between November 1938 and October 1942. Concurrently, Adi K. Irani and the Publication Committee (as it was called) began to release annual volumes, each of which collected the discourses that had been featured in the *Journal* during the previous one-year period (November through October).

The first four volumes of the five-volume set, then, consist of Meher Baba's discourses in the first four volumes of the *Meher Baba Journal*, which they reproduce unedited in the order of their original publication. The fifth volume of the five-volume set, however, contains eighteen more discourses that had not yet appeared in print when the *Journal* discontinued publication in late 1942.

Collectively, then, the first editions of the five volumes were issued between 1939 and 1943. Between 1939 and 1955 various volumes individually went through various further editions. Conventionally it is said that the five-volume set had five editions. In reality, each volume had its own separate publication history, with the number of known editions ranging from two to five. Though detailed research on this topic has not yet been carried out, it seems that the editing between editions was minimal; in effect, subsequent "editions" were largely reprints of the first editions.

The publication history of the five-volume set is an immensely complicated topic that has been reviewed in greater detail in the fourth volume of the revised sixth edition of Meher Baba's *Discourses*, published by Sheriar Foundation in 2007. For a relevant selection from the history of the *Discourses* that opens that volume, click on "Publication History". Further information can be found in Appendix 6, "Notes towards a Publication History of the Five-volume Set," pp. 107-115.

In the digital republication of the five-volume set on this web site, we have worked from the editions conveniently available to us, which are these:

- volume one — fourth edition, 1947;
- volume two — fourth edition, 1945;
- volume three — first edition, 1941;
- volume four — first edition, 1943;
- volume five — second edition, 1945.

Readers should be forewarned that the text of the discourses was reset for certain of the later editions within the five-volume set. Consequently, the page numbers in the editions listed above will not always coincide with paginations for other editions. For help with this problem, see Appendix 7, "Two Tables Cross-referencing Seventy Discourses through the Five Major Collections," in the revised sixth edition, vol. 4, pp. 116-39.

The pdf reproductions of the five-volume set of Meher Baba's Discourses that you will find on this web site incorporate corrections of certain typographic errors that the web site editors found in the originals. The corrections have been carried out in conformity with the Avatar Meher Baba Trust's editorial policy, which is described most fully in the revised sixth edition of Meher Baba's Discourses (Myrtle Beach: Sheriar Foundation, 2007), vol. 4, pp. 72-75. The complete list of corrections appears in the table below.

Register of editorial alterations

Volume Number	Page	Line	Changed from	Changed to
Volume One	20	31	alter	altar
	43	32	harras	harass
	50	23	chisled	chiseled
	61	32	vaccuity	vacuity
	67	19	unparalleled	unparalled
	70	12	wreckless	reckless
	78	22	trancends	transcends
	86	18	unchallengable	unchallengeable
	90	26	guaging	gauging
	90	30	selfes	selfless
	99	10	guaged	gauged
Volume Two	9	25	benefactors	beneficiaries
	23	9	untramelled	untrammeled
	24	35	descente	descent
	35	19	plane	planes
	35	32	find	finds
	42	4	towardst	towards
	43	title	OF	AT
	44	25	combedded	embedded
	63	title	OF MASTERS	OF THE MASTERS
	66	1	prehuman	pre-human
	67	21	lose	loose
	69	29	troubles	trouble
	73	11	some one	someone
	84	14	exgessing	expressing
	86	9	mayawic	mayavic
	87	18	such new	such a new
Volume 3	5	21	psuedo	pseudo
	13	23	decept	deceit

	13	30	attendent	attendant
	15	38	raining	reining
	31	4	apirant	aspirant
	32	38	interst	interest
	35	2	forced	forged
	39	36	salutory	salutary
	44	9	inolves	involves
	47	36	relatively	relative
	66	5	conations	conditions
	66	29	rivetting	riveting
	68	7	riveted	riveted
	80	24	get	gets
	86	2	concentrtion	concentration
	88	17	devided	divided
	90	5	cease	seize
	93	6	specialilised	specialised
	98	33	miror	mirror
Volume 4	2	27	self-delluded	self-deluded
	3	13	exhuberance	exuberance
	3	19	idiocyncracies	idiosyncrasies
	5	31	hurry	hurry
	6	4	Such God-	Such a God-
	6	5	called <i>Salik</i>	called a <i>Salik</i>
	6	9	called <i>Kutub</i>	called a <i>Kutub</i>
	6	9	Kutub	The Kutub
	6	13	between	between an
	6	20	remain on the	remain in the
	9	9	<i>realize</i>	<i>realise</i>
	9	18	beolngs	belongs
	9	21	experienceing	experiencing
	13	27	jeoparadising	jeopardising
	14	7	soul is bondage	soul in bondage
	17	14	nothiug	nothing
	21	12	experiening	experiencing
	22	26	distintion	distinction
	24	30	than to the	than the
	24	38	choses	chooses
	25	23	<i>similar</i>	<i>a similar</i>
	25	26	<i>beloved</i>	<i>Beloved</i>
	32	3	self-less	selfless
	32	16	situaton	situation
	36	12	opposite	opposites
	36	32	losely	loosely
	38	30	of hundred	of one hundred

	39	14	loosening	loosening
	40	5	state time	state, time
	44	13	upon-each	upon each
	46	9	assuming of death	assuming death
	47	25	just a deaf	just as a deaf
	49	9	posthumous of life	posthumous life
	52	20	of gross	of the gross
	53	26	courser	coarser
	56	8	relieving	reliving
	57	32	of previous	of the previous
	58	18	Like earthly	Like the earthly
	60	6	seriously impugn	seriously to impugn
	68	6	be the intense	be intense
	72	14	conssiousness	consciousness
	73	35	to-day	today
	75	6	to-day	today
	79	5	oppsite	opposite
	81	25	<i>through the Divine</i>	<i>through Divine</i>
	85	2	contiunity	continuity
	93	7	in web	in a web
	95	12	left in	left off in
	95	23	formed <i>deep</i>	formed a <i>deep</i>
	95	35	guide. Through	guide them. Through
	96	18	such set-back	such a set-back
	98	15	with theme	with the theme
Volume 5	9	7	pursuade	persuade
	20	2 nd inset	civilization	civilisation
	22	4	mountain top	mountaintop
	22	7	mountain top	mountaintop
	25	11	ego-lessness	egolessness
	25	30	ego-less	egoless
	25	34	ego-less	egoless
	40	3	True	true
	43	15	trodding	treading
	52	17	unmix	unmixed
	52	26	newly-held	newly held
	52	28	losely	loosely
	52	29	over-coat	overcoat
	55	4	sun-set	sunset
	61	20	worth while	worthwhile
	61	24	worth while	worthwhile
	62	19	devastating	devastating [war]
	62	24	death-bed	deathbed

	62	33	have	has
	63	9	self-less	selfless
	73	9-10	important when	important (i) when
	84	10	hall-mark	hallmark
	93	last inset	realization	realisation
	94	2nd inset	entertwine	intertwine
	94	25	entertwine	intertwine
	104	5	ninty	ninety
	109	9	merges.	merges,
	111	5	ambuguous	ambiguous
	112	8	loened	loosened
	112	13	sub-limited	sublimated