

THE MESSAGE
of
MEHER BABA



“ I am the Ancient One come to redeem
the modern world ”

—Meher Baba

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- God cannot be discussed.
- God cannot be theorised
- 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.

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UNIVERSAL MESSAGE FROM MEHER BABA

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 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.

Meherabad—

10th July 1958.

TRUTH OF RELIGION

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.

—Meher Baba

Life Sketch of **AVATAR MEHER BABA**

Meherwanji Sheheriarji Irani, now known as Meher Baba, was born in Poona on 25th February 1894. He had his education at St. Vincent's High School and later at Deccan College. As a student, he was keenly interested in poetry and spiritual literature. At the age of nineteen, he was one day called by the Sufi Sadguru Baba Jan, who used to sit under a neem tree. Baba Jan kissed him on his forehead; and he was taken immediately into a *Superconscious state* and became *God-realised*. For three days, after this incident, he was unconscious and for nine months he was semi-conscious of his worldly surroundings. After this, he contacted Narayan Maharaj of Kedgaon, Tajuddin Baba of Nagpur and Sai Baba of Shirdi. When he saw Meherwan, Sai Baba uttered only one word, "Parvardigar". Sai Baba then directed him to visit Upasani Maharaj, who was staying at the neighbouring Khandoba temple at Shirdi. On seeing Meherwan, Upasani Maharaj threw a stone, which hit him on the forehead, exactly where Baba Jan had kissed him. From then onwards, Meher Baba began to regain his body-consciousness, *without any loss or curtailment of his divine*

consciousness. This descent was completed in 1921. After this Upasani Maharaj asked some of his devotees to join Meher Baba. He also raised his hands and addressing to Meher Baba, he said, " You are the Avatar ".

Avatar Meher Baba opened an ashram at Poona and later Bombay, and finally at Meherabad, Ahmednagar. Here during the earlier period, he opened a school, a hospital, a mast ashram, and prem-ashram. On 10th July 1925, Avatar Meher Baba entered his *Great Silence*, which has continued *uninterrupted* till this day for the *last 33 years*. For many years, he conveyed his thoughts through an alphabetical board; but since 1954, the board has been given up and now he conveys his thoughts only through gestures. He frequently enters into periods of seclusion and fasts, which are the occasions for his *universal spiritual working on the inner planes*. Avatar Meher Baba visited every nook and corner of India picking out and contacting Masts (God-intoxicated ones) and helping them on their onward Path. He has visited Europe, America and many other foreign countries and has been round the world several times.

His lovers and devotees are from all religions and countries. He does not want anyone to give up his own religion but wants him to understand and live it, in its

essence. He does not want to found any sect or religion. His Message to humanity is that of *Love* and *Truth*. He wants everyone to realise that God alone is real. His works, "*God Speaks*", "*Listen, Humanity*", "*Discourses*", "*Life at its Best*", "*Beams*" and *Messages*, are immortal. They are the spiritual treasures of the emergent New Humanity. However as he has himself said, his real gift to mankind is through his Silence, which appeals to *the inmost being and the divinity of everyone* and awakens him to the *one reality of God as eternal Truth and the inviolable unity of all life*.

He has come not to teach but to awaken. He imparts not words but Truth. In the present Avataric period, he is giving to humanity *a new creative-life impulse*, which will lift it to the unhampered freedom, undying love, and undimmed preception of Truth. This alone can establish humanity in abiding peace, harmony and happiness. He works on all the planes. His *Dynamic Avataric Advent* is the only way out of the present chaos and darkness, which has enveloped humanity. By releasing Divine Love, he liberates man from the life of the limited self and initiates him to the illimitable and indivisible Life in Eternity.

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