

# MEHER BABA'S UNIVERSAL MESSAGE

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## INTRODUCTION

We, the human race, stand between two problems: one, the world as it is today, and the other, the world as it should be in the years to come. What it should be, and how to make it so, is the preoccupation not only of the world's leaders but of many ordinary people of all nations.

We believe that in his Universal Message MEHER BABA, the Perfect Master, offers an answer based on direct spiritual experience, and that he has himself come to help the world over this decisive phase in its destiny.

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MEHER BABA was born of Persian parents at Poona, India, in 1894. When he was nineteen he became absorbed in God-consciousness, and after seven years contact with his two spiritual masters, Hazrat Babajan and Upasni Maharaj, he began his own spiritual work which embraces equally East and West.

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"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 Avataric 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 precepts. 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.

*MEHER BABA*“

The following passage is from another recent message by Meher Baba, “God Alone Is”:

“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 up to it? Instead of making Truth the vital breath of 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 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 Moslems 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, conflicting 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."

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