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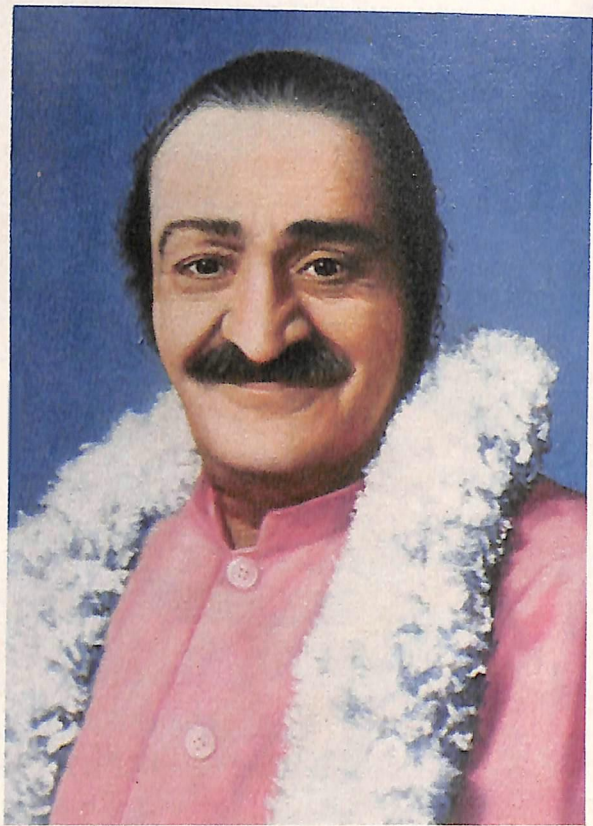
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## PREFACE

Once in 700 to 1400 years, God takes birth as a human being, under different names, at different places in the world, to awaken the mankind. He came as Zoroaster, Sri Rama, Sri Krishna, Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ and Prophet Mohammed. Avatar Meher Baba, born in Poona on 25.2.1894, is the last incarnation of God in this cycle of time after Prophet Mohammed.

Avatar Meher Baba observed silence from 10.7.1925 till He dropped His body on 31.1.1969. Although He was silent for 44 years, He gave several messages for the benefit of mankind. These messages have been dictated by Him by means of an alphabet board, as well as by His unique facial expressions and hand gestures.

Some of the selected messages given by Him at different times have been included in this booklet. These are the Real Pearls from the Divine Source, Avatar Meher Baba. Let our life derive inspiration from these Divine PEARLS.

V. Sita Ramayya

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## PEARLS FROM THE DIVINE SOURCE

1. Don't Worry—Be Happy. (G.G.M\*., Vol. I., Page 422)
2. Real happiness lies in making others happy. (M.B.C., 41)
3. Do not seek material pleasure and you will find the spiritual treasure. (E.N., 18)
4. The source of eternal bliss is the Self in all. The cause of perpetual misery is the selfishness of all. (L.A.B., 52)
5. ...be content with your lot, rich or poor, happy or miserable. Understand that God has designed it for your own good, and be resigned to His will. (L.H., 184)
6. The really happy are those who are always contented with their lot. (S.O.T., 93)
7. True happiness begins when one learns the art of right adjustment to other persons, and right

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\* G.G.M. is the abbreviation for the name of the book. See page no. 23.

adjustment involves self-forgetfulness and love. (D.C., 396)

8. ...forgiveness is the best charity. (E.N., 109)
9. 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. (E.N., 110)
10. Keep your mind quiet, steady and firm. Do not submit to desires, but try to control them. (L.A.B., 26)
11. The mind is the treasure-house of learning, but the heart is the treasure-house of spiritual wisdom. (D.C., 98)
12. Shut the trap of your mind and end all your worries. Open the trap of your heart and release love. (82 F.L., 75)
13. Even the worst sinners can become great saints if they have the courage and sincerity to invite a drastic and complete change of heart. (D.C., 299)

14. Science is a help or hindrance to spirituality according to the use to which it is put. (D.C., 5)
15. All-sided progress of humanity can be assured only if science and religion proceed hand in hand. (D.C., 5)
16. From my point of view, all religions are great; but God is greater. (G.G.M., Vol. III, 220-221)
17. ...every religion is equally an approach to arrive at the same infinite Ocean of love and bliss. (G.G.M., Vol. I, 241)
18. All religions are revelations of God. (G.M., 100)
19. Your own religion, if put into practice, is sufficient to bring salvation to you. It is a mistake to change one's own religion for that of another. (S.O.T., 91)
20. You have not to give up your religion but to give up clinging to the outer husk of mere ritual and ceremonies. (S.M., 15)
21. Truth has nothing to do with the present

organized religions. It is far beyond the limited dictates and bare doctrines of religions. (S.O.T., 9)

22. God exists; therefore God is to be sought, seen, realized. (82 F.L., 81)
23. Do not search for God outside of you. God can only be found within you, for His only abode is the heart. (E.N., 7)
24. God is not to be found in the skies or in the caves of the Himalayas. God is in the heart of each one. Once your heart is clean, God will shine out in it. (82 F.L., 170)
25. God does not listen to the language of the tongue-  
God does not listen to the language of the mind-  
God listens only to the language of the heart, which is LOVE. (82 F.L., 96)
26. Let these words be inscribed in your heart: Nothing is real but God. Nothing matters but love for God. (S.M., 10-11)
27. You can earn livelihood with the sweat of

your brow, and you can earn Godhood with the blood of your heart. (82 F.L., 110)

28. The real untouchables are those who cannot enter the temple of their own hearts and see the Lord therein. (L.A.B., 44)
29. God is everywhere, in everything. Most of all He is right within yourself. (L.A.B., 47)
30. God is omnipresent, and the one who calls out sincerely to Him never fails to be heard and to receive His help. (82 F.L., 82)
31. God is nearer to you than your own shadow. (L.A.B., 53)
32. Trust God completely and He will solve all your difficulties. Faithfully leave everything to Him and He will see to everything. (S.M., 15)
33. God alone is Real, all else is just illusion. (S.M., 25)
34. God is the only Reality and He is the fountainhead of all love, beauty, peace and happiness. (L.A.B., 57)
35. To learn God is to unlearn yourself. (D.H., 53)

36. It is better not to worship if your heart is not in it. (L.H., 42)
37. God does not read what your pen writes. He hears what your heart sings. (S.M., 36-37)
38. The prayer God hears is the prayer of the heart, that raising of the heart, that suffering of the heart is what God pays attention to... (S.M.B., 21)
39. When the leader of a nation puts complete trust in God, God makes him the instrument to guide the nation rightly. (G.M., 353)
40. To profess to be a lover of God and then to be dishonest to God, to the world and to himself, is unparalleled hypocrisy. (G.M., 353)
41. God forgives everything except hypocrisy. (G.M., 303)
42. One who lives for himself is truly dead and one who dies for God is truly alive. (G.M., 322)
43. To die in the service of one's country is great indeed, but to die in the service of God is greater. (G.M., 85)



44. Enough has been done to make people food-minded. They must now be made God-minded. (G.M., 207)
45. The human form is the best of all physical forms; it is the only form in which God can be realized, and until God is realized the soul must continue with births and deaths. (G.M., 69)
46. The purpose of life is to realize God within ourselves. This can be done even whilst attending to our worldly duties. In the everyday walks of life and amidst intense activities, we should feel detached and dedicate our doings to our Beloved God. (G.M., 207)
47. Do not ask God for money, fame, power, health or children but seek His Grace and it will lead you to Eternal Bliss. (S.M., 24)
48. To love God in the most practical way is to love our fellow beings. (P.L., 109)
49. Today the urgent need of mankind is not sects or organized religions, but LOVE. (L.A.B., 45)
50. The aim of life is to love God. The goal of

- life is to become one with God. (82 F.L., 183)
51. When love for God comes,, fear of God disappears. (S.O.T., 27)
52. Start learning to love God by beginning to love those whom you cannot. (G.M., 345)
53. Love is God; lust is Satan. (S.O.T., 92)
54. Honesty is the keynote to Divinity. He who can love God honestly can lose himself in God and find himself as God. (G.M., 280)
55. For the common man, the most practical way of loving God is to help others lovingly. (J.W.G., 30)
56. The one God who resides equally in us all is approachable to every one through love. (J.W.G., 30)
57. God has to be known through love and not through an intellectual search for miracles. (D.C., 96)
58. There is no sadhana greater than love, there is no law higher than love, and there is no goal that is beyond love—for love in its divine state becomes infinite. God and love are identical,

and one who has divine love already has God.  
(D.C., 264)

59. Out of millions, only one loves God; and out of millions of lovers, only one succeeds in obeying, and, finally, in surrendering his whole being to God the Beloved. (E.N., 4)
60. Pure love is matchless in majesty; it has no parallel in power, and there is no darkness it cannot dispel. (L.H., 187)
61. Pure love arises in the heart of the aspirant in response to the descent of grace from a Perfect Master. (D.C., 114)
62. No amount of rites, rituals, ceremonies, worship, meditation, penance and remembrance can produce love in themselves. (L.H., 19)
63. If there is to be a resurrection of humanity, the heart of man will have to be unlocked so that a new love is born into it—a love that knows no corruption and is entirely free from individual or collective greed. (D.C., 8)
64. The world will soon realize that neither cults, creeds, dogmas, religious ceremonies, lectures,

and sermons, on the one hand, nor, on the other hand, ardent seeking for material welfare or physical pleasures, can ever bring about real happiness—but that only selfless love and universal brotherhood can do it. (G.M., 113)

65. Everything else may fail—Love never fails. (S.M., 17)
66. Spirituality must make man more human. (D.C., 15)
67. Spirituality consists in meeting life adequately and fully without being overpowered by the opposites. (D.C., 15)
68. The Path of Truth is not a bed of roses. (S.O.T., 94)
69. Take life lightly where material affairs are concerned and seriously where spiritual development is in question. (S.O.T., 94)
70. To have one eye glued on the enchanting pleasures of the flesh and with the other expect to see a spark of Eternal Bliss is not only impossible but the height of hypocrisy. (G.M., 213)

71. India has gained its national freedom. Let us now try to gain our Spiritual Freedom beside which every other kind of freedom is a binding. (G.M., 207)
72. India is a spiritual country. It possesses the most fortunate and unique position in the world of being the land of saints and spiritual masters, since ages. (G.M., 113)
73. Spiritual aspirants should get up very early. If you get up late, there is not much difference between you and the worldly-minded. (G.M., 73)
74. Things that are Real are given and received in Silence. (S.M., 6)
75. Be in the world but not of it. (G.G.M., Vol. I, 423)
76. Don't renounce the world: renounce your own lower self. Don't seek solitude anywhere but within your own self. (G.M., 347)
77. You can own the world without being attached to it, so long as you do not allow yourself to be owned by any part of it. (L.H., 43)
78. Seek the kingdom of Heaven by not seeking

- the kingdom of earth, and you will find it.  
(E.N., 18)
79. The untold Infinite Treasure is within you. The only problem is that you do not seek it within you. You look without. (I.H., 57)
80. There are three things that keep one from God. They are *kam*, *krodh*, and *kanchan*, i.e. lust, anger, and greed. Lust and greed may be overcome, but the control of the temper is the hardest of all. If you overcome these three enemies, you are a *vali* (saint), a person who controls *kam*, *krodh* and *kanchan*. (G.M., 48)
81. Greed brings war; contentment brings peace. (S.O.T. 93)
82. The greatest danger to man today is not from any natural catastrophe, but from himself. (L.A.B., 45)
83. To understand the problem of humanity as merely a problem of bread is to reduce humanity to the level of animality. (D.C., 4)
84. Difficulties give us the opportunity to prove our greatness by overcoming them. (G.M., 353)

85. We should think well of those who think ill of us. (82 F.L., 80)
86. One who wants nothing, gets everything. (G.M., 229)
87. Man can make a whole army yield to him, but he cannot overcome his own wrath. (G.M., 48)
88. At present the urgent problem facing humanity is to devise ways and means of eliminating competition, conflict, and rivalry in all the subtle and gross forms that they assume in the various spheres of life. (D.C., 3)
89. Miracles do not consist in bringing the dead to life, but in the living becoming dead to the ego. Miracles are small illusions in the great illusion called the world. (G.G.M., Vol. III, 251)
90. I am the Ancient One come to redeem the modern world. (S.M., 16)
91. Now is the time for all to understand that I am God in human form. (82 F.L., 267)
92. I belong to no religion. My religion is Love. Every heart is my Temple. (82 F.L., 120)
93. I have come not to teach but to awaken. (82 F.L., 186)

94. Make me your constant companion.  
(J.W.G., 34)
95. I am the One to take, not the One to give  
what you want or as you want. (J.W.G., 23)
96. Seek Me not to extricate you from your  
predicaments, but find Me in order to  
surrender yourself whole-heartedly to My  
will. (J.W.G., 24)
97. Whatever your apparent calamities and tran-  
sient sufferings, they are but the outcome of  
My Love for the ultimate good. (J.W.G., 22)
98. I bring the greatest treasure it is possible for  
man to receive—a treasure that includes all  
other treasures, that will endure forever, that  
increases when shared with others. Be ready  
to receive it. (D.C., 270)
99. I have come to sow the seed of love in your  
hearts... (G.M., 274)
100. I was Rama, I was Krishna, I was this One,  
I was that One, and now I am Meher Baba.  
(E.N., 77)

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## SADGURUS AND AVATAR

There are fifty-six God-realized souls in the world at all times. They are always one in consciousness. They are always different in function. For the most part, they live and work apart from and unknown to the general public; but five, who act in a sense as a directing body, always work in public and attain public prominence and importance. These are known as Sadgurus, or Perfect Masters. In Avataric periods the *Avatar*, as the Supreme Sadguru, takes His place as the head of this body and of the spiritual hierarchy as a whole.\*

Avataric periods are like the springtide of creation. They bring a new release of power, a new awakening of consciousness,

a new experience of life—not merely for a few, but for all. Qualities of energy and awareness, which had been used and enjoyed by only a few advanced souls, are made available for all humanity. Life, as a whole, is stepped up to a higher level of consciousness, is geared to a new rate of energy....

Meher Baba

*\* Every advent of the Avatar (the God-Man, the Messaiah, the Buddha, the Christ, the Rasool) is the direct descent of God on earth in human form—as the Eternal Living Perfect Master. The five Sadgurus of the age precipitate this advent once in a cyclic period of 700 to 1400 years. For details see God Speaks by Meher Baba.*

—Ed.

(From *Discourses* by Meher Baba, 1987, p. 268)

I am not come to establish any cult, society or organization; nor even to establish a new religion. The religion that I shall give teaches the Knowledge of the One behind the many. The book that I shall make people read is the book of the heart that holds the key to the mystery of life. I shall bring about a happy blending of the head and the heart. I shall revitalize all religions and cults, and bring them together like beads on one string.

Meher Baba

(From *God Speaks* by Meher Baba, 2nd edition, 2nd printing, New York: Dodd, Mead & Co, 1975, p. xxxvi.)

Words that proceed from the Source of Truth have real meaning. But when men speak these words as their own, the words become meaningless.

Meher Baba

## THE UNIVERSAL 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 color, without expression, without form, and without attributes.

You are Unlimited and Unfathomable, beyond imagination and conception; Eternal and Imperishable.

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 everything.

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*; *Allah*; *Elahi*; *Yezdan*; *Ahuramazda*; and God the Beloved.

You are named *Ezad*—the only One worthy of worship.

Meher Baba

(From *Glimpses of the God-man Meher Baba*, Vol.IV  
by Bal Natu, 1984, pp. 94-95)

## 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; 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 specially 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.

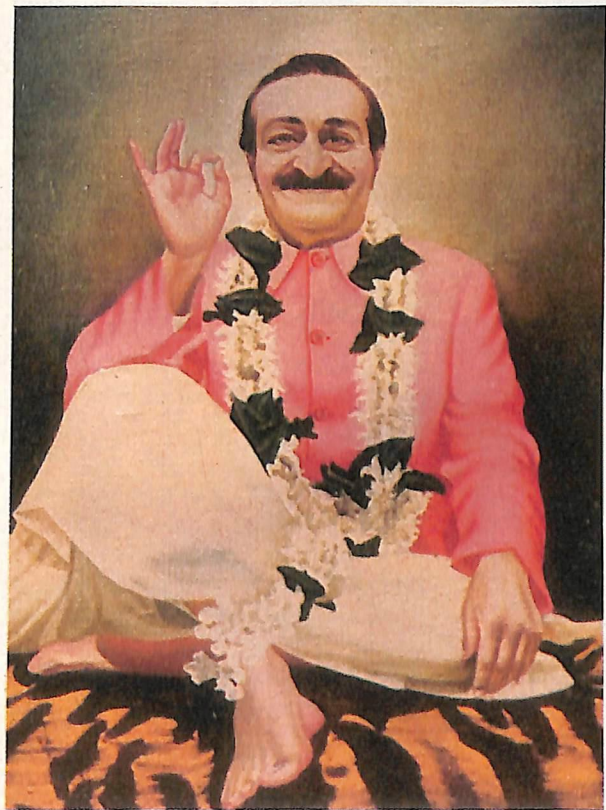
Most specially also we repent for every action that has brought ruin to others, for every word and deed that has given others pain, and for every wish that pain should befall others.

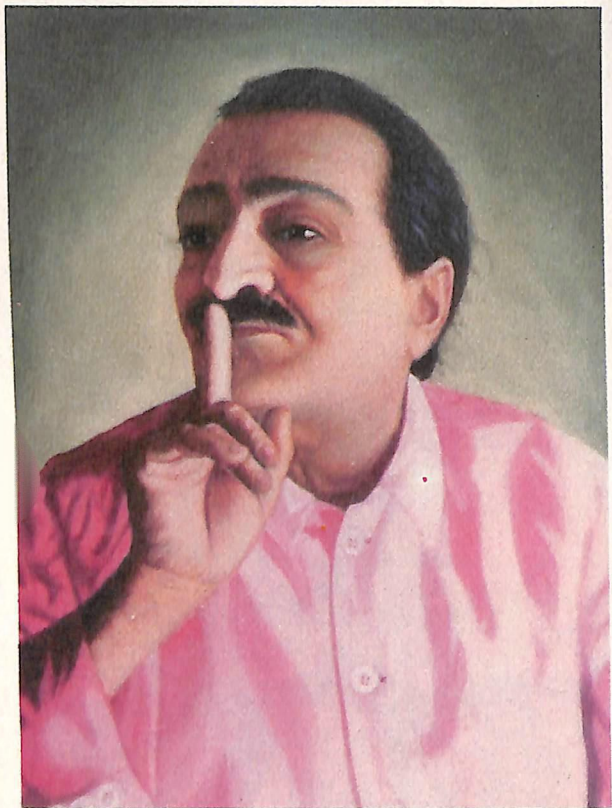
In your unbounded mercy we ask you to forgive us, O God, for all these sins committed by us and to forgive us for our constant failures to think and speak and act according to your Will. Amen.

Meher Baba

(From *Glimpses of the God-Man Meher Baba*, Vol.III  
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## THE HOLY TOMB-SHRINE OF AVATAR MEHER BABA

The Holy Tomb-Shrine of Avatar Meher Baba is at *MEHERABAD*, 8 Kms. from Ahmednagar in Maharashtra, on Dhond-Manmad Railway line. The Tomb is open for Public Darshan everyday from 7.00 A.M. to 7.45 P.M. The Amartithi of Avatar Meher Baba is observed every year on 31st January at Meherabad. Thousands of Baba lovers from all over India and abroad gather here in loving remembrance on this day, to pay their homage to the *Avatar of the Age*.

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*... After seventy years this place will be a place of great privilege and pilgrimage .... to whose Samadhi (Tomb) will flock one day, from all over the world, all the lovers of God, philosophers and worshippers to pay their homage!*

*Meher Baba*

From *Let's go to Meherabad!* by Bhau Kalchuri (Berkeley, C.A.: The Beguine Library, 1985), p. 3.

## BIRTH CENTENARY OF AVATAR MEHER BABA

Avatar Meher Baba was born in Poona in Maharashtra on 25.2.1894. The *Birth centenary of Avatar Meher Baba* will be observed throughout India and abroad from 25.2.1994 onwards. It was beloved Baba's express wish that His lovers and followers celebrate His Birthday in their own areas, and He also expressed the assurance that He would be with His lovers and be present at their celebrations in their respective places at the time of His Birthday.

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*The universe is my ashram, and every  
heart is my house...*

*Meher Baba*

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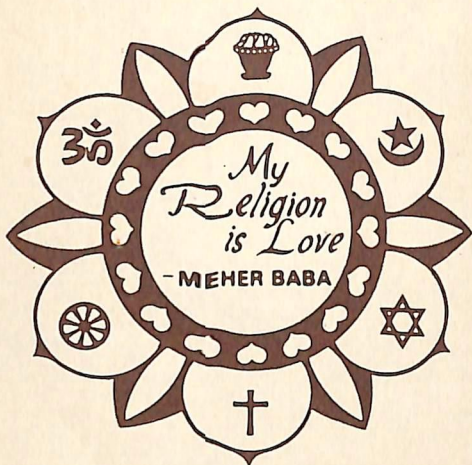
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*Those who truly love me are my centres in the world. Let each 'Baba-lover', wherever he or she may be, be the Baba's Centre personified, radiating the eternal message of Love Divine, living a life of love, sacrifice and honesty.*

*Meher Baba*





Today the urgent need of mankind is not  
sects or organised religions, but LOVE.

—Meher Baba

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