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IS  
SILENT**

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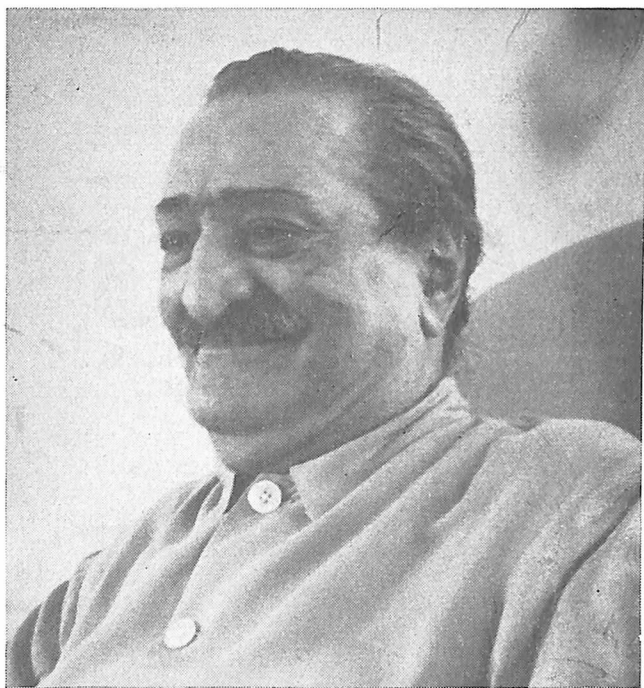
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“When I speak, it will be only one Divine Word. This Word will have to be hearkened by the heart, and not merely by the mind. It will go home to you and bring you the Awakening.”

“My love and blessings.”

—MEHER BABA



## INTRODUCTION

For thirty-eight years now Meher Baba has been observing silence. And during this period he has many times fixed a date on which he would break his silence and speak again the original Word that was the cause of Creation, and in which alone will be the healing of the present world and the inspiration of a New Humanity. For in that Word will be not only the All-power of God, but the revelation that God-Man is the ever-recurring adorable Form of God, and not a myth or a self-deluded assertion.

Many of the lovers of Meher Baba—according to their ethic-conditioned minds, their desire for an allotted place in an earthly paradise or their pleasure in him as they know him—have been dismayed, disappointed and delighted that instead of breaking his silence he has broken his promise each time. And, of course, each promised time unful-

filled has nourished the sceptics, giving them a passing strength so that they could assume postures of righteousness against this one who promised so much and performed so little.

So that all honest seekers of Truth and all sincere lovers of God may acquaint themselves afresh with Meher Baba's own sayings on his Silence, or read them for the first time, Shri K. K. Ramakrishnan has compiled this booklet from all available printed sources.

*Francis Brabazon*

## WHY MEHER BABA IS SILENT

Meher Baba Says :

• 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 disappear, 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 should 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 unfailing 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 breeds 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 Ocean of Grace. Then the usual process by which the water in the river flows into the oceans will be reversed and the ocean water will rush through the river-beds. Be prepared to receive this overflow of Grace.

- 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.

● Come prepared to receive not so much of my words, but of my silence.

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.

● 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 com-

promises 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 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, 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. 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.

- 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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