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A WORD

This day on this auspicious occasion of Avatar's advent amongst us, 'MEHER ERA' takes its birth in a pamphlet form. The aim and object of this pamphlet is to present the true values of life Meher Baba had unfolded to mankind during his avataric life and work on this earth. It will be the effort of this pamphlet to acquaint those who are receptive, amongst the contemporary society with the life and activities of Meher Baba and the atmosphere prevailed around him during his life time as has been observed by one for a period of over fifteen years out of the 47 years of his ministry on this earth.

It has been now nineteen years since the originator of this pamphlet was endeavouring to love God in the name of Meher Baba and serve the Cause of Truth as unfolded by Meher Baba. What was it that had drawn him into what is being called the orbit of Meher Baba's love and service? The originator of this pamphlet was and is a person proud of being born in India, acclaimed as the motherland of spiritual wisdom. Truly she is. But she was also the abode of superstition in the name of spirituality and exploitation in the name of God and religion. What little he had read of Meher Baba before 1954 gave him a hope that the Silent One he met then will redeem not only the Indian society but humanity as a whole. The years that followed sustained this hope.

On his return to Australia after staying with God for ten years, Francis Brabazon, the poet told a gathering at Avatar's Abode in June 1969 :

"The Lovely Stranger had come and had gone away—and the world was still tangled in its skeins of blood, struggling in its toils of brains, praying in sub-sonic tones. It is not yet prostrate.

"The Lovely Stranger had not, it would seem, released a cleansing flood, erased any horrid stains or restored society's crumbling bones before he left us. The world, apparently, is as it was : still with the haves having more and have-nots having less; private affluence creating public squalor; still increasing its armaments (presumably, for export to the planets, since it has more than enough to destroy itself)."

Looking around us here in India, it would seem that the Silent One had not redeemed us. What one finds is that one more name is added to the list of God's names and one more sacred place added to the list of the centres of pilgrimage; a new form of superstition and another form of exploitation in the very name of Meher Baba.

One wonders as to where was the Greatest Treasure Meher Baba had brought, which he said, it was possible for man to receive from him...a Treasure which will include all other Treasures...which will endure for ever, which increases when shared with others... ?

It will be the effort of this pamphlet to point out where that Treasure can be found ?

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Meher Baba says, "Life often presents enigmas which cannot be unravelled by ordinary persons. It seems to them to be full of questions, which are unanswerable. Unrestrained chaos appears to be the law of the world; and there appears to be no justice or significance in the march of its events. Even those who believe in God get puzzled and waver in their faith."

It is the ignorance of the Law of Truth that governs the life of all men and creatures in existence, which is the cause of miseries mankind experiences. This Law or the essence of Truth was and is constantly unfolded to humanity in one form or another, directly or indirectly by the Perfect Masters through the ages and by the Avatar of the age in every cycle of time.

Meher Baba began his Universal Message (1958) thus :

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

It is thus clear that by understanding the truth of God's words and living them in our moment to moment life that man may find peace on earth and happiness in life. And it seems that self-giving love for God and self-effacing service for the Cause of Truth alone can open up the avenues of understanding God's Truth which unfolds life in its wholeness.

Meher Baba says, “The whole universe with all its laws is subject to the supreme Law of Truth. It is ever being administered impersonally as well as through the Spiritual Hierarchy. To the superficial observer, it may seem that there is no reign of Truth in the universe. The Truth does reign and reigns unceasingly and unfailingly.

“This vast universe, with all the multitudinous occurrences within it, is subject to a self-justifying law—the Law of Truth. Sometimes it does appear as if sincere toil is lost or the virtuous are condemned to suffering and the vicious are enthroned with power or endowed with success. But all this is either a fractional view of the realities or an illusion in the garb of judgement.

“ To one, who can take a complete and unclouded view of occurrences, the inexorable reign of Truth in all happenings, great or small, individual or collective, is a clear and unchallengeable fact. Reign of Truth may be described in different ways as the Law of God or the Law of Justice or the Law of Karma. It is the Law of Cause and effect or the Law of Divine Love, according to the angle of vision or the limiting perspective, given by the particular stand-point of the intellect. But the important fact is that whatever may be the manner in which the Law of Truth is apprehended by the intellect it unchallengeably exists. It is a supreme and self-justifying power, that unfailingly and irresistibly reigns in the universe and it has no exceptions. All seers have announced the reign of this Law of Truth. It operates both impersonally and through the conscious working of the Divine Hierarchy of Masters and their Agents. ”

Meher Baba revealed that there is in each age a Hierarchy consisting of 7000 spiritual beings—either advanced or perfect—headed by 5 Perfect Masters, one of whom acting as an overall Chief controlling in the affairs of all the worlds, all men and creatures in existence. Babajan of Poona, Narayan Maharaj of Kedgaon, Tajuddin Baba of Nagpur, Upasani Maharaj of Sakori and Sai Baba of Shiridi, Baba told us, were the Five Perfect Masters who heralded this avataric age and Sai Baba, who passed away in 1918 was the Chief of the Hierarchy.

It was Sai Baba who made Upasani Maharaj perfect and handed over his charge. It was Upasani Maharaj who gave Meherwan S. Irani (Meher Baba) knowledge of his infinite state and integrated his God-consciousness with the consciousness of the gross world preparing him thus for his role as the Avatar of the Age. And Meher Baba began his avataric work in the year 1922, becoming the chargeman of all the five Perfect Masters, in Poona living in a hut built for him by Sadashiv Govind Shelke Patil on the Fergusson College Road, near the popular temple of Chatrusingi.

Meher Baba further explained, " Though dwelling in the universal mind with its seat as the universal body, the Truth-realised Masters do not neglect the co-ordinative and organised working required for the execution of the Divine Plan. Their plans for the world are made far in advance of the times, sometimes centuries before the time when they are intended to be executed. They dwell in eternity; and they have in their view, the past, the present and future. They are the custodians of God's process of self-fulfilment working itself out through the march of the variegated incidents in time.

" The co-operative and organised working of the Perfect Masters expresses itself through the functioning of the Spiritual Hierarchy. The Masters as one with the supreme God-Head, convey the Divine will and Impulse to the Advanced Souls or Maha-yogis or Pirs of the mental world. The Advanced Souls catch

the impulse originating in the shoreless ocean of Truth and pass it on from the mental world to those who control the subtle world. In the gross world, it may manifest itself through many natural upheavals, e. g., earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, floods, changes in the structure of the earth and of the ocean-bed. It may also manifest itself through the upheavals in the life of the mankind (e. g., rise and downfall of the empires, wars, epidemics, births, deaths, catastrophies and other major episodes in the history of humanity.)

“The causes of what becomes patently manifest in the gross world are to be found in the commotion in the subtle world. And the causes of the commotion in the subtle world are to be found in the directives that obtain from the mental world. And the origin of the directives of the mental world is seen as being none other than the Will of God, as released by the Masters who are consciously one with God. Thus, the Masters are indirectly in charge of the execution of the Divine Plan. They make use of the infinite power and understanding to further the plan in all the three worlds. All their working gets particularly accelerated and co-ordinated during the Avataric Periods, when the Avatar as the inspiring force of the Divine Hierarchy, assumes the principal directive role in the divine task of giving spiritual push to humanity.”*

One should have a clear concept of what is being called God and an unclouded perception of one's

* From SPARKS of TRUTH From Dissertations of Meher Baba by Dr. C. D. Deshmukh, M. A. Ph. D. (London).

relation with Him. God who is infinite power, knowledge and bliss and is all-pervading resides in every heart. Means what? It means that every one is indivisibly and unceasingly one with God. Every man or woman is an embodied triune attributes of God. The human body is an enformed infinite-bliss-aspect of what one may call God, energised and activated by His infinite-power-aspect and is illumined by the infinite-knowledge-aspect. Most men are not aware of this unceasing and ever living relation of man with God. Hence all conflicts and confusion in his mind and chaos and turmoil in society.

The sound sleep state everyone experiences every day illustrates the indivisible unity of man with God. Exhausted by a days labour, when one retires to sleep, what one is trying to do? One literally unites with God in his original infinite and eternal state though unconsciously. All ideas of separative existence ceases. The ego-centred individuality is immersed into the indivisible infinitude of God's unfathomable existence. It is this union with the infinite-bliss-aspect of God, though unconsciously, that refreshes man every morning and infuses him with renewed vigour and vitality to continue his journey of life. If one can refresh and revitalise oneself by being united with God unconsciously, can we not derive the same benefit through constant conscious communion with God. It is a question worth pondering on.

We are all so to say drops in the ocean of God's

infinite, indivisible existence. Just as each drop in the ocean is one with the ocean and one with every other drop in the ocean and is ocean itself, every man is not only one with what we all call God at all times, but is also one with every other man or woman and is God. We are all one in God's Love. The highest Law of life is Love. This is the Law of God's Truth.

Hence Meher Baba gives no importance to creed, dogma, caste or the performance of religious ceremonies and rites, but does 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 its 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 in so-called bad, in saint and in so-called sinner. This

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 other; and to harm no one in thought, word or deed even those who harm you.

6. The only REAL CONTROL is the discipline of the senses to abstain from indulgence in low desires, which alone ensures absolute purity of character.

7. The only REAL SURRENDER is that in which 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.

“Meher Baba says, “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 in the destruction of its self-created evil, that it may be re-established in the Divine Truth.

“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.

“All this world confusion and chaos was inevitable and no one is to blame. What had to happen has happened; 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.

“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.

“ 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 AM THE ETERNAL BELOVED WHO RESIDES IN EVERY HEART AND WHO LOVES YOU MORE THAN YOU CAN EVER LOVE YOURSELF. **

"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, and that all division and conflict and hatred are but a shadow play of their own ignorance." ***

God Who is infinite love has enformed as Man and lived amongst us as one of us in the person of Meher Baba. Through his noble life of self-giving love for all, he has demonstrated how man could love God by loving his fellow beings, because God resides in every heart. Through his self-withering service to mankind he demonstrated that true service is that service where there is no thought of self. He declared, **"I AM THE ANCIENT ONE—THE HIGHEST OF THE HIGH, WHO RESIDES IN EVERY HEART."** His only message was, **"LOVE ME IN EVERY ONE AND SERVE ME IN EACH OTHER."**

May Meher Baba, God, the Absolute, the Merciful Father of all, the Indweller of every heart, whom those who have realised know as their own Self and believers believe to be All-pervading, All-knowing, All-powerful, All-loving and All-merciful, whom the Muslims call Allah, whom the Zoroastrians call Ahurmazd, whom the Hindus call Ishwar Paramatman and whom many others call by many other names, may

*** From Meher Baba's Message "My Dear Children"
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he whose union the lovers seek in self-annihilation, whom the seers see as the only Reality, may this Supreme Conscious Being, this Conscious Soul of souls, who eternally manifests as Avatar and Perfect Master, may he through his all merciful act bestow on us his grace, and bless us all with his infinite love so that we may be inspired to imbibe the messages of Love and Truth he unfolded to our understanding and to endeavour every moment to make our lives living messages of his love and truth, thus enriching this earth and ennobling life on this earth.

JAI BABA

PRAYER

O 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 imperish-
able.

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 every-
thing.

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, Paramatma; Allah; Elahi; Yezdan; Ahuramazda; God Almighty; 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; and 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".

Dictated by Meher Baba.

Now men are planning to go to the moon and the first to get there will plant his nation's flag on it and that nation will say, "It is mine." But another nation will dispute the claim and they will fight here on earth for possession of that moon.

And whoever goes there, what will he find? Nothing but himself. And if people go on to venus they will find nothing but themselves.



"Whether men soar to outer space or dive to the bottom of the deepest ocean they will find themselves as they are, unchanged, because they will not have forgotten themselves nor remembered to exercise the charity of forgiveness."

Meher Baba



All religions are revelations of one God.

I Belong to no religion.

My religion is Love.

Every heart is my temple.

There is one Universal Consciousness which is
functioning at all levels in creation.

God alone is real and the goal of life is to be
united with HIM through love.

—Meher Baba