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# AVATAR MEHER BABA

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## PREMIKA SAHAVAS

11th & 12th NOVEMBER, 1978 - KAKINADA.

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*"To speak well is good.*

*To think well is better.*

*Above all,*

*To live well is best."*

Meher Baba

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*"COME ALL UNTO ME"*

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This volume is Dedicated to :

"The Soul of Souls"

"The Source of Truth"

"The Ocean of Love"

"The Highest of the High"

"The Lord of Lords"

"The Ancient One"

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# A P P E A L

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

LOVING JAI BABA TO YOU

Avatar Meher Baba Centre, Kakinada was inaugurated by Baba lovers, in 1962 with the Love and Blessings of Avatar Meher Baba, in an old building in the same premises where this new building stands now.

By the untiring efforts of Brothers, Sri Srivatsavai Atchutarama Raju, Sri Nunna Nageswara Rao, Sri Y. V. Narasimha Rao, Sri T. Dhanapathi Rao, Sri Reddi Venkata Rao and Sri Padmanabham, the present Avatar Meher Baba Centre, Kakinada having a compound of 1050 sq. yards with the new building has been brought to this present form at a cost of about Rs. 1,30,000/-. There is still a lot of work to be done to give final shape. We make this special appeal for generous contributions with love for completion of the construction work on the eastern side of this centre

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# SAHAVAS GREETINGS

Beloved brothers & Sisters,

## LOVING JAI BABA TO YOU ALL

The Original Infite God, Ancient One made his appearance amongst us to redeem the humanity from the clutches of ignorance, suffering and chaos. He is Meher Baba, the Avatar of the Age.

Though he observed 'much silence' for more than 44 years till He dropped His body, His 'moving finger' gave many 'Discourses' from the alphabet board. From His Unique silence 'God speaks, with the divine voice which the heart can only hear. He has come. He has gone for the physical sense leaving a treasure of Knowledge and fragrance of Love. It is time for 'Humanity to Listen' and live the 'life at its best' according to His will.

He is 'every thing' and all else is 'nothing'. Meher Baba dropped His body to live eternally in the hearts of His lovers.

Baba says ".... Sahavas is the intimacy of give and take of Love .... In Sahavas I want you all to forget all your worries and just be with Me remain in my companionship as much as possible I am the Ocean of love and it rests with you all to draw as much as possible from this Ocean .... concentrate on Me here. Those who can understand all that I say will .... enjoy better, but those who cannot understand, just be in My presence and gaze at Me as much as you can...."

Now Premika Sahavas is to see Meher Baba as 'Eternal Infinite God in every lover's heart; to see those who have seen Baba, to hear those who have heard to that dictated by Baba, to embrace those whom Baba embraced and to share the Love of eternal fraternity with one and all. This will enhance and reaffirm the love and faith of each lover particularly in the critical period of His humiliation where in many shaky Lovers may fall prey to Jingoism of numberless self-styled saints and gurus who try to exploit the situation. Number of similar Sahavas programmes are of immense importance to project and spread the Message of Love and Compassion which Beloved Baba has given us.

With this introduction we welcome you to this Meher Premika Sahavas for the give and take of Love and to enjoy the the company of Bro, Adi and other staunch lovers of Baba who have been companions of Baba, the Compassionate Father.

Avatar Meher Baba ki Jai!

T. P. GANDHI.  
Hony. Editor.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

We acknowledge our grateful thanks to Bro. Adi K. Irani for his love and affection which has brought him through long sojourn in his old age to give us this wonderful Sahavas and for declaring open this New Avatar Meher Baba Bhajan Mandir. We also thank Bro. Jack C. Small for giving his Sahavas.

We acknowledge our gratitude to the Generous donors and those officials and non-officials who have extended their co-operation and help in constructing new Avatar Meher Baba Centre and Bhajan Mandir.

We acknowledge our sincere thanks to those who have donated generously for the well conduct of this Sahavas. we thank all those officials and non-officials who have extended their help and guidance seen or unseen for the success of this Sahavas.

We thank all the Baba lovers and others who are participating in this momentous Sahavas.

We specially thank the volunteers and workers.

We thank those who have inserted their advertisements to help us, in bringing out the Souvenir containing Baba's messages of Love and Compassion.

We thank all those who have helped in compiling and translating the various articles. we thank Durga Press for bringing out this book, within a short time.

Thank you one and all.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE & SOUVENIR COMMITTEE  
Avatar Meher Baba Premika Sahavas.



ADI K. IRANI  
Disciple and Secretary  
Avatar Meher Baba  
Ahmednagar,



Dated, 2-11-78

May Beloved Meher Baba bless Andhra Centre to enlighten  
Baba lovers be awake and not fall prey to politically minded work  
if any one happens to do under the mask of Meher Baba spirituality.

Loving Jai Baba.

*Adi K. Irani.*







Vice-President,  
India.  
New Delhi.

October 19, 1978.

I send my best wishes for the success of the Sahavas  
Programme of the Avatar Mehar Baba disciples to be held at Kakinada  
from the 11th November, 1978.

*B. D. Jatti,*





VEERAMACHANENI VENKATANARAYANA  
Minister for Endowments  
Hyderabad A. P.

Dated, 9-11-1978

To

Smt. Y. SAVITHRIDEVI  
Chairman  
Avatar Meher Baba Trust Board  
Kakinada.

...Regret inability participate in the function since I return  
from Tirupati today after attending the reception of Srilanka  
President wish the function every success.

*Veeramachaneni Venkatanarayana*

(Telegram)





S. VENKATA REDDY  
Minister for Mines & Geology  
Hyderabad

Dated, 16-10-1978

Madam,

I am glad to know that the Avatar Mehar Baba Disciples will be holding a Sahavas Programme at Kakinada on 11th and 12th November 1978 in connection with the dedication of the New Avatar Mehar Baba Bhajan Mandir, Kakinada to the service of the Avatar. I am confident that this will infuse the love of the Avatar with the other Lovers of Avatar Mehar Baba and also to the public in general.

I wish the function a grand success.

*S. Venkata Reddy,*  
Yours sincerely,



Meherazad,

16th October, 1978

Dear Sister Savithri Devi,

We have received your loving invitation to participate in the inauguration of "Avatar Meher Baba Bhajan Mandir" in Kakinada on 11th November 1978. Although we are unable to attend the functions personally, we will indeed be present in our thoughts and heart with all the dear Meher lovers gathered together in the Name and Love of our Beloved Lord Avatar Meher Baba.

May the opening of Avatar Meher Baba Mandir herald the opening of the floodgates of Divine Love in Andhra Pradesh to help irrigate many a heart with pure love for Beloved Avatar Meher Baba—May His Blessings be on all gathered for the inauguration of Meher Mandir !

May this Mandir ever remain a source of inspiration to His lovers to worship the Ancient One with steadfast love and total dedication to Him and Him alone !

Above all, may the Meher Mandir grace Andhra Pradesh with simplicity, purity and humility so that whosoever is associated with its atmosphere begins to strive whole-heartedly to adorn the Mandir within the heart with the ever-living Presence of the Eternal Beloved Avatar Meher Baba !

AVATAR MEHER BABA KI JAI !

*Mehara J. Irani,*  
*Manija S. Irani,*



ERUCH JASAWALLA  
Meherazad

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Dear Sister Savithri Devi,

On the occasion of the inauguration of Avatar Meher Baba Bhajan Mandir in Kakinada, all Meherazad - Meherabad Mehermandali send their hearty congratulations to all the Meher lovers who are responsible for construction and completion of this Meher Bhajan Mandir. We also send them best wishes for resolving to create and maintain in this Mandir an atmosphere of love for Beloved Avatar Meher Baba and total dedication to Him and His Cause.

May this Bhajan Mandir stand out prominently and serve as the beacon in Andhra Pradesh to direct lovers of God to the threshold of their Eternal Beloved without distractions of caste, creed, status and beliefs in petty masters or gurus.

May the Blessings of Avatar Meher Baba fill the hearts of all who visit Meher Bhajan Mandir with His Love !

Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai !

Salutations to all our brothers and sisters in Andhra Pradesh.

Yours brotherly,  
*Eruch Jasawalla,*

c. c.: Dr. T. Dhanapathy President, Avatar Meher Baba Andhra Pradesh Centre.



AVATAR MEHER BABA



"LOVE IS GOD"

## **MY MISSION**

"I am not come to establish any cult, society or organization; nor even to establish a new religion. The religion that I shall give teaches the knowledge of the one behind the many. The book that I shall make people read is the book of the heart that holds the key to the mystery of life. I shall bring about a happy blending of the head and the heart. I shall revitalize all religions and cults, and bring them together like beads on one string."



# THE MASTER'S PRAYER

○ Parvardigar. the Preserver and Protector of All,

You are without Beginning, and without End;

Non - dual, beyond comparison; and none can measure You.

You are without colour, without expression, without form and without attributes.

You are unlimited and unfathomable, beyond imagination and conception; eternal and imperishable.

You are indivisible; and none can see You, but with eyes divine.

You always were, You always are, and You always will be;

You are everywhere, You are in everything; and You are also beyond everywhere and beyond everything;

You are in the firmament and in the depths, You are manifest and unmanifest; on; all planes, and beyond all planes.

You are in the three worlds, and also beyond the three worlds;

You are imperceptible and independent.

You are the Creator, the Lord of Lords, the Knower of all minds and hearts; You are Omnipotent and Omnipresent.

You are Knowledge Infinite, Power Infinite, and Bliss Infinite.

You are the Ocean of Knowledge, All Knowing, Infinitely - Knowing the Knower of the past, the present and the future, and You are Knowledge Itself.

You are All - merciful and eternally benevolent;

You are the Soul of souls, the One with Infinite attributes;

You are the Trinity of Truth, Knowledge, and Bliss;

You are the Source of Truth, the Ocean of Love;

You are the Ancient One, the Highest of the High; You are Prabhu and Parameshwar; You are the Beyond - God, and the Beyond - Beyond - God also; You are Parabrahma; Allah; Elahi; Yezdan; Ahuramazda; and God the Beloved.

You are named Ezad, the only One worthy of worship

## **THE PRAYER OF REPENTANCE.**

We repent, O God Most Merciful, for all our sins; for every thought that was false or unjust or unclean; for every word spoken that ought not to have been spoken; for every deed done that ought not to have been done.

We repent for every deed and word and thought inspired by selfishness, and for every deed and word and thought inspired by hatred.

We repent most especially for every lustful thought and every lustful action; for every lie; for all hypocrisy; for every promise given but not fulfilled and for all slander and backbiting.

Most especially also, we repent for every action that has brought ruin to others; for every word and deed that has given others pain; and for every wish that pain should befall others.

In your Unbounded Mercy we ask you to forgive us, O God ! for all these sins committed by us and to forgive us for our constant failures to think and speak and act according to Your Will.

## **PRAYER FOR BABA'S LOVERS & MANDALI**

Beloved God, help us all to love you more and more,  
and more and more and still yet more,  
till we become worthy of Union with you;  
and help us all to hold fast to Baba's,  
daaman till the very end,



# LIFE SKETCH OF AVATAR MEHER BABA

MEHER BABA, by name Meherwan Sheriar Irani, was born in Poona, India, on the 25 February 1894, to a middle-class Zoroastrian Family of Persian Origin. His father Sheriar Mundegar, born in Persia, was an ardent seeker since his youth, and his thirst for spiritual enlightenment brought him to India where he spent years of arduous wandering in search of Truth. One day a vision revealed to Sheriarji that the goal he was seeking would be attained in the son who would be born to him; as a result of this he finally settled down in Poona and married the daughter of a Persian merchant who had migrated to India with his family. In his son Meherwan, Sheriarji recognized the declaration and promise of the vision, the fruit of his search for God.

Meherwan's was a happy normal boyhood. Kind, funloving, dutiful, he was a bright student, and shone both in class as well as on the sports field. He was fluent in a number of languages, and was an energetic reader of classical literature as well as detective fiction. He was a lover of the poetic, and assiduously read the works of great poets in English, Indian and Persian languages. In the course of his education in Poona, Meherwan (Merwan as he was usually called) attended Sardar Dastur School, St. Vincent's High School, and Deccan College. It was during his college period that he was awakened to the knowledge of his divinity and the profound mission of his life. It happened one evening in May 1913. Merwan was cycling home from college and as usual he passed by the end of Malcom Tank Road where, under the shade of a neem tree, sat an ancient Mohammedan woman known as Hazrat Babu Jan. She was reputed to be 110 years old, and was venerated by the local people as a great holy personage.

Whenever Merwan cycled by, he saw her surrounded by a group of people. On this particular day he felt a strong curiosity regarding her, and leaving his bicycle he cautiously approached. When he met her eyes she beckoned to him, and he went up to her. She then arose and kissed him on the forehead. No word was spoken. That silent kiss (as Meher Baba now tells us) was for him the rending of the veil of illusion and simultaneous Self-Realization (or God-Realization). From that moment he lost consciousness of the worlds of form, and for nine months remained oblivious to his surroundings. For some days he was in a total coma, while his anxious parents brought in the best doctors to treat him. Later on he appeared to recover to the extent of moving about normally, but to all appearances his actions were those of an automaton. He constantly visited Hazrat Baba Jan, who referred to him as her child. One day in January of 1914 Baba Jan pointed a commanding finger at Merwan and declared to the gathering around her; "This child of mine will create a great sensation in the world and do immense good to humanity.

Our earth is blessed to have, at all times, five Perfect Masters (Sadgurus), who have attained God Realization and regained consciousness of the worlds of form. They are thus the Perfect Masters or Guides who can lead others out of the 'sanskaric' morass of illusion. At the ordained Avataric time, it becomes the function of the then living Perfect Masters to bring about the Advent of the Avatar, or God-Man, who is none other than God in human form. The five Perfect Masters Hazrat Baba Jan of Poona, Sai Baba of Shirdi, Upasni Maharaj of Sakori, Tajuddin Baba of Nagpur and Narayan Maharaj of Kedgaon.

It was in the same year, 1914, that Merwan met the rest of the Perfect Masters. His first contact was with Hazrat Sai Baba of Shirdi. At the time when Merwan approached him, Sai Baba was walking in a procession of his devotees. Merwan went up and prostrated himself at his feet. Sai Baba looked at him and loudly called out 'Parvardigar' (which means: Almighty God, the Sustainer).

His next spiritual Master was Sadguru Upasni Maharaj of Sokori, to whom he was inwardly directed by Sai Baba. Upasni Maharaj was then living in the Khandoba Temple, and as Merwan approached him he picked up a stone and flung it, hitting Merwan in the middle of the forehead at the spot where Baba Jan had kissed him. This symbolic action was to help Merwan regain consciousness of the worlds of form, which would in no way affect the God-consciousness he experienced without a break. It was a process that covered some years, and at its completion Upasni Maharaj declared before his followers; "Merwan, you are the Ancient One, Avatar."

Merwan's next visit was to Hazrat Tajuddin Baba of Nagpur, and finally to Sadguru Narayan Maharaj of Kedgaon, thus completing the circle of contacting the five Perfect Masters who were responsible for this Advent of God on earth.

Years later Merwan, as Meher Baba, was to tell his followers: "Baba Jan gave me Divine Bliss. Sai Baba gave me Divine Power, and Upasni Maharaj gave me Divine Knowledge. I am infinite power knowledge and Bliss. I am the Ancient One, come to redeem the modern world."

Merwan's mission as Avatar began in 1921, when he drew to him the first group of disciples. These included Zoroastrians,

Hindus, Mohammedans, who recognized in him their Spiritual Guide and gave him their lives to mould. It was they who gave him the name by which he has since been known: MEHER BABA, meaning Compassionate Father. As time went by more and more disciples joined him, men and women who ultimately left their all to stay with the Master, leading a life of the strictest discipline and service. In 1923 Meher Baba established a colony on the outskirts of Aragon, a village some six miles from the town of Ahmednagar (Maharashtra). It was named Meherabad. For many years Meherabad remained the headquarters of the Master, where the most varied and active phases of his work were unfolded. These included a free school for boys of all castes and creeds; a free hospital and dispensary; shelters for the poor; a boarding school named "Prem Ashram" where scholastic and spiritual education was imparted to the boys under Meher Baba's direct and personal guidance; and an Ashram for the God-intoxicated individuals known in India as Masts (pronounced must) - they are so literally intoxicated with love for God, that they have lost all consciousness of the world.

This vast field of activities proved a continual training ground for his men and women disciples in practising a life of love for God, selfless service, perfect obedience, moral discipline and love and tolerance towards each other. Meher Baba who was both Master and Servant, performed the most menial jobs in his divine love for the children and the Masts. He would brook no distinction between the high caste and the untouchables, and this proved a hard lesson for the highcaste disciples who had to serve without prejudice. They learnt through the love of their Master, who himself washed the clothes of the untouchables and cleaned



their latrines. He was always the supreme example, and his disciples' love for him was the moving spirit of their every endeavour.

Meher Baba's work has not been confined to one place. He has made numerous tours all over India and Ceylon in search of Masts, contacting these spiritually advanced souls to help them progress further on the spiritual Path. During the arduous Mast-tours Baba has covered thousands of miles by all manner of transport : car, tonga, train, bullock cart, mule, camel, horseback and on foot. An equally extensive and important part of his work has been with the poor and the lepers-bathing them, feeding them, washing their feet, bowing down to them by placing his forehead on their feet, giving them clothes and money. Many a needy middle-class family, struck by some sudden calamity such as famine or flood and too proud to seek help through organised channels, has received a gift from Baba in person. Baba does not touch money except when giving it to the needy. His giving them money is not an act of charity in the usual sense of the word, it serves as a medium for the immeasurable spiritual blessing he bestows on them. During these many travels, Baba always remained incognito and the men accompanying him were ordered not to disclose his identity.

In contrast to such incognito tours, Meher Baba has been to all parts of India openly giving his 'darshan' to the masses-as many as one hundred thousand have come in a day to pay their respects to him and receive his blessing.

Meher Baba has observed complete silence for 43 years. His Silence began from 10th July 1925, and continues to the day without a break. His many spiritual discourses and messages have been

dictated by means of an alphabet board. In 1954 he discontinued the use of the board, reducing all communications to hand gestures which are unique in expressiveness. Meher Baba has said that when he breaks his silence he will speak the one Word which will go to the world as from God, straight to the heart of man. He tells us : "The breaking of my silence is not far off. I bring the greatest treasure which it is possible for man to receive. Be ready to receive it."

Meher Baba has travelled to the Western world thirteen times, his first visit being to England in 1931 when he contacted his early Western disciples. At the invitation of his followers he has since been a number of times to America, England, Iran, Australia and Europe. In all these countries he has a large following, as well as in Pakistan, Israel and Africa, and to some extent in Canada, Mexico, West Indies, Lebanon and New Zealand—thousands of men and women who love and believe in him as God-man, the Avatar. These lovers from all over the world journey to spend a few days, or even a single day, in his presence whenever he permits. In November 1962 thousands from the East and the West gathered in Poona to be with him for a week. His 'old' lovers, and the many 'new' ones who have not yet been in his physical presence, eagerly await the day when he will permit them to come. Since 1965 he has been in strict seclusion, which continued till he dropped his body.

On 30-7-1968 Baba Declared—"My work is done— It is completed 100% to My satisfaction—The result of this work will also be 100% and will manifest .....

On 31st January, 1969 Baba had one of the men Mandali bring into His bedroom the big board on which His favourite saying of Hafiz is printed in Persian and English. For years this board hung on the wall of the Mandali's Hall and Baba often made Aloha read the saying to lovers who visited Meherazad. And so is the saying of Hafiz which was our Beloved's message for us on the last day.

"Befitting a fortunate slave carry out every command of the Master without any question of why and what.

"About what you hear from the Master never say it is wrong because My dear the fault lies in your own incapacity to understand Him."

"I am slave of My Master who has released me from ignorance; Whatever my master does is for the Highest benefit to all concerned" —Hafiz.

As the 'Time' drew nearer, Beloved Baba warned His lovers more often—

- (1) "Simply do as I say, whatever it may be, for I know what I am doing."
- (2) "Hold on to my daaman" do not let it slip away under any circumstance".

How often has Baba stated 'I am God Remember that'. For his lovers to remember Baba is to remember.'that.

Beloved Baba left His mortal coil by about 12-10 P.M. on 31-1-1969 to live eternally in the hearts of His lovers.

As Meher Baba has explained, his work is neither to teach nor to found a new religion, but to awaken man to the consciousness of his Real Self which is God. He says, "I have come not to teach but to awaken. "He leaves his followers free to follow their religions, beliefs and customs. He gives no 'initiation', prescribes no disciplines such as 'pooja', 'mantra' 'japa' or 'yoga'. He says that the only true yoga is "You go"—i. e. the annihilating of one's ego or self-interest. The only 'sadhana' he prescribes is LOVE, as the constant guiding influence of one's every thought, word and deed, while leading a normal life of the world and fulfilling one's duties and responsibilities. It is through the power of utterly selfless Love that Meher Baba awakens in others the true understanding of the purpose of life, which is to realize the Godhood that is inherent in each.



God IS

God is everywhere and does everything.

God is within us and knows everything.

God is without us and sees everything.

God is beyond us and is everything.

God cannot be theorised.

God cannot be discussed.

God cannot be argued about.

God cannot be explained.

God cannot be understood.

God can only be lived by losing ourselves  
in Him through Love.

**MEHER BABA.**

## GOAL OF CREATION.

"The happiness of God realization is the goal of all creation.

"The real happiness which comes through realizing God is worth all physical and mental sufferings in the universe. Then all suffering is as if it were not. The happiness of God realization is self sustained, eternally fresh and unfailing, boundless and indiscribable an it is for. this happiness the world has sprung into existence.

"When the goal of life is attained, one achieves the reparation of all wrongs, the healing of all wounds; the righting of all failures, the sweetening of all sufferings, the relaxation of all strivings, the harmonizing of all strife, the unraveling of all enigmas, and the real and full meaning of all life--past, present and future."







## THE ESSENCE OF PRAYER

The ideal prayer to the Lord is nothing more than spontaneous praise of His being. You praise Him, not in the spirit of bargain, but in the spirit of selfforgetful appreciation of what He really is. You praise Him because He is praiseworthy. Your praise is a spontaneous appreciative response to His true being, as infinite light, infinite power and infinite bliss ....

All hymns and prayers reach out towards the eternal Truth of Godhead only to merge those who utter them in silent and unending adoration.

All Prayers ultimately initiate the soul into an ever deepening silence of sweet adoration.

All Prayers with a motive fall short of the ideal prayer which is without motive.

nothing is more sublime than a spontaneous prayer. It gushes out of the human heart, filled with appreciative joy. It is self expression of the freed spirit.....

In its highest form, prayer leaves no room for the illusory diarchy of the lover and the Beloved. It is a return to One's own being.

## AVATAR'S CALL

"Age after age, when the wick of righteousness burns low, the Avatar comes yet once again to rekindle the torch of love and Truth.

"Age after age amidst the clamour of Destruction, Wars, Fear and Chaos, rings the Avatar's call.

"Come all unto me"

Although because of the veil of illusion, this call of the Ancient one may appear as a voice in the wilderness, its echo and re-echo nevertheless pervades through time and space, to rouse at first a few, and eventually millions from their slumber of ignorance. And in the midst of illusion, as the voice behind all voices, it awakens humanity, to bear witness to the manifestation of god amidst mankind.

"The time is come. I repeat the call and bid all come unto me".

— Meher Baba.



"I am the Highest of the High  
and want you to love Me not  
for any spiritual or material  
gain, nor for the impending  
breaking of My Silence and My  
Manifestation, but I want you  
to love Me for Myself, as  
being God in human form."





## TRUTH OF RELIGIONS

Baba, the Beloved, says:

"I belong to no religion. Every religion belongs to me, My personal religion is my being the Ancient Infinite One, and the religion, I impart to all is Love for God, which is the Truth of all religions.

"This Love can belong to all, high and low, rich and poor. Every one, of every caste and creed, can love God. The one and only God who resides equally in us all is approachable by each one of us through love.

"Religion, like worship, must be from the heart. If instead of erecting churches, fire-temples, MANDIRS and mosques, people were to establish the HOUSE of God in their hearts for the Beloved God to dwell supreme, my work will have been done.

"If, instead of mechanically performing ceremonies and rituals as age old customs, people were to serve their fellow-beings with the selflessness of love, taking God to be equally residing in one and all and knowing that by so serving others they are serving Me, my work will have been fulfilled."



# A V A T A R

"Infinite God, age after age, throughout all cycles, wills through, His Infinite Mercy, to effect His presence amidst mankind by stooping down to human level in the human form, but His physical presence amidst mankind not being apprehended, He is looked upon as an ordinary man of the world. When He asserts, however, His Divinity on earth by proclaiming Himself the Avatar of the age, He is worshipped by some who accept Him as God; and glorified by a few who know Him as God on Earth. But it invariably falls to the lot of the rest of humanity to condemn Him, while He is physically in their midst.

"Thus it is that God as man, proclaiming Himself as the Avatar, suffers Himself to be persecuted and tortured, to be humiliated and condemned by humanity for whose sake His Infinite Love has made Him stoop so low, in order that humanity, by its very act of condemning God's manifestation in the form of Avatar should, however indirectly, assert the existence of God in His Infinite Eternal state.

"The Avatar is always one and the same, because God is always One and the same, the Eternal, Indivisible Infinite One who manifests Himself in the form of man as the Avatar, as the Messiah, as the Prophet, as the Ancient One - the Highest of the High. This Eternally One and the Same Avatar repeats His manifestation from time to time, in different cycles, adopting different human forms and different garbs and different languages, in order to raise humanity from the pit of ignorance and help free it from the bondage of delusions.

"Of the most recognized and much worshipped manifestations of God as Avatar, that of Zoroaster is the earliest - having been before Ram, Krishna, Buddha, Jesus and Mohammed. Thousands of years ago, he gave to the world the essence of Truth in the form of three fundamental precepts - Good Thoughts, Good words, and Good Deeds. These precepts were and are constantly unfolded to humanity in one form or another, directly or indirectly in every cycle, by the Avatar of the age of He leads humanity, imperceptibly, towards the Truth. To put these precepts of Good Thoughts, Good words and Good Deeds into practice is not as easily done as it would appear, though it is not impossible. But to live up to these precepts honestly and literally is apparently as impossible as it is to practice a living death in the midst of life.

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## THE HIGHEST OF THE HIGH

"I am neither a Mahatma nor a Mahapurush, neither Sadhu nor a Saint, neither a Yogi nor a Wali. Those who approach me with the desire to gain wealth or to retain their possessions, those who seek through me relief from distress and suffering, those who ask my help to fulfil and satisfy mundane desires, to them I once again declare that as I am not a sadhu, a saint or a mahatma, mahapurush or yogi, to seek these things through me is but to court utter disappointment, though only apparently; for eventually this disappointment is itself invariably instrumental in bringing about the complete transformation of mundane wants and desires.

"Know you all that if I am the Highest of the High, my roll demands that I strip you of all your possessions and wants, consume all your desires and make you desireless rather than satisfy your desires. Sadhus, Saints, Yogis and Walis can give you what you want; but I take away your wants and free you from attachments and liberate you from the bondage of ignorance. I am the One to take, not the One to give what you want or as you want.

"If I am the Highest of the High my will is Law, my wish governs the Law, and my Love sustains the Universe. Whatever your apparent calamities and transient sufferings, they are but the outcome of my Love for the ultimate good.

"If you truly and in all faith accept your Baba as the Highest of the High, it behoves you to lay down your life at His feet, rather than to crave the fulfilment of your desires. Not your one life but your millions of lives would be but a small sacrifice to place at the feet of One such as Baba, who is the Highest of the High; for Baba's unbounded love is the only sure and unfailing guide to lead you safely through the innumerable blind alleys of your transient life.

"I declare to all of you who approach me, and to those of you who desire to approach me, accepting me as the Highest of the High, that you must never come with the desire in your heart which craves for wealth and worldly gain, but only with the fervent longing to give your all-body, mind and possessions with all their attachments. Seek me not to extricate you from your predicaments, but find me in order to surrender yourself wholeheartedly to my will. Cling to me not for worldly happiness and short-lived comforts, but adhere to me, through thick and thin, sacrificing your own happiness and comforts at my feet. Let my happiness be your cheer and my comforts your rest. Do not ask me to bless you with a good job, but desire to serve me more diligently and honestly without expectation of reward. Never expect me to cure you of your bodily afflictions but beseech me to cure you of your Ignorance. Never stretch out your



hands to receive anything from me, but hold them high in praise of Me whom you have approached as the Highest of the High.

"I am not to be attained by those who, loving me, stand reverentially by, in rapt admiration. I am not for those who ridicule me and point at me with contempt. To have a crowd of tens of millions flocking around me is not what I am for. I am for the selected few, who scattered amongst the crowd, silently and unostentatiously surrender their all - body, mind and possessions - to Me. I am still more for those who, after surrendering their all, never give another thought to their surrender. They are all mine who are prepared to renounce even the very thought of their renunciation and who, keeping constant vigil in the midst of intense activity, await their turn to lay down their lives for the cause of Truth at a glance or sign from me. Those who have indomitable courage to face willingly and cheerfully the worst calamities, who have unshakable faith in me, eager to fulfil my slightest wish at the cost of their happiness and comfort, they indeed, truly love me.

"From my point of view, far best is the atheist who confidently discharges his worldly responsibilities accepting them as his honourable duty, than the man who presumes he is a devout believer in God, yet shirks the responsibilities apportioned to him through Divine Law and runs after Sadhus, Saints and Yogis, seeking relief from the suffering which ultimately would have pronounced his eternal Liberation.

To have one eye glued on the enchanting pleasures of the flesh and with the other expect to see a spark of Eternal Bliss is not only impossible but the height of hypocrisy.

"I cannot expect you to understand all at once what I want you to know. It is for me to awaken you from time to time throughout the ages, sowing the seed in your limited minds which must, in due course and with proper heed and care on your part, germinate, flourish and bear the fruit of that true knowledge which is inherently yours to gain.

"If on the other hand, led by your ignorance you persist in going your own way, none can stop you in your choice of progress; for that too is progress which, however slow and painful, eventually and after innumerable incarnations, is bound to make you realize that which I want you to know now. To save yourself from further entanglement in the maze of Delusion and selfcreated suffering which owes its magnitude to the extent of your ignorance of the true Goal, **AWAKE NOW.** Pay heed and strive for Freedom by experiencing ignorance in its true perspective. Be honest with yourself and God. One may fool the world and one's neighbours but one can never escape from the knowledge of the Omniscient—such is Divine Law.



"If I am the Highest of the High, nothing is then Impossible to me; and though I do not perform miracles to satisfy individual needs, the satisfaction of which would result in entangling the individual more and more into the net of ephemeral existence - yet time and again at certain periods I manifest the Infinite Powers in the form of miracles, but only for the spiritual upliftment and benefit of humanity and all creatures.

"If I am the Highest of the High then a wish of my Universal Will is sufficient to give, in an instant, God-Realization to one and all, and thus free every creature in creation from the shackles of ignorance. But blessed is Knowledge that is gained through the experience of Ignorance in accordance with the Divine Law. This Knowledge is made possible for you to attain in the midst of Ignorance by the guidance of Perfect Masters and surrenderence to the Highest of the High."



# MEHER BABA'S UNIVERSAL MESSAGE

I have come not to teach but to awaken. Understand therefore that I lay down no precepts.

Throughout eternity I have laid down principles and precepts, but mankind has ignored them. Man's inability to live God's words makes the Avatar's teaching a mockery. Instead of practising the compassion, He taught, man has waged crusades in His name. Instead of living the humility, purity and truth of His words, man has given way to hatred, greed and violence.

Because man has been deaf to the principles and precepts laid down by God in the past, in this present Avatavic Form I observe Silence. You have asked for and been given enough words - it is now time to live them. To get nearer and nearer to God you have to get further and further away from "I", "my", "me", and "mine". You have not to renounce anything but your own self. It is as simple as that, though found to be almost impossible. It is possible for you to renounce your limited self by my Grace. I have come to release that Grace.

I repeat, I lay down no precepts. When I release the tide of Truth which I have come to give, men's daily lives will be the living precept. The words I have not spoken will come to life in them.

I veil myself from man by his own curtain of ignorance, and manifest my Glory to a few. My present Avatavic Form is the last Incarnation of this cycle of time, hence my Manifestation will be the greatest. When I break my Silence, the impact of my Love will be universal and all life in creation will know, feel and receive of it. It will help every individual to break himself free from his own bondage in his own way. I am the Divine Beloved who loves you more than you can ever love yourself. The breaking of my Silence will help you to help yourself in knowing your real Self.

All this world confusion and chaos was inevitable and no one is to blame. What had to happen has happened, and what has to happen will happen. There was and is no way out except through my coming in your midst. I had to come and I have come. I am the Ancient One.





## MY WISH

**Baba says:** THE LOVER HAS TO KEEP THE WISH OF THE BELOVED.

My wish for My lovers is as follows:

1. Do not shirk your responsibilities.
2. Attend faithfully to your worldly duties, but keep always in the back of your mind that all this is Baba's.
3. When you feel happy, think "Baba wants me to be happy." When you suffer, think "Baba wants me to suffer."
4. Be resigned to every situation and think honestly and sincerely: "Baba has placed me in this situation."
5. With the understanding that Bada is in everyone, try to help and serve others.
6. I say with My Divine Authority to each and all that whosoever takes My name at time of breathing his last comes to Me; so do not forget to remember Me in your last moments. Unless you start remembering Me from now, it will be difficult to remember Me when your end approaches. You should start practicing from now on. Even if you take My name only once every day, you will not forget to remember Me in your dying moments.

—MEHER BABA.



## THE SEVEN REALITIES

Meher Bada gives no importance to creed, dogma, caste systems, and the performance of religious ceremonies and rites, but to the UNDERSTANDING of the following Seven Realities:-

1. The only REAL EXISTENCE is that of the One and only God, who is the Self in every (finite) self.
2. The only REAL LOVE is the Love for this Infinity (God), which arouses an intense longing to see, know, and become one with this Truth (God).
3. The only REAL SACRIFICE is that in which, in pursuance of this Love, all things, body, mind, position, welfare, and even life itself are sacrificed.
4. The only REAL RENUNCIATION is that which abandons even in the midst of worldly duties, all selfish thoughts and desires.
5. The only REAL KNOWLEDGE, is the Knowledge that God is the inner dweller in good people and so-called bad, in saint and so-called sinner. The Knowledge requires you to help all equally as circumstances demand without expectation of reward, and when compelled to take part in a dispute, to act without the slightest trace of enmity or hatred; to try to make others happy with brotherly or sisterly feeling for each one; to harm no one in thought, word, or deed, not even those who harm you.
6. The only REAL CONTROL is the discipline of the senses from indulgence in low desires, which alone ensures absolute purity of character.
7. The only REAL SURRENDER is that in which the poise is undisturbed by any adverse circumstances, and the individual, amidst every kind of hardship, is resigned with perfect calm to the will of God.



## THE REAL DARSHAN

I am happy to be in your midst.

It is the deep love of some of my lovers that has drawn you all together to day to have my darshan.

But to have my Real Darshan is not easy.

To see me at close quarters, to do obeisance to me, to offer me fruits and flowers, to bow down to me and then to return to your homes can never mean that you have had my darshan.

Having seen me with your eyes you have still not seen me as I am. You have not had even a glimpse of my true being in spite of your having gone through the convention of so called 'darshan'.

To have my Real Darshan is to find me.

The way to find me is to find your abode in me.

And the only one and sure way to find your abode in me is to love me.

To love me as I love you, you must become recipient of my grace. Only my grace can bestow the gift of Divine Love.

To love me as I love you, you must become recipient of my grace.

To receive my grace, you must obey me whole-heartedly with the firm foundation of unshakable faith in me.

And you can only obey me spontaneously as I want when you completely surrender yourselves to me so that my wish becomes your law and my love sustains your being.

Age after age, many aspire for such a surrender but only very few really attempt to surrender themselves to me completely as I want.

He, who succeeds, ultimately not only finds me, but becomes me and realises the aim of life.

My being in your midst today would serve its purpose even if one from this multitude has understood what I want you all to know.

I give my blessing to you all.

— MEHER BABA



## BABA'S SERMON

Essentially we are all one. The feeling of our being otherwise is due to ignorance. Soul desires consciousness to know itself, but in its progress towards this Goal which it cannot realize independently of creation, it must undergo the experience which it gathers as the individualized ego and which is all imagination. Thus it is faced at the outset with ignorance instead of knowledge.

Dual forms and illusionary creations are the outcome of ignorance, birth and death, happiness and misery, virtue and sin, good and bad - all are equally the manifestation of this same ignorance. You were never born and will never die; you never suffered and will never suffer; you ever were and ever will be, as separateness - exists only in imagination.

Soul undergoes experience through innumerable forms such as being king and beggar, rich and poor, tall and short, strong and weak, beautiful and ugly, of killing and being killed. All these experiences must transpire as long as the soul, though it is one in reality and undivided, imagines separateness in itself. When soul is bereft of the impressions of these illusionary experiences it becomes naked as in its origin, to become now fully conscious of its unity with the Over-soul which is One, indivisible, Real and Infinite.

The Soul becomes free of the binding of impressions through various paths. And love is the most important of these paths leading to the realization of God. Through this love, the Soul becomes entirely absorbed in God, ultimately forgetting itself completely. It is then that all of a sudden knowledge comes as swiftly as the lightning bolt which burns to ashes all that it falls upon.

This knowledge uproots illusions, doubts and worries, and apparent sufferings are instantaneously replaced by everlasting peace and eternal bliss which is the Goal of all existence. Soul now free from its illusions, realizes its Original Unity of Being.

Let us not hope, because this knowledge is beyond hoping and wanting. Let us not reason, because this knowledge cannot be comprehended or thought of. Let us not doubt, because this knowledge is the certainty of certainties. Let us not live the life of the senses, because the lusty, greedy, false, impure mind cannot reach this knowledge. Let us love God as the Soul of our-Souls and in the height of this Love lies this knowledge.

The divinely Perfect ones can bestow this knowledge on any one they like and whenever they like. May we all gain the knowledge soon.





## **“HOW TO LOVE GOD”**

“To love God in the most practical way is to love our fellow beings. If we feel for others in the same way as we feel for our own dear ones, we love God.

If, instead of seeing faults in others, we look within ourselves, we are loving God.

If, instead of robbing others to help ourselves, we rob ourselves to help others, we are loving God.

If we suffer in the sufferings of others and feel happy in the happiness of others, we are loving God.

If, instead of worrying over our own misfortunes, we think of ourselves more fortunate than many many others, we are loving God.

If we endure our lot with patience and contentment, accepting it as His Will, we are loving God.

If we understand and feel that the greatest act of devotion and worship to God is not to hurt or harm any of His beings, we are loving God.

To Love God as He ought to be loved, we must live for God and die for God, knowing that the goal of life is to Love God, and find Him as our own self.”

— Meher Baba.





## LOVE CAN MAKE YOU:

1. Unlearn all you have learned intellectually. Not remember the past, forget the present, and not think of the future.
2. Renounce everything and everyone including your own self.
3. Escape from all that is illusory and take refuge in Reality.
4. Burn all your desires and longings and kindle the one and only desire and longing - union with the Divine Beloved.
5. Become God, live God's life make others God unto yourself.
6. To be worthy of the Divine gift of this Love, let all your thoughts, words and deeds be controlled by the constant remembrance of God.

## **LOVE Vs. DEVOTION.**

"Love burns the lover ;

Devotion burns the Beloved.

Love seeks happiness for the Beloved ;

Devotion seeks blessings from the Beloved.

Love seeks to shoulder the burden of the Beloved ;

Devotion throws the burden on the Beloved.

Love gives :

Devotion asks.

Love is silent and sublime, devoid of outward expressions ;

Devotion expresses itself outwardly.

Love does not require the presence of the Beloved in order to love :

Devotion demands the presence of the Beloved to express affection for the Beloved."

—MEHER BABA.





## LOVE AND LUST

Pure real unadulterated love has in it not even a tinge of lust. Lust for sex, lust for power, lust for name, lust for fame, lust for self-comforts defile the purity of love.

Of all the forces that can overcome all difficulties is the force of love, because the greatest law of God is Love, which holds the key to all problems. Love is dynamic in action and contagious in effect. Pure Love is matchless in Majesty, it has no parallel in power and there is no darkness it cannot dispel. It is the undying flame that has set life aglow. Love alone knows how to give without necessarily bargaining for a return. Love also means suffering and pain for one's-self and happiness for others. The light of love is not free from its fire of sacrifice. Like heat and light, Love and sacrifice go hand in hand.

Love is different from lust. In lust there is a reliance upon the object of sense and consequently spiritual subordination of the soul in relation to it. Love puts the soul direct and co-ordinate relation with the reality, which is behind the form. In lust there is the accentuation of separateness and suffering; but in love there is the feeling of oneness and joy. Lust is the craving of the senses, love is the experiences of the spirit. Lust seeks fulfilment, but love experiences fulfilment. In lust there is excitement; but in love there is tranquility.

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**Baba's Warning at the time of formation of Andhra Centre.**

**Extract of the letter D/ 25-12-62**

**of Bro. Sri Eruch**

"Beloved Baba wants me to convey to you all His dear ones, who played a prominent part to have the new set up for Andhra Meher Centre as wished by Him, that He is happy with what has been **decided upon...** He wants Avatar Meher Baba Andhra Centre to remain ever vigilant so that His 'lambs' may not be devoured by 'wolves' ... Baba says that the time is such that His lovers should cling to His 'daaman' under any circumstances. There will be many a howling 'wolf', distracting His poor and simple 'lambs' donning the robes of sanctity and assuming the robes of saints, yogis, maharishis and mahatmas. Beloved Baba exhorts His loved ones to beware of such faqirs and fakes for they will abound on the face of the Earth ever more and like mushrooms spring up unseen and out of no where ! Hence it is of utmost importance that His lovers and workers remain vigilant and pay heed to His repeated warnings to beware of the so-called Saints, Sadgurus, Munis, Rishies, yogis, masts, faqirs and above all "Avatars of the Yug !!!"





# WILL AND WORRY

Duality implies separateness. Separateness causes fear. Fear makes worry.

The way of Oneness is the way to happiness; the way of many-ness is the way to worry.

I am the one who has no second so I am eternally happy. You are separate from your Self, so you always worry.

To you, what you see is absolutely real; to me it is absolutely false.

I alone am Real and my will governs the cosmic illusion. It is the truth when I say that the waves do not roll and the leaves do not move without my will.

The moment the intensity of your faith in my will reaches its height you say goodbye to worry forever. Then, all that you suffered and enjoyed in the past, together with all that you may experience in the future, will be to you the most loving and spontaneous expression of my will; and nothing will ever be able to cause you worry again.

Live more and more in the Present which is ever beautiful and stretches away beyond the limits of the past and the future.

If at all you must worry, let it be how to remember me constantly. This is worthwhile worry because it will bring about the end of worry.

Think of me more and more, and all your worries will disappear into the nothing, they really are. My will works out to awaken you to this.



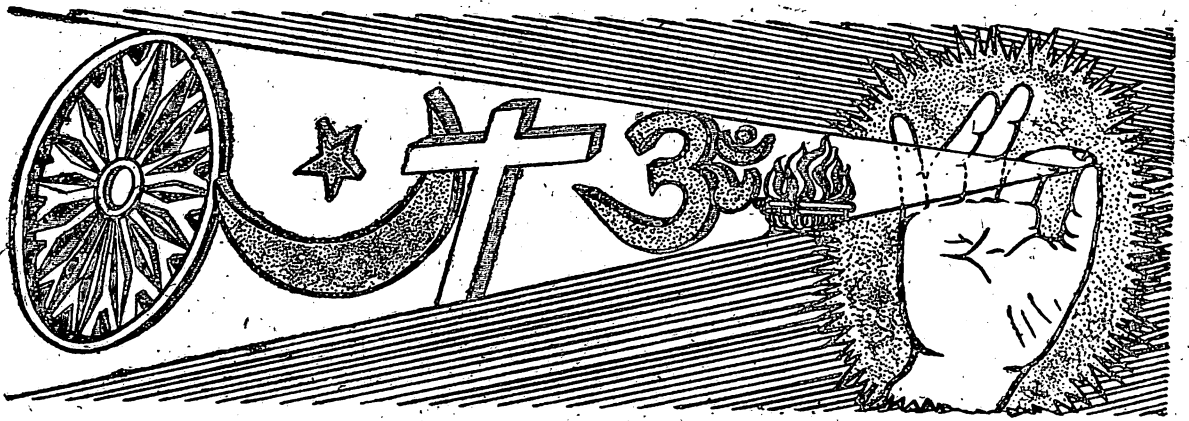




**Birthday Message sent by Meher Baba to the Editor "Velugu"  
Rajahmundry, on 25th February 1954**

"I am never born. I never die. Yet every moment I take birth and undergo death. The countless illusory births and deaths are necessary landmarks in the progression of man's consciousness to Truth,- a prelude to the Real Death and Real Birth. The Real Death is when one dies to self; and the Real Birth is when, dying to self, one is born in God to live for ever His Eternal Life consciously.

I give you all my Love & Blessings for the Real Death and the Real Birth."



## ADDRESS TO EAST WEST GATHERING 1962

(S A H A V A S)

Addressing all present as "My dear children," he stated that the gathering was "a coming together of the children of East and West in the house of their Father. All religions of the world proclaim that there is but One God, the Father of all in creation. I am that Father. I have come to remind all people that they should live on earth as the children of the One Father until my Grace awakens them to the realisation that they are all One without a second; that all divisions, conflicts, hatred are but the shadowplay of their own ignorance. Although all are my children, they ignore the simplicity and beauty of this Truth by indulging in hatreds, conflicts and wars that divide them in enmity, instead of living as one family in their Father's House."

"If you make me your real Father, all differences and contentions between you, all personal problems in connection with your lives will become dissolved in the Ocean of my Love.....I have been patient and indulgent..... because you have been very young children in my love, But you are now older and beginning to realise that there is greater work ahead of you for you to become mature in my love....."

## PLAYING WITH ILLUSIONS

I appreciate the faith which has brought you here. I also appreciate your love and devotion. It has made me very happy.

I know and understand your difficulties and problems, sufferings and expectations. Not only the individuals, but the whole world is in throes of suffering. When suffering comes, it comes according to the divinely established law of KARMA. It must then be accepted with grace and fortitude. But it must be remembered that your actions are the cause of MUCH OF YOUR SUFFERING. THE ROUGH WISE ACTION, IT CAN BE MINIMISED. What humanity needs is spiritual wisdom; and for this, it must inevitably turn to the Perfect Masters and Avatars.

SUFFERING COMES THROUGH IGNORANCE OR ATTACHEMENT TO ILLUSIONS. MOST PEOPLE PLAY WITH ILLUSIONS AS CHILDREN PLAY WITH TOYS. If you get caught up in the ephemeral things of this world and cling to illusory values, suffering is inevitable. It is not easy for little children to give up their toys, for they become victims of a habit, which they cannot undo. In the same way, through millions of lives, you have got into the habit of playing with illusions; it is difficult for you to get disentangled from them.

For ages and ages, the ATMA (Soul) has been seeing its own shadow and getting engrossed in the illusory world of forms. He gets ADDICTED TO THE SPECTACLE OF HIS OWN CREATION and desires to see it through cycles and cycles of creation. When the soul turns inwards and longs to have self-knowledge, it has become spirirually minded. But even there, this habit of wanting to see some spectacle persists for several lives. THE SOUL WANTS TO EXPERIENCE SOME MIRACLES OR SPECTACULAR PHENOMENA; OR IN MORE ADVANCED STAGES, IT WANTS TO PERFORM MIRACLES AND MANIPULATE PHENOMENA. Even spiritually advanced persons find it difficult to outgrow this habit of playing with illusions. PERSISTENT ATTACHMENT TO MIRACLES IS ONLY A FURTHER CONTINUATION OF THE HABIT OF PLAYING WITH ILLUSION.

It is not Miracles, but understanding, which can bring you true freedom. If you have firm faith and unfaltering love for the God-man, your way to the Abiding Truth is clear and safe. Then you have no time to waste in playing with things that do not matter. BE YE GUIDED BY LOVE AND TRUTH. THIS IS THE SIMPLE WAY THAT LEADS TO GOD. Not by endless manoeuvring of alluring illusions, but by loyalty to the unchangeable Truth, can ye hope to be established in Abiding Peace.



## TWELVE WAYS OF REALIZING ME

The Master points out Twelve Ways in which the spiritual seeker may realize his own Divine Self, which is one within all and is the Perfect Master.

### **LONGING :**

If you experience that same longing and thirst for Union with Me as one who has been lying for days in the hot sun of the Sahara experiences the longing for water, then you will realize Me.

### **PEACE OF MIND :**

If you have the peace of frozen lake, then too, you will realize Me.

### **HUMILITY :**

If you have the humility of the earth which can be molded into any shape, then you will know Me.

### **DESPERATION :**

If you experience the desperation that causes a man to commit suicide, and you feel that you cannot live without Me, then you will see Me.

### **FAITH :**

If you have the complete faith that Kalyan had for his Master in believing it was night, although it was day.... because his Master said so.....then you will know Me.

### **FIDELITY :**

If you have the fidelity that the breath has in giving you company, even without your constantly feeling it, till the end of your life... that both in happiness and in suffering gives you company and never turns against you... then you will know Me.

### **CONTROL THROUGH LOVE :**

When your love for Me drives away your lust for the things of the senses, then you realize Me.

### **SELFLESS SERVICE :**

If you have the quality of selfless service unaffected by results, similar to that of the sun which serves the world by shining on all creation ... on the grass in the field, on all mankind, with its sinner and its saint, its rich and its poor, unconscious of their attitude towards it...then you will win Me.

### **RENUNCIATION :**

If you renounce for Me everything physical, mental and spiritual, then you have Me.

—MEHER BABA.



## TWELVE WAYS OF REALIZING ME (Continued)

### OBEDIENCE :

If your obedience is spontaneous, complete and natural as the light is to the eye or smell is to the nose, then you come to Me.

### SURRENDER :

If your surrender to Me is as wholehearted as that of one who, suffering from insomnia, surrenders to sudden sleep without fear of being lost, then you have Me.

### LOVE :

If you have that love for Me that St. Francis had for Jesus, then not only will you realize Me, but you will please Me.

## GEMS FROM MEHER BABA

1. "I was Rama, I was Krishna, I was this one, I was that one and now I am Meher Baba".
2. "I have come not to teach but to awaken".
3. "Real happiness lies in making others happy".
4. "Don't worry; Be happy".
5. "You and I are not we, but One".
6. "I have only one message to give, and I repeat it age after age to one and all: LOVE GOD".
7. "I am the divine beloved that loves you more than you can ever love yourself".
8. "Real living is dying for God. One who dies for God lives forever".
9. "God is infinite honesty. To love God you must be honest".
10. "God forgives every thing except hypocrisy".

— MEHER BABA.



## **BABA'S 10 POINT PLAN FOR A MEHER CENTRE TO WORK.**

1. Each Centre be called Avatar Meher Baba Centre of that particular town.
  2. All irrespective of caste, creed or other distinctions be welcomed at the functions of the Centre.
  3. Each Centre must have all the books, literature by and about Meher Baba and these should be the basis of discussions and exchange of experience by persons interested in matters of the spirit.
  4. Talks, discourses, speeches or lectures, of a purely spiritual character should be arranged under the auspices of the Centre ; but each function is to end with the Arti or invocatory song to Meher Baba, in the language of the place or people.
  5. Each Centre must have atleast one large photograph of Meher Baba. Which after framing be placed in a prominent position.
  6. There should be no president for any function of the Centre; Meher Baba's photograph be treated as being in that capacity.
  7. The Secretary incharge of the Centre, who also administers it, should send monthly reports of any special functions to the Baba - Magazines, The Glow, Meher Pukar, ... .. and The Awakener.
  8. A branch of purely social service (helping the poor, care of the depressed classes etc.,) may be associated with the Centre, provided it is kept strictly free from any political bias or ideology.
  9. A small subscription from permanent members may be gathered to meet the expenses connected with the Centre and the Centre-account submitted to the person in charge of the Centre, every six months. The Baba magazines and Baba books released may be subscribed from this amount.
  10. Each centre must try its utmost to disseminate the messages of Meher Baba and to accomplish this all the Centres in India and abroad must cooperate. Rites, rituals and ceremonies must not creep in Centre functions and meetings.
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**Meher Baba's Message given on 3rd March 1954 at the  
Collector's bungalow Kakinada**

It has been possible through Love for man to become God; and when God becomes man, it is due to His love for His beings. If people were to ask me "Have you seen God?" I would reply "what else is there to see?" If they were to ask me "Are you God?", I would reply "who else would I be?", If they were to ask me "Are you Avatar?", I would reply "why else have I taken this human form?",

So, the only message I could give and have ever been giving is "Love God"; and you will find that your own self is nothing but God."



A special message for a public meeting in the Town Hall on 25-12-53 to memorize Baba's visit to Kakinada in Feb. - March 1953.

Let love annihilate your lower self and.

Reveal My Infinite Self.

Let your ears become deaf to delusion to

Enable you to hear My silent message of  
Divine love.

Let your eyes become blind to illusion to

Receive Me as I Am.

Let your heart open to receive Me in full.

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## **BABA'S LIFE CIRECULAR NO. 36**

### **ISSUED ON 20-7-57.**

"I want all my lovers to pay heed to whatever I said in the printed booklet 'warning by BABA to his lovers'; but with the understanding that it concerns only those who love Me and obey Me.

2) "It does not mean that who follow their Gurus should leave them & follow me.

3) "Being the Avatar I have come to awaken mankind and would like the entire world to come to Me",

In the printed booklet referred to above BABA warned us before hand.

1) That during the period of his humiliation there was every possibility hat his daaman may slip from the hands of his lovers.

2) That levers who had worshipped him for years together might turn dead against him and humiliate him in the public and might even spit at him.

3) That if his lovers wanted to avert such a situation then they should understand it at the core of their hearts that BABA was the Avatar, highest of the high and God in human form.

4) That they should not got to other saints and master.





## **BABA'S WARNING TO HIS LOVERS.**

This is a very critical period of the Avataric age and all his lovers must strive to their utmost to hold his 'daaman' very firmly so that it does not slip out of their hands under any circumstances.

It is very important for all his lovers, specially in this critical period not to succumb to lust. Temptations are and will be great, but your love for him should be greater. Remember him wholeheartedly and rise swiftly from where you have fallen to march ahead in his Love and Service.

It is equally important at this critical period of the Avataric Age to beware at all times, of persons who lead others into believing that they are saintly and pious and profess to possess supernatural powers. However pious such persons appear to be, a Baba-lover must never mix up such piety with the Divinity of the Avatar !

A true Baba-lover must remember the repeated warning given to all Baba-lovers time and again to stay away from persons who feel and assert that they are masters and saints and possess powers to help human beings. His lovers and workers should never get involved with such persons and affairs much less with perverted "helpers of humanity" who have no reverence or regard for the perfect Masters and the Avatar of the Age. Beware of them who exploit spirituality to gain their selfish ends and dupe others in the name of Sadgurus and the Avatar.

His lovers and workers should not get intimately involved with the family affairs of one another, and they should not be emotionally upset by the personal affairs concerning any of their families. They should NOT let any personal affairs vitiate their relationship with one another or affect their efforts in the work they do for the cause of Truth.

He wants his lovers and workers who are spreading his Message of Love to others, to share his Love among themselves and to uphold the spirit of harmony and understanding in His name. He wants them to be less aggressive towards others and less tolerant towards themselves and above all He wants them to love Him wholeheartedly for He is the Ancient One, who loves them more than they can ever love themselves.

MEHER BABA IN JULY, 1968.

(6 months before Dropping his body)

## **"MY WORK & BABA WORKERS"**

"...You all honestly act up to what I want to emphasize, The Apostles or the 'Asahabs' who worked for My Cause did the work at the cost of everything, even at the cost of life itself. So, listen very carefully and be very attentive.

"It is wastage of money on garlands, fruits and sweets as offerings to Me, for the conventional Puja and a sheer wastage of breath and energy to merely chant My Arti. WHAT I WANT FROM ALL MY LOVERS IS REAL, UN-ADULTERATED LOVE, and FROM MY GENUINE WORKERS I EXPECT REAL WORK DONE.

"...It is natural that amongst workers of any cause—political, social or spiritual—there are bound to be differences of opinion. But these very differences of opinion and competitions and jealousies lead to absolute break-down of the very basis of work.

"The only reason why I call upon every individual to work for Me is to make each one share the Divine Cause; and the programmes such as Mass Darshans are created just to give opportunity for expression of individual and collective love.

"So if you are prepared to share My Universal Work, the work must be done cent per cent honestly, and that work is to spread My Message of Love.

"If you are prepared to work, I now let you know and explain to you how you should work.

"First of all, bear in mind that you should not at all seek appreciation from Me or from others. Though this sounds so easy while I just dictate, it is so difficult to put into practice. Remember this much that work in itself is its own appreciation. The moment you seek appreciation, work is undone. Therefore, seek not any appreciation for the work you do for Me.

"Secondly, do not depend upon some one or some help to make you work for Me. It is true that some of you are ready to work for My Cause cent percent: yet because some of you have been poor and have large families, you cannot devote your time and means for My work. But why work then beyond your means? The moment the worker depends upon anyone and anything, work is undone. Therefore, do as much as YOU can, but do it honestly.

Thirdly, if money is collected for the work and spent without being accounted for, then all work, in the name of Divine Cause, must be stopped immediately by the so-called workers.



"One penny or one pie extracted in My name, without true basis, is dishonesty. Even a pie so earned will be the cause of millions of births. So today want every one of you to pour out your hearts and decide once and for all, either to work or to stop the work.

"My dear friends, if you want to make people love Me, show them that you really love Me. Don't merely make them read My books and messages; but **YOU LIVE SUCH A LIFE OF SACRIFICE THAT OTHERS MAY AUTOMATICALLY LOVE ME.**

"...If instead of doing the real work, you have been doing propaganda for Me, it is absurd. I do not want propaganda or publicity I want love and honesty. If you cannot show that, you all stop working. I am quite capable of doing My Universal Work all alone. The very words - propaganda and publicity - look Me down. Baba's work needs no money. My work had been done ages ago without money. When money came into vogue, it waabs suoltely for money that Judas sold Me.

"Ofcourse, it is but natural for those workers who are poor to think that they must have money for Baba's work, for spreading far and wide the Message of Love. But from My point of view, to depend on money for Baba's work and to extract money by hook or crook is absolutely dishonest.

"...Live such a life that you show others that you love Me. But to ask people to give money and then in return to propagate Baba's Message of Love does sound absurd ....Begin to live the life of sacrifice, love and honesty so that by your living, others may come to Me in all sincerity. Let there be no compromise in this; otherwise, the whole thing would merely be a show of a mixture of honesty and dishonesty. Absolute honesty must be there, and there will be no "Baba" without it. I am Baba and I know everything.

"...Let each Baba lover be Baba's Centre, personified for Baba's work, radiating the eternal Message of Love though living the life of sacrifice, love and honesty for the Divine Cause. Let every lover whoever and wherever he may be, be Baba's Centre in telling people Baba's Message that God alone is Real and everything else is un and that eal should loveefore aJerlth Baba.

"...Let true workers become Beba's Centres. And for God's sake, for Baba's sake, beware of money. One pie taken from others with false pretensions makes one die million deaths ! **LET PRINCIPLE IN WORK AND HONESTY IN LIFE PREVAIL.**

"...TO SURRENDER IS HIGHER THAN TO LOVE' - and paradoxical as it may seem, yet it is a fact that 'to love Me as I ought to be loved is impossible, and to obey Me is possible. Therefore to call yourselves as My workers and yet not to obey Me would be hypocritical—I want your hearts towards each other to be clean. Clean your hearts and live for Baba if you love Baba.

"..... Again I say, if you want to make the world love Me and make them feel My love for them, then it is in your own individual hands to do so. This does not mean that you must necessarily work individually. I never said that. I say each one of you be 'Baba-Centre'; this does not mean that each one of you should work individually when even all of you can work collectively as 'Baba-Centre' or can work in groups as Baba-Centres.

".. From the world I do not want anything - no surrender, no mind, body, no possessions. ONLY I WANT LOVE. What I want is, those who really love Me and want to work for Me, should each become 'Baba-Centre'. How those, who can afford and how those, who cannot afford can work for Me, has been explained by Me. I am the Servant and the Master simultaneously.

"But don't do false propaganda. What your heart says and your conscience says about Me, pour out without hesifation. Be unmindful of whether you are ridiculed or accepted in pouring out your heart for Me to others".











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Sri A. P. Ranganatha Swamy,  
Chairman.

Sri P. V. R. K. Prasad,  
Managing Director.

## **FACTS AT A GLANCE**

1. The Corporation is a Government of Andhra Pradesh Undertaking and is a joint venture of Government and Nationalised Banks to exploit the Irrigation potential for the benefit of the Farmers and weaker sections.
2. Date of Formation :— 7-9-1974.
3. Authorised Share Capital :— Rs 10. Crores.
4. Nature of work undertaken :— Construction of Lift Irrigation Schemes and Tube well Schemes in Andhra Pradesh.
5. Aims of the Corporation :— (a) To lift the surface water and supply for Irrigation to the ayacut which is not commandable by gravitational flow.  
(b) To exploit the Ground water potential to provide irrigation facilities in upland areas where surface water is not available and to supplement existing irrigation facilities.

### **6. Lift Irrigation Schemes :—**

(i) Taken up	No. of Schemes	Cost Rs. in Lakhs.	Irrigation potential in Hectares.
	39	581	49,000

13 Schemes are already commissioned creating an irrigation potential of 8435 Hectares in Kharif and 7780 Hectares in Rabi.

(ii) Tentative programme for 1978-79 :	No. of Schemes.	Expected Irrigation potential in Hectares.
	80	53,000

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**7. Ground Water (Tube-well Schemes)**

(i) Taken up :	No. of Schemes. 416	Irrigation potential in Hectares 14,400
(ii) Programme for 1978-79 :	No. of Schemes. 670	Expected Irrigation Potential in Hectares. 20,225

(including D. P. A. P. & Panchayat Raj Drinking Water Wells)

**8 Future programme :—**

Item.	No. of Schemes.	Cost Rs. in Lakhs.	Ayacut in Hectares.	
			Kharif.	Rabi.
L. I. Schemes.	218	6700.00	153868	155000
Tube well schemes	1800			

**9. Research & Designs :—**

There is a Centrally sponsored scheme for strengthening the Ground water and surface water in Minor Irrigation Organisations responsible for Surveys Planning and Design and to study various problems arising in day-to-day functioning and to run the Corporation in a most economical and scientific way.

**NOTE :—**

The Corporation runs on Commercial lines. Hence the cost together with interest, running and maintenance charges will be realised from the beneficiaries through collection of water rate which will be fixed by the Corporation. Schemes are taken up only when the beneficiaries agreed to pay the economic water rates. The water rate varies with the lift and the cropping pattern. Government have sanctioned a subsidy of Rs. 88/- per acre for Kharief (paddy) and Rs. 53/- per acre for Rabi I. D. and Rs. 141/- for two crops for a period of 5 years which tapers off in VI and VII years.

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