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Introduction :

For 36 years now, Meher Baba has been observing silence, which began on 10th July 1925. "WHY MEHER BABA IS SILENT?" - is a question that puzzles the mind of many - both amongst His lovers and followers and amongst those yet outside His fold. The ordinary human mind is bewildered at the way Baba has been fixing and putting off dates for the breaking of his silence. And this has caused various speculations in the minds of His lovers, as to when Baba will break His silence and what it will reveal. This has also invited various kinds of criticism from sceptics. During the second half of 1960, the attention of many was focused on the breaking of Baba's silence for He had said He would do so before the end of that year; but

when 1960 passed and His silence continued, one of the *mandali* wrote to some of Baba's lovers :

“ those who are and have been with Baba, have not felt He has been silent and are therefore not ‘craning their necks’ to see the breaking of His silence—they have Him; they hear His silence speak in their hearts and their lives unceasingly. But those who have only of His silence, eagerly await what the breaking of it will reveal. They are the believers-of-His-Silence, and time and again they remind the believers – of – Baba about His silence.

“ And there are still others who are concerned wholly and solely about His promise to break His silence – concerned that He should be breaking His promise instead of His Silence ! And finally there

are those selfish fish-in-the-shell who pray that Baba will once again and yet again postpone the day, for although it will herald the dawn of Universal Unity and Harmony, it will be at no little cost to His beloved person.

“And of course, He will break it just when the moment is right. As Pharoah said some 1,300 years before Christ (in reference to Moses) ‘One day, in His own good time, He will speak the word that cannot be misunderstood.’

‘Baba has said, The one WORD full of meaning has produced innumerable meaningless words and when I utter that WORD all words will have meaning.’

“Some seem to feel in regard to His Silence-breaking promises that He has to break His word many times before He breaks His Silence to utter the WORD.

And there are some who wonder if Baba will ever break His Silence after all ! To this Baba has said, ‘Of course I will break My silence. Otherwise, why would I have observed it ?’

“The delay we feel to be made by Baba in carrying out His word is but the reflection of the *delay within us* in our preparedness to accept His WORD of words. This delay on his part therefore is nothing but the exercising of the Avatar’s infinite compassion.”

To know God as God and His ways one has to become God. So to know Baba as Baba and his ways one has to become Baba. Till then all efforts to explain Him and His ways remain a figment of our imagination. A right understanding of the essential spirit of Meher Baba’s utterances would result not from the study

of discourses and definitions, but from the resolution earnestly to follow the way of life He sets before us and to devote our lives to His service. One can read all the books that are written in Baba's name by heart and yet know nothing about Baba. For Baba teaches by being as HE is and we learn by loving and obeying Him to be as He is. One should always remember what Baba repeatedly declares to the world that He is not to be looked upon as a *sadhu* or a saint, or a yogi, or a teacher. With His divine authority He asserts that He is the Highest of the High. When He is the Highest of the *High.*, it is impossible for man to measure Him or to understand His ways. When we face Meher Baba we are facing the sphere of the infinite in which there is no "order" in the

natural sense. So Baba says, "Do not expect to understand Me or what I do, as you understand the life around you. . .he who would deeply ponder over the Truth which I declare, shall eventually be initiated into the Life Eternal."

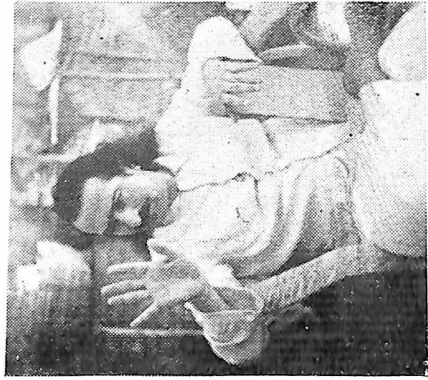
It is for the sincere seekers of Truth and honest lovers of God to read and ponder over, the following illuminating statements made by Baba regarding His silence which have been compiled and are offered to them on this auspicious occasion of the 36th anniversary of Avatar Meher Baba's Silence.

May you be awakened to hear the voice of His Silence speaking in your heart.

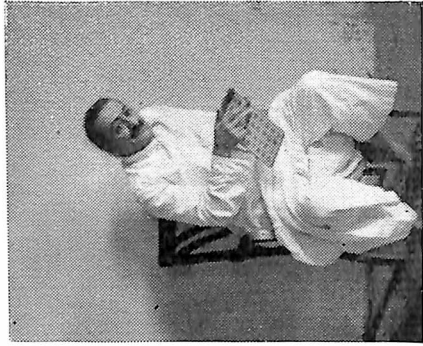
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“ What is the time ? ”



Is that all ?
(Meher Baba gesturing)



**Meher Baba conversing with His
mandali by means of His
alphabet-board**

ECHO OF SILENCE

*"In the beginning was the Word,
and Word was with God."*

—St John.

● When from the depths of his heart, man desires something more real than material power, the wave of destruction will recede. Thence peace will come, joy will come, light will come.

● The breaking of My silence – the signal of My public manifestation – is not far off. I bring the greatest treasure which it is possible for man to receive – a treasure which includes all other treasures, which will endure for ever,

which increases when shared by others. Be ready to receive it.

● I am not limited by this form. I use it like a garment to make Myself visible to you; and I communicate with you. Don't try to understand Me. My depth is unfathomable. Just love Me, I eternally enjoy the Christ-state (*Aham Brahmasmi*-state) of consciousness, and when I speak I shall manifest My true Self; besides giving a general push to the whole world, I shall lead all those who come to Me toward light and truth.

● I intend, when I speak, to reveal the ONE Supreme Self which is in all. This accomplished, the idea of the self as a limited, separate entity will dis-

appear, and with it will vanish self-interest. Co-operation will replace competition, certainty will replace fear, generosity will replace greed. Exploitation will disappear. The benefits that shall accrue to different nations and countries when I bring about the spiritual upheaval will be largely determined by the amount of energy each possesses. The greater the energy - however misapplied - the greater the response.

● When (the God-man) speaks, Truth is more powerfully manifested than when He uses either sight or touch to convey it. For that reason Avatars usually observe a period of silence lasting for several years, break-

ing it to speak only when they wish to manifest the Divine Will and world-wide transformation of consciousness then takes place.

● I am never silent. I speak eternally. The voice that is heard deep within the soul is My voice...the voice of inspiration, of intuition, of guidance. Through those who are receptive to this voice, I speak.

● My outward silence is no spiritual exercise. It has been undertaken and maintained solely for the good of others.

● Things that are real are always-given and received in silence.

● God has been everlastingly working in silence, unobserved, unheard,

except by those who experience His Infinite Silence.

● People have asked Me when I would break My silence. I, in turn asked them, "If My silence cannot speak, of what avail would be speeches made by the tongue?" When God thinks My speaking would be heard universally, He will make Me break My silence. However, silence or no silence, he who would deeply ponder over the Truth which I declare shall eventually be initiated into the Life Eternal.

● Time, implying a beginning and an end, like space, has no existence in the eternity of God. For us here, time does exist, and the present is fast

approaching a junction that is the end of an old and the beginning of a new cycle. The time is thus almost ripe for a fresh Universal Divine Manifestation that will infuse new vitality in the body of the old and time-worn truths.

● Although political, economic and sex problems are not directly connected with the Divine Theme, the moment God speaks, all problems, all over the world, will by themselves get solved and adjusted.

● This much I can say now, that soon God will make Me break My silence and then it will mean God manifesting Himself; and within a short period, humiliation and glorification will come and then: will follow

My violent physical death. I will come back again after 700 years; this I can say now.

● Before the end of this year, God will make Me sing the first original Song, and those who love Me will be lost in that Song and find Me to be in every one. When I break My silence, the greatest miracle of all times will happen. Be worthy to receive the Divine Grace – and for that be prepared to receive that Grace now.

● Although I appear to be silent, I speak through you all. I am ever silent and everlastingly speaking, but the time has arrived when soon I will break this apparent silence and then

those who love Me will see My Real Self.

● I feel very happy to hear music. It reminds Me of the first Song that was sung ages ago, and that Song produced this phenomena called the Universe. God will make Me soon break My silence and that first original Song will be sung again, and the world will realise that God alone is real and that everyone of us is eternally one with God.

● When I say that My Manifestation is connected with the breaking of My silence, people shou'd not expect an outpouring of verbosity. I will utter the Word of words that will irresistibly impart to those who are ready

'I-am God', '*Anal Haq*' or '*Aham Brahmasmi*' state.

● My mission is to utter this word of Truth which will pierce the mind of world and go to its very heart. It will convey the simple Truth in its utter and indefinable simplicity. It will mark the moment of fulfilment of the Divine Life. It will throw open new gates to Eternity. It will bring new hope to despairing humanity.

● The word that I will speak will go to the world as from God, not as from a philosopher; it will go straight to its heart. With the dawn of the realisation of the Unity of all life, hatred and dissension will come to an end. There will be unfaltering love and un-

failing understanding and men shall be united in an inviolable brotherhood based on the realised Oneness of God.

● The moment I break My silence and utter that Original Word, the first and last miracle of 'Baba' in this life will be performed. It will be such a miracle as I never have performed. When I perform that miracle, I won't raise the dead; but I will make those who live for the world dead to the world and live in God. I won't give sight to the blind, but will make people blind to illusion and make them see God as Reality.

● I must break My silence soon. When I do, all who have come into contact with Me will have some

glimpse of Me. Some will see a little of it, some a little more and some still more. It will be as when the "power-house" is switched on; wherever bulbs are connected to it, there will be light. From the bulbs that are of small candle-power, the light will be dim; from those that are of high candle-power, the light will be bright. If the bulb is fused there will be no light at all. I perform no miracles, but when I break My silence, the first and the last miracle will be performed. The time for the "power-house" to be switched on is so near that the only thing that will count now is love.

● Remember, that although I do not perform miracles, I will give anything

to whosoever asks from the bottom of his heart. But this I tell you, too – that the one who asks for My love will be the chosen one. The time is very near when I will break My silence, and then, within a short period, all will happen, My humiliation, My glorification, My manifestation and My dropping this body. All this will happen soon and in a short period. So, from this moment, love Me more and more.

● If you were to ask me why I do not speak, I would say I am not silent, and that I speak more eloquently through gestures and the alphabet board.

● If you were to ask Me why I do not talk, I would say mostly for three

reasons. Firstly, I feel that through you all I am talking eternally. Secondly, to relieve the boredom of talking incessantly through your forms, I keep silence in My personal physical form. And thirdly, because all talk in itself is idle talk. Lectures, messages, statements, discourses of any kind, spiritual or otherwise, spoken or written are just idle 'talk' when not acted upon and lived up to.

● If you were to ask Me when I will break My silence I would say, when I feel like uttering the only real Word that was spoken in the beginningless beginning, as that word alone is worth uttering. The Time for the breaking of my silence to utter that Word is very near.

● My Word of words will touch the hearts of all mankind and spontaneously this divine touch will instil in man the feeling of oneness of all, fellow beings. This feeling will supersede the tendency of separateness and rule over the hearts of all, driving away hatred, jealousy and greed that breed suffering, and happiness will reign.

● I have come to sow the seed of love in your hearts so that in spite of all superficial diversity, which your life in illusion must experience and endure, the feeling of oneness through love is brought about amongst all the nations, creeds, sects and castes of the world. In order to bring this about, I am preparing to break My silence. When I

break My silence it will not be to fill your ears with spiritual lectures. I shall speak only One word, and this word will penetrate the hearts of all men and make even the so-called sinner feel that he is meant to be a saint, while the saint will know that God is in the sinner as much as He is in himself.

- Ages and ages ago, I did perform one great miracle and the whole of this illusion of creation came from Me. I will perform another such miracle at the time when I break My silence. That will be My first and last miracle in my present incarnation. Expect no other miracle from Me.

- The time is rapidly approaching when a tidal wave will rise in the

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 Avataric 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

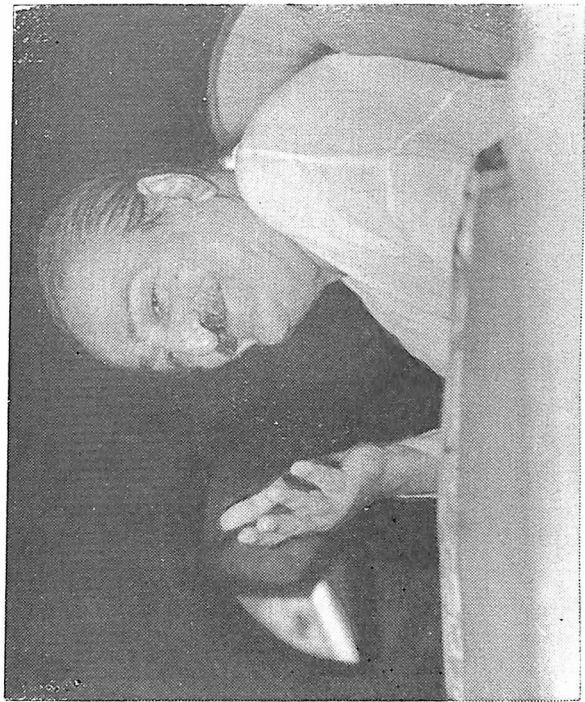
Silence will help you to help yourself in knowing your real Self.

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.

● Through endless time God's greatest gift is continuously given in silence. But when mankind becomes completely deaf to the thunder of His silence. God incarnates as Man. The Unlimited assumes the Limited, to shake *Maya* - drugged humanity to a consciousness of its true destiny and

to give a spiritual push to the world by His physical Presence on earth. He uses the Body for His universal work, to be discarded in final sacrifice as soon as it has served its purpose.

● God has come again and again in various Forms, has spoken again and again in different words and different languages the same one Truth – but how many are there that live upto it? Instead of making Truth the vital breath of his life, man compromises by making over and over again a mechanical religion of it, – as a handy staff to lean on in times of adversity, as a soothing balm for his conscience or as a tradition to be followed in the footsteps of the past. Man's inability



“What a joke?”



Meher Baba communicating through the alphabet-board while in Hollywood (U. S. A.) in 1932.

to live God's words, makes them a mockery. How many Christians follow Christ's teaching to 'turn the other cheek or to love thy neighbour as thyself?' How many Muslims follow Mohammed's precept to "hold God above everything else?" How many Hindus "bear the torch of righteousness at all cost?" How many Buddhists live the "Life of pure compassion expounded by Buddha?" How many Zoroastrians "think truly, speak truly, act truly?". God's Truth cannot be ignored; and thus by mankind's ignorance and weakness a tremendous adverse reaction is produced - and the world finds itself in a cauldron of suffering through wars, hate, conflict-

ing ideologies, and nature's rebellion in the form of floods, famines, earthquakes, and other disasters. Ultimately when the apex is reached, God manifests anew in human form to guide mankind to the destruction of its self-created evil, that it may be re-established in the Divine truth. My Silence and the imminent breaking of My Silence is to save mankind from the monumental force of ignorance, and to fulfil the divine Plan of universal unity. The breaking of My Silence will reveal to man the universal oneness of God, which will bring about the universal brotherhood of man. My Silence had to be. The breaking of My Silence has to be - soon.

● My Humiliation, and My Glorification :

In the stage of Humiliation, the measure of your love for Me and your preparedness to obey Me will be tested, not by Me but by the phase of humiliation itself. Blessed will be those among you who will hang on to My '*daaman*' through it all, emerging triumphant in the divine glory of My Love.

The stage of Glorification to follow, will be when I break My silence with the divine word - THE WORD that will indisputably assert the existence of God, in the mind and heart of man; that will make the world know that

God not only exists, but that HE ALONE exists, infinitely and eternally.

● Drown all sound in My silence, if you would hear My word of words.

● I want you to know that I will definitely break My Silence; and I want you to cling to My '*daaman*' till the very end, irrespective of whether I speak or not. 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.

I want you to remain undisturbed and unshaken by the force of life's

currents, for whatever the circumstances they too will be of My own creation.

I want you to remain absorbed as much as possible in thinking of Me during My Seclusion of six months, when circumstances will be so created during this period that they will try to drift you away from Me. This is the reason why I have repeatedly stressed, while at Guruprasad, that the time has come when I want you all to cling to My '*daaman*' with both hands – in case the grip of one hand is lost, your other hand will serve in good stead.

- Hold fast to My *daaman*.
- My Silence must break. There is no escape for it. I shall not lay down

My body until I have given the WORD to the world.

Of My own I shall not break My silence; Universal Crisis will make Me do so. When the Crisis reaches its absolute culmination, it will make Me utter the WORD at that moment. Circumstances are converging and fast gathering momentum towards precipitating the right moment, which will come completely unawares - at any time, any hour, any day. That Moment is not far away.

● As I am the PIVOT of the Universe, the full pressure of the universal upheaval will bear on Me, and correspondingly My suffering will be so

infinitely overwhelming that the WORD will escape from out of the Silence.

● Remain completely resigned to My WILL, and do not let any circumstance or situation shake your grip from My '*daaman*'. I shall not come out of My Seclusion until I break My Silence. The Divine Moment for My giving the WORD is not far off.



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