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" I am very happy to have you all here.

" I know that very many of you have come to Meherabad under greatly difficult circumstances. Some of you have covered thousands of miles, and even crossed continents to be at Meherabad today. It is your deep love for me that has braved all obstacles and prompted you to sacrifice your comforts and convenience to honour my Call and to be near me today.

" I am deeply touched by your devotion and I am proud of the hearts that contain such love and loyalty.

" There are many more devoted hearts like yours yearning to be present here, but these are not to be seen in your midst today. I know that in spite of their intense desire to be near me, they could not possibly come, for one reason or another. Therefore, they depend upon you to convey to them in vivid detail all that you see and hear during these two days of unique opportunity that has fallen to your lot. I trust you will not fail them.

" Although you are present here with all love and faith in me and though you feel blessed to have my personal contact, yet I know that you will not realize today, as you ought to, the true significance of my Call and your presence here at this juncture. Time alone will make most of you realize, not many months from now, the significant importance of this assembly.

" The time is fast approaching when all that I have repeatedly stressed, from time to time, will definitely come to pass. Most of you will witness those events; and will recall very vividly all that transpires during these two days of your stay at Meherabad.

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"I have come not to establish anything new—I have come to put life into the old. I have not come to establish retreats or ashrams. I create them for the purpose of my universal work, only to repeatedly dissolve them, once that purpose has been served.

"The Universe is my Ashram, and every heart is my house; but I manifest only in those hearts in which all, other than me, ceases to live.

"When my Universal Religion of love is on the verge of fading into insignificance, I come to breathe life into it and to do away with the farce of dogmas that defile it in the name of religions and stifle it with ceremonies and rituals.

"The present universal confusion and unrest has filled the heart of man with greater lust for power and a greed for wealth and fame, bringing in its wake untold misery, hatred, jealousy, frustration and fear. Suffering in the world is at its height in spite of all the striving to spread peace and prosperity to bring about lasting happiness.

"For man to have a glimpse of lasting happiness, he has first to realize that God being in all, knows all; that God alone acts and reacts through all, that God, in the guise of countless animate and inanimate entities, experiences the innumerably varied phenomena of suffering and happiness, and that God Himself undergoes all these illusory happenings. Thus, it is God who has brought suffering in human experience to its height and God alone who will efface this illusory suffering and bring the illusory happiness to its height.

"Whether it manifests as Creation or disappears into the Oneness of Reality, whether it is experienced as existing and real, or is perceived to be false and non-existent, illusion throughout is illusion. There is no end to it, just as there is no end to imagination.

"There are two aspects experienced in illusion—manyness and oneness. While manyness multiplies

manyness, oneness goes on magnifying itself. Manyness is the "religion" of illusion on which illusion thrives.

"In the illusory beginning of Time, there was no such state of mess in illusion as there is today. When the evolution of consciousness began, there was oneness in spite of the diversity in illusion. With the growth of consciousness, manyness also went on increasing, until now it is about to overlap the limit. Like the wave that reaches its crest, this height of manyness will dissolve itself and bring about the beginning of oneness in illusion. Suffering at its height will cause the destruction of the climax of manyness in illusion.

"The time has come for the pre-ordained destruction of multiple separateness which keeps man from experiencing the feeling of unity and brotherhood. This destruction which will take place very soon, will cause three-fourths of the world to be destroyed. The remaining one-fourth will be brought together to live a life of concord and mutual understanding, thus establishing a feeling of oneness in all fellow-beings, leading them towards lasting happiness.

"Before I break my silence or immediately after it three-fourths of the world will be destroyed I shall speak soon to fulfil all that is shortly to come to pass.

"To affirm religious faiths, to establish societies or to hold conferences will never bring about the feeling of unity and oneness in the life of mankind now completely absorbed in the manyness of illusion. Unity in the midst of diversity can be made to be felt only by touching the very core of the heart. That is the work for which I have come.

"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 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.

"When I speak that Word, I shall lay the foundation for that which is to take place during the next seven hundred years. When I come again after seven hundred years, the evolution of consciousness will have reached such an apex that materialistic tendencies will be automatically transmuted into spiritual longing, and the feeling of equality in universal brotherhood will prevail. This means that opulence and poverty, literacy and illiteracy, jealousy and hatred which are in evidence today in their full measure will then be dissolved through the feeling of the oneness of all men. Prosperity and happiness will then be at its zenith.

"This does not mean that oneness in illusion shall remain so eternally. That is because all this that is, is illusion, and the consciousness of oneness as well as of manyness in illusion is part of the process of evolution. The time is bound to recur when there will be again the same beginning, growth and culmination of the heights of manyness and oneness in illusion.

"My next advent, after I drop this body, will be after seven hundred years and that will mark the end and the beginning of a Cycle of Cycles. All cycles of time in illusion end and begin after 700 to 1,400 years, and there have been and will be millions and billions of such cycles in a Cycle of Cycles; thus, there is no end to illusion which always remains illusion.

"Age after age, I come amidst mankind to maintain my own Creation of illusion, thereby also awakening humanity to become aware of it. The frame-work of illusion is always one and the same, but the designs in

illusion are innumerable and ever-changing. My advent is not to destroy illusion, because illusion, as it is, is absolutely nothing. I come to make you become aware of nothingness of illusion. Through *you*, I automatically maintain illusion which is nothing but the shadow of my Infinite Self, and through *me*, you automatically discard illusion when you are made aware of its falseness.

“My manifestation as the Avatar of the time will be of short duration. This short period will, in quick succession, cover my humiliation, the breaking of my silence, my glorification, and my violent physical end. Everlastingly with all the Divine Bliss within me, I eternally suffer for one and all—thus, I am crucified eternally and continually, for all.

“During this short period, my Word of words will touch the hearts of all mankind, and spontaneously, this Divine touch will instil in man the feeling of the oneness of all fellow-beings. Gradually, in the course of the next seven hundred years, 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.”

CLARIFICATION

(*To The Final Declaration of 30th Sept. 1954*)

Meher Baba had mentioned during the Meherabad Meeting his intended visit to Pandharpur which would be his very last public appearance. Thus, although Baba has stopped using alphabet-board and has stopped giving Darshan, he kept his promise to the saint Gadge Maharaj and visited Pandharpur, on November 6th 1954, where tens of thousands of people were blessed by Baba's presence.

The day following his visit to Pandharpur, Baba gave to his Mandali, through the use of gestures, the following explanation :

‘ It is really very difficult for any one to believe and understand what I say, because none can grasp the meaning underlying my words. It is natural even for my intimate Mandali not to understand my Final Declaration ; but I want you to take everything that I said in Meherabad during the Meetings very seriously, because all that I said was the truth, they were words of God, and all the things said must come to pass exactly in the manner described by me.

‘ From the day I declared in Meherabad that there will be the destruction of three-fourths of the world, that a strange disease will attack my body, that I will suffer humiliation, that I will break my silence and speak one Word, the Word of words, that there will be my Glorification, and that finally I will drop my body when I shall be stabbed in the back, my lovers and others have been unnecessarily confused, and they all have been trying to interpret my words in different ways.

‘ Everyone is free to interpret my words in any way he thinks and feels. But one thing I tell you, that whenever I say a thing, I naturally use my own “ language ”, and

whatsoever is said by me is Truth. But, my "language" is such that none can understand or grasp the underlying meaning of what I say; therefore when I want to say a thing, I have simultaneously to make use of your language also, knowing well that you would understand nothing whatsoever if I were to make use of my "language" alone.

' In order to help you to understand my Final Declaration, and to put an end to your confusion and worry, I want all of you to know that when you saw me dictate on my alphabet-board during the meetings at Meherabad, and heard about :

(1) A strange disease attacking my body : It was said in your language.

(2) The humiliation that I will suffer : It was said in your language.

(3) The breaking of my silence and my uttering the one Word of words : It was said in my own "language" and simultaneously in yours, because when I utter that Word, it will be an audible word to you.

(4) My Glorification : It was said simultaneously in my language and yours.

(5) The destruction of three-fourths of the world : It was said in my own "language" alone.

(6) The stab in my back : was said in my own language alone.

(7) The dropping of my body : It was said in my own language and simultaneously in yours.

' Consequently, whatever is said by me in *your* language, you are able to understand and know what is said, but that which is said in *my own* "language" is impossible for you to understand, however much you all may try to interpret and grasp the underlying meaning behind my words. Only the fulfilment of events can unfold to you, in due course, the meaning of what is said in my own "language".

'I therefore want you all not to worry unnecessarily or be confused. Just believe that whatever I say is Truth; and that all which I said in my Final Declaration will come to pass precisely as I have dictated, by the end of April 1955. And the beginning of all that is to happen within the period of these six months, will be effected by me from the 1st of Dec. 1954.'

CONFIRMATION

(of the Final Declaration of 30th Sept. 1954)

This Circular concerns (a) the intimations given by Meher Baba, (b) the final declaration made by him at the last meetings held at Meherabad (Ahmednagar) on September 29/30th 1954, and (c) his subsequent clarification as conveyed through Life Circular No. 22 dated November 20th 1954.

Baba and those living with him, have carried out a special programme of specific activities for a period of forty days from the 1st of December 1954 to the 10th of January 1955.

Having completed this special phase of his work, Baba desires all concerned to know that :

(1) " Each and all things as intimated, declared and clarified by me are all fixed and ordained facts, and God will see that everything happens and is done as fore-ordained by Him.

" All this that is destined to take place is unavoidable, yet the resultant effects can be modified in two different ways according to relative circumstances. The modification of the effects of a destined plan can on the one hand either effect the intensity, scope, shape or size of the chain of events, or on the other hand bring about a considerable change in the factor of time.

" In either case the effects can be modified as much in relation to me and those closely connected with me, as to the world at large. For example, the world can absorb fully a simultaneous spiritual and material shock, either by a modification in the quality and quantity of events or by a considerable change in the time factor.

" If the time limit (viz. April 1955 as mentioned at the Meherabad Meetings) remains unchanged, then in order to enable the world to fully absorb the shock of shocks, the chain of events may be modified both in degree and in kind. But if the time limit is changed considerably, the events will take place without any modification whatsoever.

In the latter case the most important and significant point is that definitely and emphatically the link between my physical body and all my external activities as carried on upto now, will be dropped by April 1955 and there will take place an immeasurable change in the external relations between me and those who are closely connected with me. So that if I do not drop my physical body, I will yet, so to say, 'die', for I will then become actually dead to the world up to the end of the modified period of time.

" During the indefinite period of the modified time, I will completely stop one and all of my external activities as carried out and carried on by me in the course of my different phases of my physical life so far, including the present life of retirement amongst those who live with me permanently.

(1) " I will then, throughout this modified period of time, live a life of complete physical detachment from everything and everybody except a few as will be absolutely necessary for my requirements of nature in the barest sense of living the life of a man alive.

(2) " I wish all my lovers to observe a fast and remain only on water (which can be taken any number of times during the fast) for twenty-four hours, from 8 p. m. on Saturday February 12th to 8 p. m. on Sunday February 13th; and to devote all available time during the 24 hours, in praying to God in the way each likes best to pray to Him.

(3) " Honesty is the Key-note to Divinity. He who can love God honestly can lose himself *in* God and find himself *as* God."

Baba has been withdrawing more and more within Himself, reducing all communication to the minimum of gestures, without recourse to making signs as of "writing with forefingers" or to the alphabet board, as he has done for the thirty years of his silence. In very exceptional cases, as in the above communication, Baba spends hours making one of those present repeat the English alphabet again and again and stopping him each time the required letter is arrived at in order to help them form the word or grasp the sense of the sentence he wishes to convey. This wearisome mode of communication to us speaks volumes for his Infinite patience and for his Love for all those who love him.

DECISION *

Through the wearisome mode of communication as explained in the last Circular, Meher Baba has conveyed the following Decision (in conclusion to the Final Declaration made last year on Sept. 30th and of his Clarification and Confirmation issued on Nov. 20th 1954 and Feb. 3rd 1955 respectively) :—

“The Universe has come out of God. God has not come out of the universe. Illusion has come out of Reality. Reality has not come out of illusion. God alone is Real; the universe by itself is illusion.

“God’s life lived in illusion, as the Avatar and as Perfect Masters, is not illusory; whereas God’s life lived in creation as all animate and inanimate beings, is both real and illusory. Illusion, illusory life, and God’s life in illusion are not and cannot be one and the same. Illusion has no life and can have no life. Illusion is illusion and is nothing by itself. Illusory life means life in illusion, with illusion, surrounded by illusion, and though it is life (as experienced by the Soul in creation) it is illusory life. But God’s life lived in illusion is not illusory because in spite of living the illusory life God remains Conscious of His own Reality.

“God is absolutely Independent, and the universe is entirely dependent upon God. Yet when the Perfect Masters effect the descent of God on earth as the Avatar,

*After this, no other Circular concerning Baba’s Final Declaration will be issued by Baba, as the above is His Final Decision.

they make Reality and Illusion interdependent, each upon the other. And thus it is that His Infinite Mercy and Unbounded Love are eternally drawn upon by those who are immersed in Illusion.

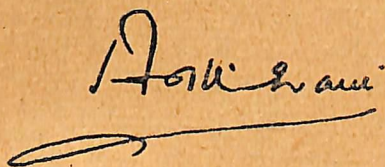
" Between God and the Universe, infinite Mercy and unbounded Love act as a prominent link which is eternally made use of by Men who become God (Sadgurus, Perfect Masters or Qutubs), and by God who becomes Man (Avatar, Christ or Rasool), and so the Universe becomes the eternal playmate of God. Through this prominent link the Avatar not only established life in His Divine Play, but also established Law in illusion. And, this law being established by the God-Man or Avatar is the law of the law-less Infinite and it is eternally Real and at the same time illusory. It is this Law that governs the universe; all its 'ups and downs', construction and devastation are guided by this Law.

" At the Cyclic period, God's independent Absoluteness is made to work upon this Law by the God-Man as God's Will, and this means that anything and everything that the Avatar wills is ordained by God. Consequently, all that I stated in the Final Declaration and Confirmation is ordained by God; and must and will happen.

" I was in Khuldabad for nearly a week from the 22nd of March. There night and day I did my work most intensively. The intensity of my spiritual Work caused great pressure on my physical body and mind, and it was there that I decided that **ALL I HAD DECLARED IN MY FINAL DECLARATION MUST COME TO PASS EXACTLY IN THE SAME SEQUENCE AND WITH THE SAME INTENSITY OF EFFECT BUT WITH MODIFICATION IN THE TIME FACTOR.** Therefore,

with the change in the Time Limit, the INTENSITY, SCOPE, SHAPE AND SIZE of the chain of events WILL TAKE PLACE WITHOUT ANY MODERATION WHATSOEVER, to bring into effect the destined Plan.

“ In the meanwhile mankind must await, as it must according to my final Decision, the witnessing of all that is to come to pass as ordained by God. This is the time when man must love God more and more. Let him live for God and let him die for God. In all his thoughts, in all his words and in all his actions love for God alone must prevail. ”



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