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During Meher Baba's recent tour in Andhra State for Mass Darshan Programmes, Baba repeatedly expressed His desire that He wanted a few hours to be spared exclusively to be with all His Andhra lovers who had worked in Andhra spreading His Message of Love.

Accordingly a meeting of all workers of Baba in Andhra State was fixed at Rajahmundry and all workers, important and petty, were advised to assemble on order from Baba at Navabharathi Gurukulam during the quiet hours of the night of the 1st and morning of the 2nd March.

All that transpired during the meeting held from 9-0 P.M. on 1st March and lasting till 3-0 A.M. of March 2nd was of utmost importance for all. Although Baba apparently seemed all the time to be addressing the workers of Andhra State and the Mandali who were with Him at the time, yet it was an obvious fact that all that Baba explained and emphasized during the six hours of the meeting was meant for all in general who loved Baba and for all those who sought an opportunity to work for the Divine Cause spreading far and wide Baba's eternal Message of Love.

The great significance and the utmost importance of the meeting and its lasting effect could be easily gauged from the very words of Baba that were dictated by His index finger moving deftly and in quick succession all over His board.

The meeting commenced with Baba at the outset pointing out at the letters on the board which spelt out the introduction as follows :

“Tonight is a very important night.

“Tonight’s is no political or social meeting. This meeting for which I have ordered you all to assemble here is for the Divine Cause, and it reminds me of my former meetings during my previous Incarnations. During those periods, the circumstances were different ; but since eternity the same God-incarnate has been presiding over the meetings for the same cause—the Divine Cause. It has never been truer than in the Spiritual Cause that history repeats itself.

“Even if this meeting takes all night to complete the work on hand, I would not feel unhappy because this one night would be worth millions of nights if you all honestly act up to what I want to emphasize to-night. The Apostles and the ‘Asahabs’ who worked for My Cause did the work at the cost of everything, even at the cost of life itself. So, listen very carefully and be very attentive.

“This is my last visit to Andhra State in this incarnation for Mass Darshan Programmes. My Darshan Programmes to masses in U. P., in M. P., in the Deccan, and in Andhra State have been enough ; and I tell you all with Divine Authority that the addresses you all have been presenting me with and the messages that I have been giving you all, mean nothing on the spiritual path. To chant my Arti, to perform my Puja, to garland me, to offer me fruits and sweets, and to bow down to me mean absolutely nothing. From ages eternal, Gods have been performing my real Puja.

“It is wastage of money on garlands, fruits and sweets as offerings to me for the conventional Puja, and a sheer

wastage of breath and energy to merely chant my Arti. *What I want from all my lovers is real, un-adulterated love, and from my genuine workers I expect real work done.*

"I also want to draw your attention to the fact that many miracles experienced by my devotees and admirers, both in the West and in the East, have been attributed to me. But on the basis of my Divine Honesty I tell you that in this Incarnation till now I have not consciously performed even a single miracle. Whenever a miracle is attributed to me, it is always news to me. What I want to emphasize is that by attributing such miracles, people make me very cheap and lower my status of the Highest of the High. But today I do say this that the moment I break my silence and utter that original word, the first and the last miracle of "Baba" in this life will be performed. It will be the 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 make people blind to illusion and make them see God as Reality.

"Now with this introduction, let us switch on to the main points of "My Work & Baba's Workers". Those who have assembled here have been called workers of "Baba"; therefore, you must necessarily understand first what my work is.

"You, Andhra workers-important and petty, big and small, rich and poor have done your best to make these Mass Darshan Programmes successful. I know that. This much I say with happiness that you have tried to express your love to me by spreading my message of love. But somehow I feel that something is very wrong deep down. It is natural that amongst workers of any cause,

political, social or spiritual, there are bound to be differences of opinion. But these very differences of opinion and competitions and jealousies lead to absolute breakdown of the very basis of work.

"Now it is time you realise that you have been called upon to do "Baba's" work, and you have been called "Baba's" workers. But is it necessary for you all to work for "Baba?" If I am the Highest of the High and God-incarnate, then where is the necessity for me in my work to have workers and entanglements of organisations and centres and directives through messages and Mass Darshan Programmes? If I am not the Infinite One, but just one like you, then thousands of centres and such programmes would be of no avail. Can I not in my own silent way do the Universal Work? If I am "Baba", which definitely I am, then even if the whole world goes against me or worships me, it is all the same to me.

"The only reason why I call upon every individual to work for me is to make each one share the Divine Cause; and the programmes such as Mass Darshans are created just to give opportunity for expressions of individual and collective love.

"So if you are prepared to share my Universal Work, the work must be done cent per cent honestly, and that work is to spread my Message of Love.

"If you are prepared to work, I now let you know and explain to you how you should work.

"First of all, bear in mind that you should not at all seek appreciation from me or from others. Though this sounds so easy while I just dictate, yet it is so difficult to put into practice. Remember this much that work in itself is its own appreciation. The moment you seek appreciation work is undone. Therefore, seek not any appreciation for the work you do for me.

"Secondly, do not depend upon some one or some help to make you work for me. It is true that some of you are ready to work for me and for my cause cent per cent ; yet because some of you have been poor and have large families, you cannot devote your time and means for my work. But why work then beyond your means? The moment the worker depends upon anyone and anything, work is undone. Therefore do as much as *you* can, but do it honestly.

"Thirdly, if money is collected for the work and spent without being accounted for, then all work, in the name of Divine Cause, must be stopped immediately by the so-called workers.

"One penny or one pie extracted in my name, without true basis, is dishonesty. Even a pie so earned will be the cause of millions of births. So today I want everyone of you to pour out your hearts and decide once and for all either to work or to stop the work.

"My dear friends, if you want to make people love me, show them that *you* really love me. Don't merely make them read my books and messages ; but *you* live such a life of sacrifice that others may automatically love me."

One of the workers : "Without money how is propaganda possible ?"

(Replying to the query from one of the workers,
Baba continued :)

"I have not understood what work you are doing for me. I am seriously saying this and I ask all the workers the same.

"If instead of doing the real work, you have been doing propaganda for me, it is absurd. I do not want propaganda or publicity. I want love and honesty. If you cannot show that, you all stop working. I am quite

capable of doing my Universal Work all alone. The very words—propaganda and publicity—look me down. “Baba’s” work needs no money. My work had been done ages ago without money. When money came into vogue, it was absolutely for money that Judas sold me.

“Of course, it is but natural for those workers who are poor to think that they must have money for “Baba’s” work for spreading far and wide the Message of Love. But from my point of view, to depend on money for “Baba’s” work and to extract money by hook or crook is absolutely dishonest.

“Now I will tell you about money and what I think about it. From the day I kept silence, I have stopped touching money and have also stopped writing till to-day. And you have no idea how much money has flowed through my hands. You do not know. And yet I have no money. I am a ‘Fakir’. But money comes and goes. If you depend on money for my work, then do not work for me, because how will you get money? Let us be very practical.”

One of the chief workers answers: “I feel it is the life that we lead.....”

Baba continued: “Very good. *Live* such a life that you show others that you love me. But to ask people to give money and then in return to propagate “Baba’s” Message of Love does sound absurd. I therefore want that the committee of K. D. R. M. (comprising of T. S. Kutumba Sastri, Dr. T. Dhanapathy, Y. Rangarao and I. Ch. Mallikarjun Rao, the four chief workers appointed by me as the four pillars in Andhra for my work) should now stop what they call work and each of them begin to *live* and let other workers follow suit too, so that by their *living* the life of sacrifice, love and honesty, others may come to me in all sincerity. Let there be no

compromise in this; otherwise, the whole thing would merely be a show of a mixture of honesty and dishonesty. Absolute honesty must be there, and there will be no "Baba" without it. I am Baba and I know everything. K. D. R. M. must stop functioning as a committee from now. Andhra Meher Centre and all other Meher Centres in Andhra should be dissolved. Neither K. D. R. M. nor any Centre nor Andhra Publications nor any literature on Baba will have anything to do with me as I shall have no concern either with K. D. R. M. as a whole, or with any of the Centres in Andhra. Let each "Baba" lover be "Baba's Centre" personified for Baba's work radiating the eternal Message of Love through living the life of sacrifice, love and honesty for the Divine Cause. Let every lover, whoever and wherever he may be, be "Baba's Centre" in telling people Baba's Message that God alone is real and everything else is unreal and that therefore all should love "Baba".

"So, from today, K. D. R. M., Andhra Meher Centre, and Meher Publications, Andhra, be dissolved. Let true workers become "Baba's Centres". And for God's sake, for Baba's sake, beware of money. One pie taken from others with false pretensions makes one die million deaths! Let *principle* in work and *honesty* in life prevail.

"I have said it often and even today I repeat that I love Andhra and Andhras; and I know that each of my four chief workers, K.D.R.M., loves me whole-heartedly and works for me whole-heartedly. And now I want these four and all workers to *live* whole-heartedly the life of sacrifice, love and honesty. During the programmes of Darshan to the masses I said that I shall be the slave of those who love me. That was not just an idle talk.

“Yet I have not known who loves me as I want. There are about 220 men and women from East and West who have surrendered to me in such a way as to do anything I say. And it is a fact that if I order them any thing, they will carry out my order cent per-cent even if they were to cut themselves to pieces. What I am driving at is this,—that *‘to surrender is higher than to love’*—, and paradoxical as it may seem, yet it is a fact that *‘to love me as I ought to be loved is impossible, and to obey me is possible.’* Therefore to call yourselves as my workers and yet not to obey me would be hypocritical.

“I know definitely I love Andhra ; and the people of Andhra have expressed their love in a way as to touch my heart and I know also that everyone of you who is here tonight loves me. I feel very happy.

“Now, after a while, I will once again confess, to God whoever He be, on behalf of all, because Eluru people are not here still. You attend seriously, so that all mistakes may to-night be forgiven ; and henceforth, you will be responsible for your own actions. After this confession, if you love me even a little, I want your hearts towards each other to be clean and to forget your past differences. Clean your hearts and live for Baba if you love Baba.

“You are all the lovers of Baba. Those who have money and can afford to go from place to place should spread my Message of Love in every distant nook and corner. But those who have little money can easily go round their own town spreading my Message of Love by living the life of love and doing the service of God. And those who have no money, having big families and no spare time, they should convert their own homes (families) towards Baba’s love. For my work, there is now no need of any centres, or of offices, no botheration

of accounts, for people wo'nt be asked for money. Let "Baba's" love only be there as the Centre, as the office, as the help and as the work.

"I mean to stop sending messages to you all from henceforth, and I will stop all correspondence. I will now do the work of my personal programme and break my silence shortly.

"All other commitments of K. D. R. M., including accounts and publication department, should be adjusted and closed as soon as possible. But do this work honestly. If you K. D. R. M. have made any commitments on behalf of Andhra Meher Centre and if they go difficult to get adjusted, ask Adi's help and advice. Smoothen out everything and dissolve everything. Adi is the man who will adjust all matters. Consult him and take his help.

"Now, I do not want you all to suggest to me anything as I have already decided. But remember this definitely that I am happy with everyone of you."

Katta Subba Rao : "For others' faults, we have to suffer."

Baba : "It may be you are at fault. Is there anybody without faults?"

Krishnan : "Only one, Baba. Baba, you are that one."

Baba : "God means All-knowing, All-present. So I am in everyone, and know everything. Is it not ? So it is my fault. Whose else is the fault ? I am in everything, I am everything and I do everything. If you say I am God, it is no fault of others. If I am not God, there is no one in the Universe, except myself, who is not more faulty than myself. Katta Subba Rao, I am fed up

with this board and my silence, and I must break my silence soon. You all who have come into contact with me will have some glimpse of me. Some will have a little, some a little more and some still more. When the power-house is switched on, wherever there are electric bulbs, and if they have connection with the power-house, there will be light. If some of the bulbs are of small candle-power, the light will be little. If some of the bulbs 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. Love me whole-heartedly. That is the only thing. Love me, love me, love me and love me, and then you will find me. *Those who love me are my Centres in Andhra.*

“From you Andhras I do not want anything—no surrender, no mind, no body, no possessions. *Only I want love.*”

(The repentance prayer was said for the second time for forgiveness)

After the prayer, Baba ordered that one of his articles titled “Existence is Substance and Life is Shadow” be read in English and in Telugu.

Before the article was read out, Baba spelt on the board: “If you listen carefully, you will know what work and action mean.”

After the article was read out, Baba declared that the meeting was over and that all workers should take rest for a couple of hours to attend to the programmes of March 2nd.



**(Rajahmundry meeting continued on 2nd March 1954
from 8-00 A. M.)**

Before attending to any of the programmes on the morning of 2nd March '54 at Rajahmundry, Baba ordered all the workers to gather once again in the hall to listen to what Baba had to say in connection with the meeting held last night. As soon as all 'Baba-workers' from all parts of Andhra State, who were present at the time on the spot had assembled, Baba continued spelling out on the board:—

“Summing up last night's proceedings, I want to make some points very clear.

“I have dissolved K. D. R. M., and as I had said last night, officially I won't be concerned with any of the Andhra Meher Centres. Even about books and all other literature on “Baba” I won't be responsible nor will I have any concern. What I want is, those who really love me and want to work for me should each become 'Baba-Centre'. How those who can afford and how those who cannot afford can work for me has been explained by me last night. Now if of your own, you establish centres in cities, in towns, in villages, and in your own homes, that is your own concern and not mine.

“As I said last night, now I will have to work out alone my own programmes of silence and breaking the silence; so I won't be bothered with any correspondence. Now, this dissolution of K. D. R. M. and Andhra Meher Centres might mean complications for those directly concerned—complications regarding office, publications etc. Therefore, I have ordered Adi to help you to clear the difficulties. You can all, if you like, correspond with

Adi, Eruch, Pendu and with anyone of the Mandali. But I order them-the Mandali-now, that not one word of the letters you write to them should be brought to my ears. So, if Mandali advises you, when asked by you, don't take the advice as from me. They will definitely advise you for the best because they have been long with me. Yet, do not take their advice as from me. If you find difficulty to clear off and close matters dealing with publications, books etc, do ask Adi's advice and help. I have ordered him to help you all; but, I will have no concern with what he advises you. Certain complications about publications or "Meher Publications, Andhra", which was personally entrusted to I.Ch. Mallikarjuna Row, are bound, to arise on my dissolving "Meher Publications, Andhra". There will be difficulty in getting over the problem unless helped by Adi. Adi should, therefore, help Mallik in such a way that Mallik is not put in an awkward position; but let everything be done and executed honestly. I will have no concern whatsoever with either office or publications, whether this goes on or that is stopped; it is the look-out of you four (K. D. R. M.). Even if K. D. R. M. of their own, want to continue, I have nothing to do. You can add, subtract or be zero; I will have no concern. I am the Servant and the Master simultaneously.

"Ask Adi or anyone of the Mandali to advise you and help you in your difficulties, because they know my ways. You can trust them not to mislead you purposely, but after asking them for advice and help, you should also think of it yourself, for after all Mandali are not Baba.

"Let me now see how you love "Baba" and how you work for "Baba". *I am everywhere and I am in you also to see you.*

“Now ask me something if you like. Ask me about your difficulties.”

Venkateshwara Rao :—“What about our failings regarding Spirituality ?”

Baba :—“I tell that no one has failed. You love me whole-heartedly. When love is not at its height it always creates mess. There is no question of failing. I am very happy with you all. As I said last night, this is for the first time I held such a meeting for the Divine Cause in sixty years of this life. If only you had a little glimpse of my Divinity, all doubts would have vanished and love—Real Love—established. Illusion has such a tight grip that we forget Reality. After 100 years this form you won't have, and yet today you don't feel this truth. If yesterday's accident to K. D. R. had taken them away from this world and killed them, this muddle which is in their mind now this moment, would not have been there. So, K. D. R., think that you are dead and from now on, you only live for me.”

Venkateshwar Rao :—“We are prodigal children and not upto the mark. Give us help through Adi. That is my prayer.”

Baba :—Let us be very honest, absolutely honest. Adi has been with me like the few tested Mandali for a long period and he has been doing office work for 20 years 100%; and even then, as I said, no one of my Mandali is Baba. Everyone has got weaknesses and defects. Advice you can have from Adi but not as from Baba through Adi”.

Annapurnaiah (Editor of 'Velugu') :—"Will the Andhra lovers be informed of the time and place of Baba's breaking Silence?"

Baba :—My dear Velugu! If this is what is meant by breaking silence, it would be better I don't break it. All will know. Just as, as I told you last night, the "Power-house" is to be switched on and all connected with it will be enlightened, so it will be not only here, but throughout the world. But bulbs not working or fused will not be giving the light. That is why I have been telling you all to love me more and more. All this talk of books, literature is good for preparing the ground: but the time for the "Power-house" to be switched on is so near that anything that will count *now* is Love".

Baba continuing remarked on His own :—

"Again I say, if you want to make Andhra love me and make them feel my love for them, then it is in your own individual hands to do so. This does not mean that you must necessarily work individually. I never said that. I say each one of you be 'Baba-Centre'; this does not mean that each one of you should work individually when even all of you can work collectively as 'Baba-Centre' or can work in groups as 'Baba-Centres'. But all the same I will have no concern with any centres. This does not mean that you should not work on your own. I have now shown you how to work. But bear in mind, it is now all your own responsibility. You can establish 100 Centres for "Baba" and I will have no concern with any of them. You yourselves will be concerned with them. It is all your concern and not mine. But, do bear in mind this much, that those who really want to work for me should live the life of

“Baba’s-lovers”—i. e. show people how you love “Baba” and then you will have “Baba-lovers” all around you.

“I want money-less love. Only, remember, that although I do not perform miracles, I will give anything whoever asks for it from the bottom of his heart. If I am “Baba”, I can do anything. You ask wholeheartedly and you will get from me. But, this I tell you too that *the one who asks for my love will be the chosen one*. 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.

“But, don’t do false propaganda. What your heart says and your conscience says about me, pour out without hesitation. Be unmindful of whether you are ridiculed or accepted in pouring out your heart for me to others.

“If you take “Baba” as God, say so; don’t hesitate.

“If you think “Baba” is devil, say it out; don’t be afraid. I am everything that you take me to be and I am also beyond everything; then why hesitate to say out or be afraid to express what you feel and what you think of me? Say it out frankly. I am both. But do not over rule your conscience and do not exaggerate merely for propaganda. If your conscience says that “Baba” is Avatar, say it even if you are killed for it; but, if you feel I am not that, then say that you feel “Baba” is not Avatar. Do not fear, but be prepared to say out what you feel. On my own account, I say again and again—I am the Ancient One—The Highest of the High.”

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