

The Meher Baba  
1985 Engagement Calendar



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In your heart:

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is real but God.

Nothing matters but  
Love for God.

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Given by

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# Foreword

As we engage a busy and complex world in 1985, we need before us constant reminders of the simple truth of divine love that pervades and sustains all life. Although of necessity we keep calendars to mark the progress of our lives in weeks and months, it is vital that we simultaneously keep a more profound measure of our movement through time: the measure of our growth in the love of God. So it is that this calendar is offered to all who would seek in the midst of daily life remembrance of the Timeless One.

The meaning of our journey through time is especially clear when the divine breaks into history, revealing to us something of our true source and ultimate destiny. All of the world's great faiths testify to the power of these periodic revelations to awaken sleeping humanity to the life of the spirit. Every age has witnessed a fresh dispensation of the ancient wisdom that guides humankind ever onward. The passages quoted from Meher Baba in this calendar offer compelling evidence that this gift of truth has been given once again in our own time.

The truth of Meher Baba's words is indeed ancient wisdom, but each time this wisdom is lived it is new. His words, therefore, have the power to awaken and transform, given as they are from one who has lived a divinely human life of love, purity, and service.

Meher Baba was born Merwan Sheriar Irani on February 25, 1894, in Poona, India. While still a young man, he was brought into contact with five God-realized masters who made him aware of his identity as the Avatar of this age. The Avatar is that same Ancient One who comes age after age to manifest the love of God in the world. The Ancient One is called by many names in the religions of the world, but his message of love is eternally the same. This time he has been called "Meher Baba," which means "Compassionate Father."

Throughout his life, Meher Baba tirelessly served the poor, the sick, the outcasts, and the mentally disturbed—establishing schools, hospitals, and ashrams for this work. He travelled widely, contacting in the East and in the West many thousands of people, planting the seeds of a "new humanity." He gave no creed, ritual, or dogma—drawing people to him from many nationalities and faiths. He wished not to establish a new religion, but rather to make all religions aware of their essential unity in the One Reality of God.

Remarkably, this active life was lived in silence. Enough words have been given by God in the past, Meher Baba said. Now is the time to

live them. From his silence he communicated on many levels, most importantly within the heart of each one in his contact. When he wished to use words, he conveyed them on a wooden board with the letters of the alphabet painted on it, and, beginning in 1954, by means of unique hand gestures. The words given in this calendar, therefore, were given from silence.

The silence of Meher Baba, which he maintained the last forty-four years of his life, is symbolic of the inner work he came into the world to accomplish. He kept silence in order to speak the Word of divine love in our hearts, awakening us gradually to the reality of God within every living thing.

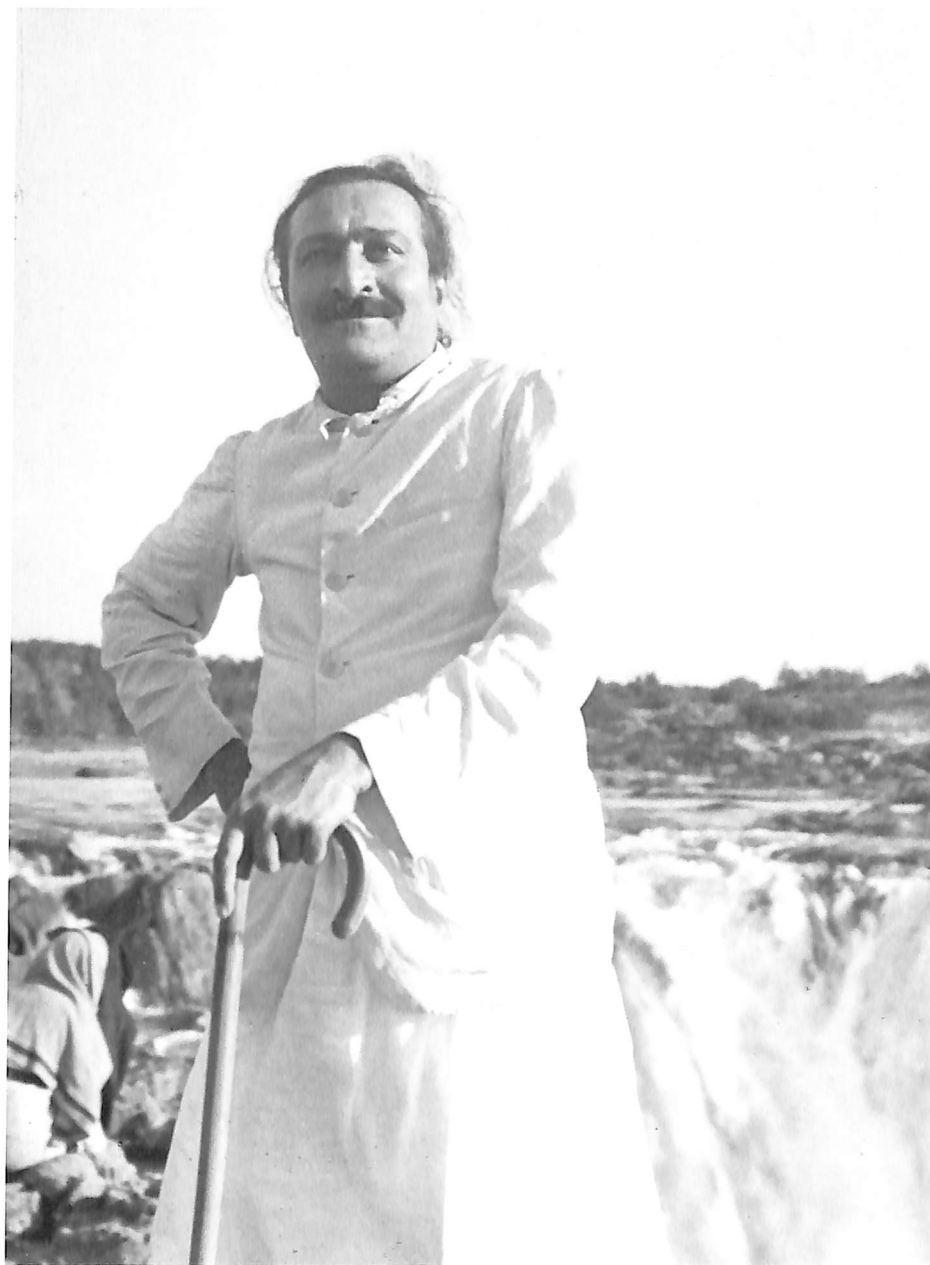
Meher Baba left his physical body on January 31, 1969 to reside forever in the hearts of those who love him. In the deepest sense, however, that life has only just begun, now that his message of love is manifesting itself throughout the world. It is this same ancient, yet ever new, message of divine love that is echoed on every page of this calendar.

*Charles Haynes*





*It is time for a fresh vision of the Truth that all life is one,  
that only God is real, and that God is all that matters.  
God is worth dying for. He is also worth living for.*



Meher Baba at Dhwandhar Falls, Jubbulpore, India, 1938.



*Every living creature seeks one thing. The object of the quest is called happiness, peace, freedom, truth, love, perfection, self-realization, God-realization, or union with God. . . . all are aspects of one thing.*



*The search for the perfect father/mother, the perfect husband/wife, the perfect son/daughter is not a fantasy of immaturity but a deep and unquenchable longing in the hearts of all human creatures, masking the real search which is for the Divine Being within us all.*



*There is nothing to worry about, nothing to be disheartened about.  
We are all, each of us, meant to be happy.  
God who is within us all is to be experienced as Infinite Happiness,  
and it can be done only through love for Him.*



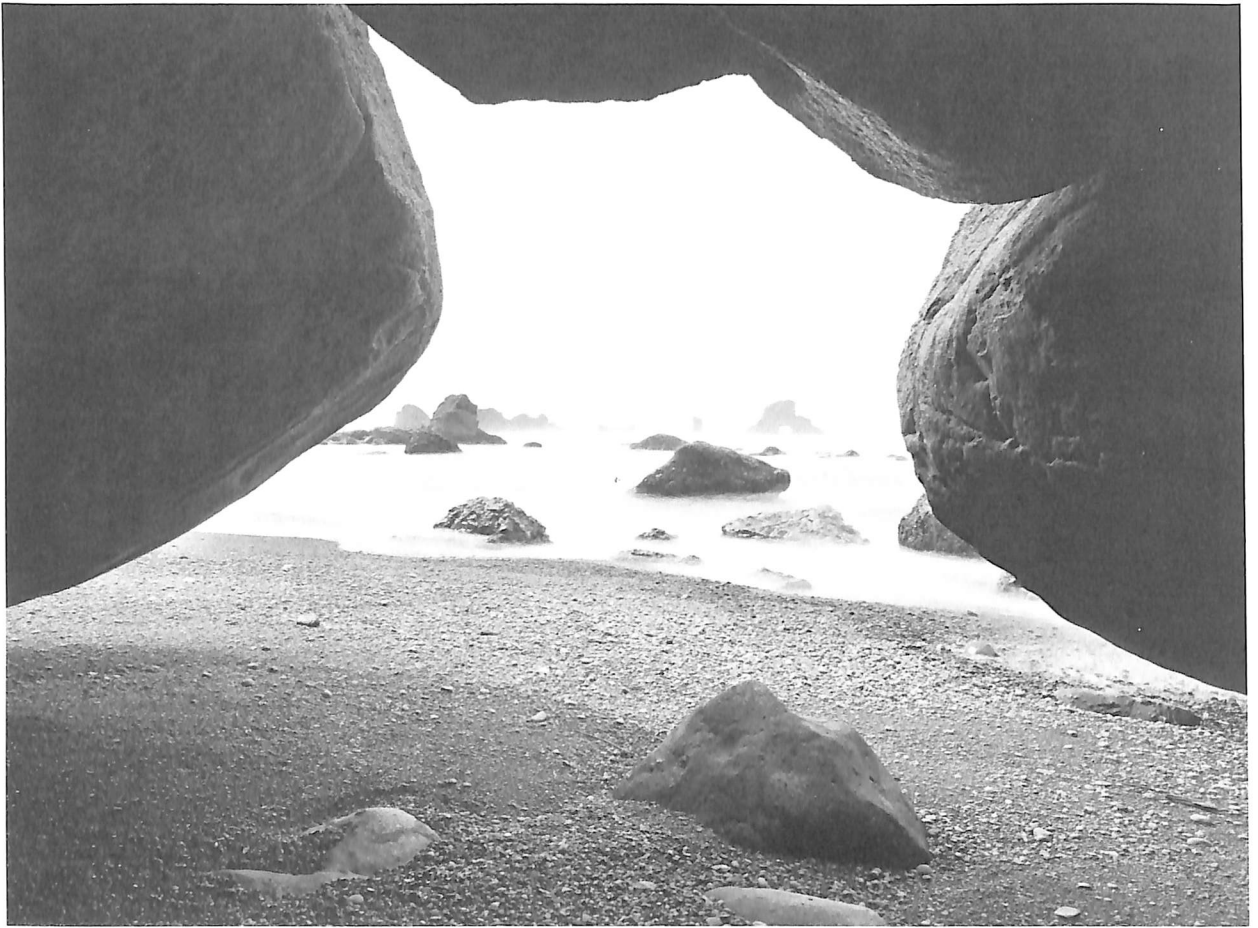
*Learn to long for the love of God.*



*Even in the midst of your worldly activities, live only to find  
and realize your true Identity with your Beloved God.*



*Be pure and simple, and love all because all are one.  
Live a sincere life; be natural, and be honest with yourself.*



*The Supreme Soul, God, is nowhere to be searched for.  
He is very near you; He is with you; seek Him within.*





*Trust God completely, and He will solve your difficulties.  
Faithfully leave everything to Him and He will reveal  
Himself to you.*

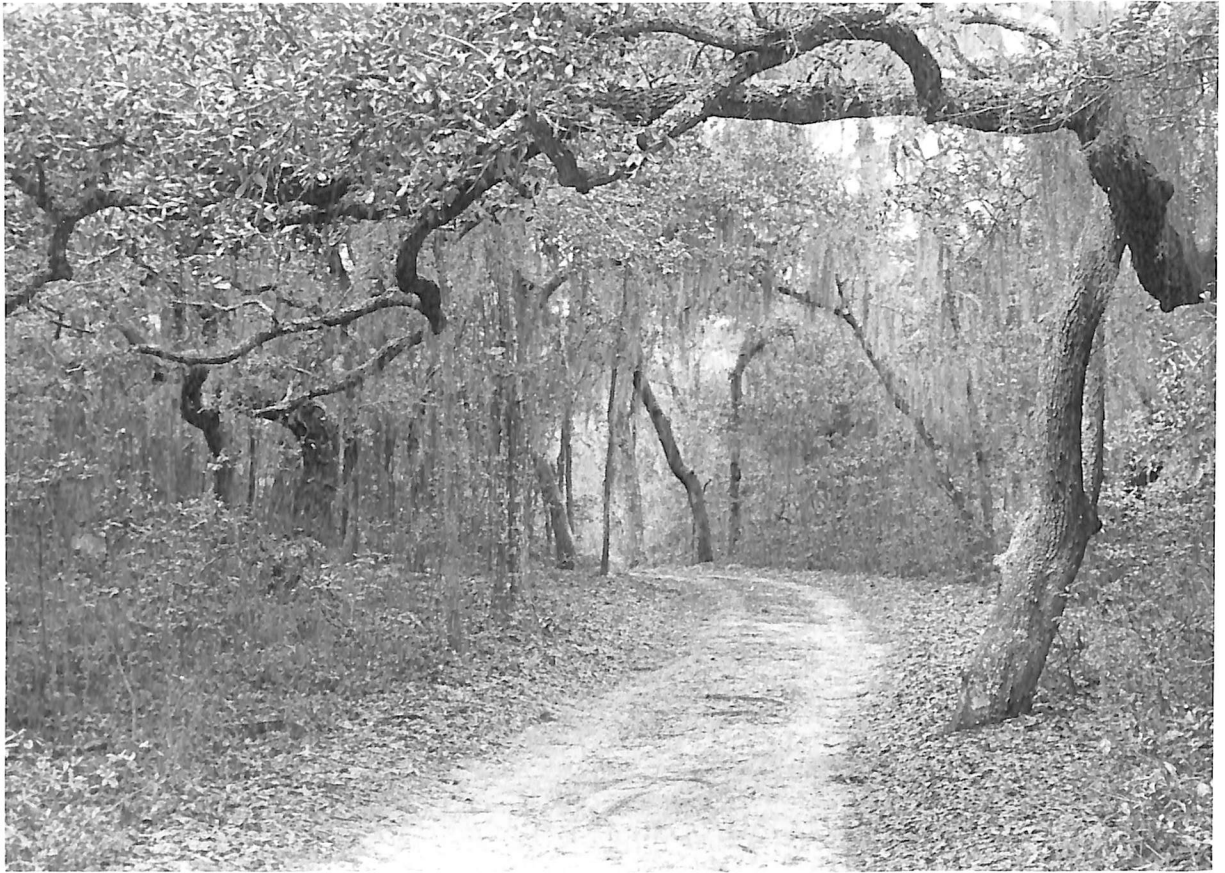


*It is for the sake of Love that the universe sprang into existence  
and it is for the sake of Love that it is kept going.*

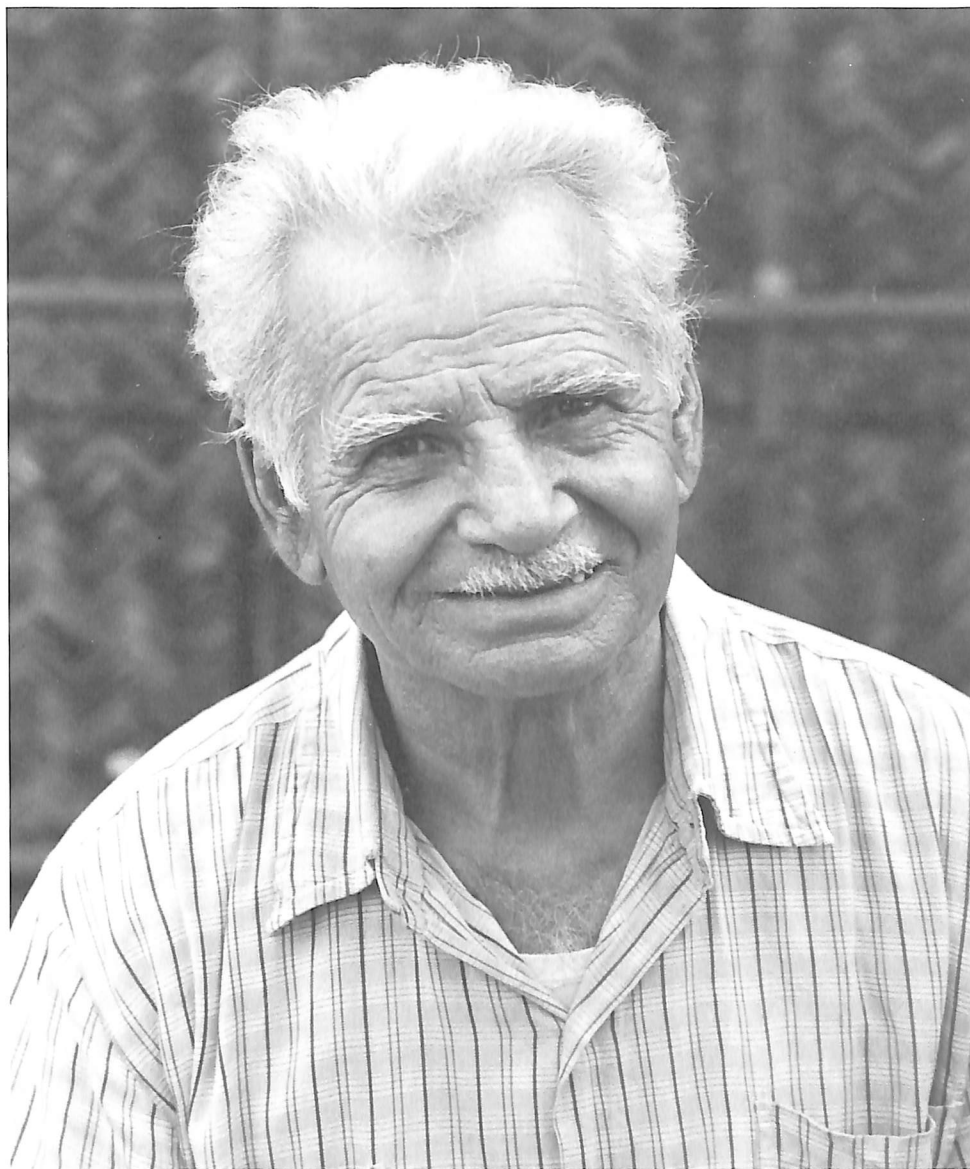
*Divine Love is the solution to our difficulties and problems.  
It makes us speak truly, think truly, and act truly.  
Divine Love purifies our hearts and glorifies our being.*



Meher Baba with Mehera J. Irani amidst Meherabad hills, 1936.



*When love for God is present, the path to the Truth is joyous.*



*People take life seriously and God lightly;  
whereas we must take God seriously and life lightly.*



*If we understand that the greatest act of devotion towards God is not to hurt or harm any of His beings, we are loving God.*



*Love is the fountain of life-giving water.  
No one and no thing can live without love.*



*If you have rock-like faith and flame-like love for God,  
nothing in this world will affect you.*





*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.*



*Love is an ocean of fire that you have to cross  
to meet the Beloved. So love, more love—more and more love.*

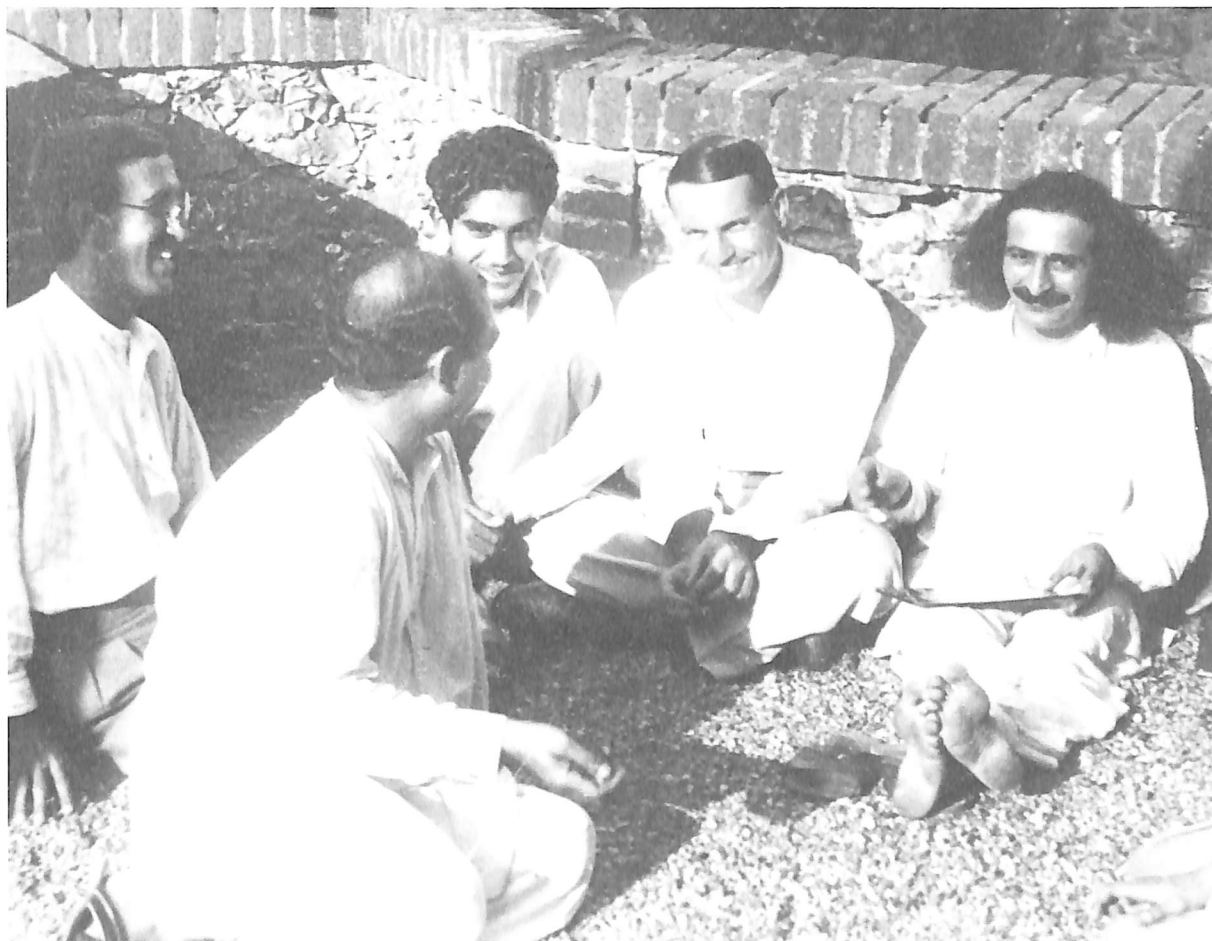


*Life and love are inseparable.  
Where there is life, there is love.*



*True love is unconquerable and irresistible and goes on gathering power and spreading itself, until eventually it transforms everyone whom it touches.*

*To realize the ideal in daily life, to give beautiful and adequate form to the living spirit, to make brotherhood a fact, not merely a theory, as at present—this is being practical in the truest sense of the word.*



Meher Baba at Portofino, Italy, 1933, with, left to right, F.H. Dadachangi, A.R. Irani (Pendur), Adi S. Irani and Herbert Davy.



*Real selfless service is serving the little ones  
and is tantamount to rendering service directly unto God.  
Babies and infants, everywhere in the world,  
are the very epitome of God's purity and innocence.*



*Like a tree, selfless love has branches - branches of whole-hearted devotion, perfect selfless service, self-denial, self-sacrifice, self-renunciation, self-annihilation and truth.*



*One of the most difficult things to learn is to render service without fuss and without pride. In the world of spirituality, humility counts as much as utility.*





*Even when one renders a service that is selfless. . .  
he must be humble, honest and sincere.  
The service he renders must not be for the sake of mere show,  
and it should be an outcome of true love.*



*Keep God ever consciously present with you.  
Let Him form the basis of all your thoughts, speech and actions.  
Remember Him in every little thing you do;  
the responsibility will then rest with Him.*



*Do not get disheartened or alarmed when adversity,  
calamity or misfortune pours upon you.  
Thank God, for He has thereby given you the opportunity  
of acquiring forbearance and fortitude.*



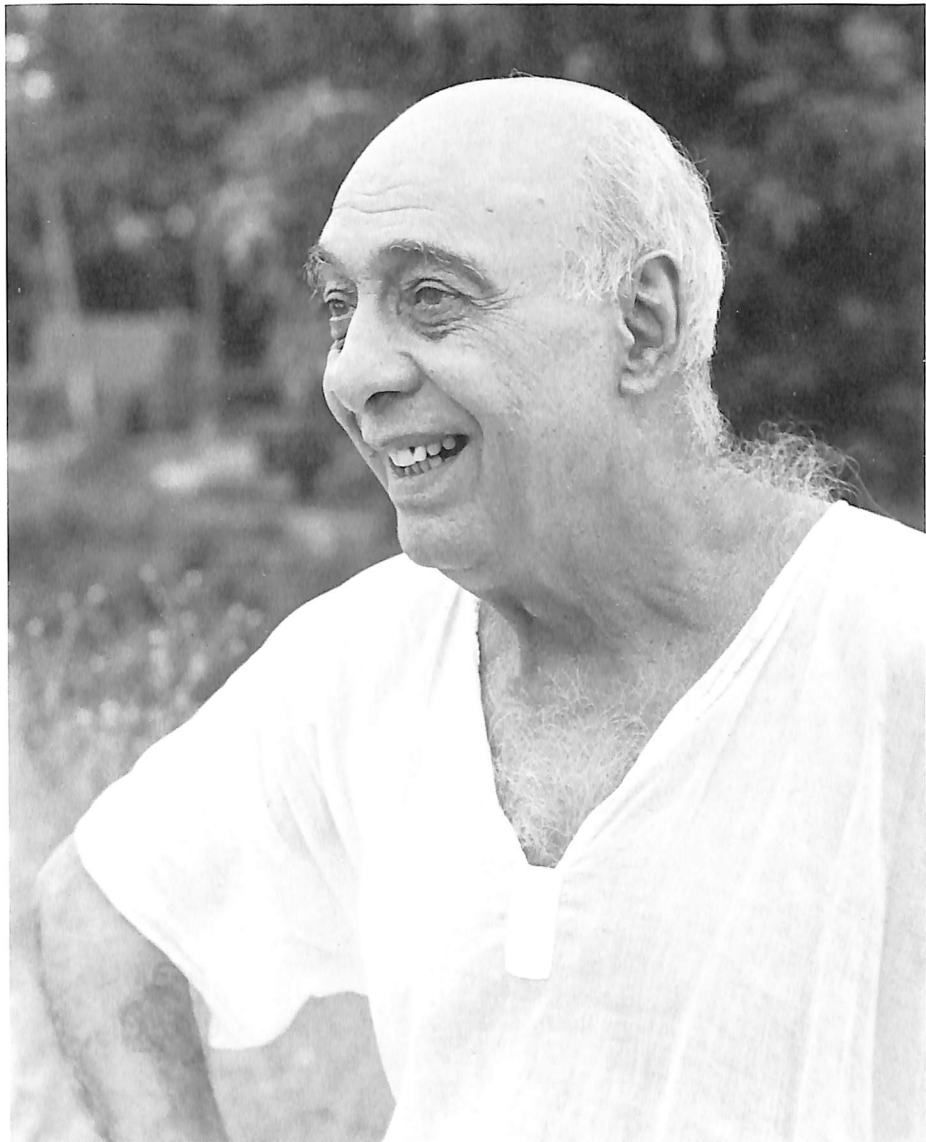
*Do not worry. Even though the world collapses around you,  
do not worry. Worry accumulates and grows in strength,  
becoming a habit long after the original cause has ceased to be.*



*A child's trust in its mother is complete,  
because it leaves all its worries to her. She has to take  
care of it. So if we trust God and let Him worry for us,  
we live contented and happy.*



*Wanting inevitably leads to suffering. So try your best -  
your very best - by loving more, then you will want less and less of  
that which is beyond your needs. But you must try consciously.  
The stone wants nothing, but wants nothing unconsciously.*



*Learn to jane do (let go) - to give up wanting the last word.  
Why do you care to be understood when you know you are right?  
Give up all wants and be happy.*

*What is spirituality? Poise. . . that state of mind in which nothing excites you, nothing upsets you. . . . thinking not of yourself but of others.*



Meher Baba at Kushroo Quarters, Ahmednagar, India, 1954.





*Spiritual progress is not accumulating from without  
but unfolding from within.*



*The spiritual Path is like climbing up to the mountain top through hills and dales and thorny woods and along steep and dangerous precipices. If there is one thing which is most necessary for safe and sure arrival at the top, it is Love.*



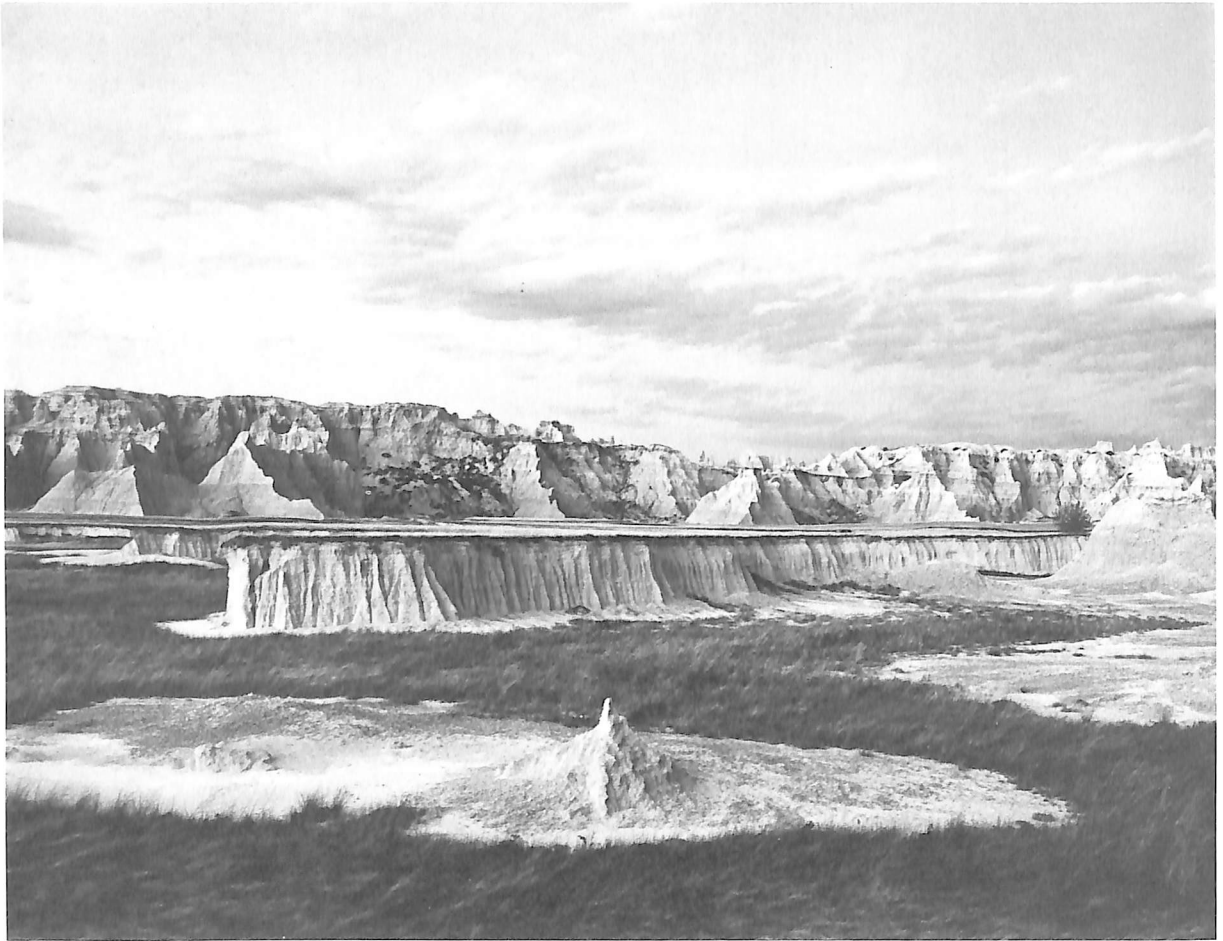
*Love is its own excuse for being.  
It is complete in itself and does not need to be supplemented by anything else.*



*Let the balance between your mind and heart be as firm  
as a rock that remains unmoved among storms and high tides.*



*Remain undisturbed and unshaken by the force of life's currents.*



*No matter how harshly the opposing party treats you, always be calm. Always, however much you are found fault with or are blamed or have high words said to you, bear all with patience. This is real bravery and courage.*



*Be cheerful in thought, word, deed and appearance—  
most of all in appearance. . .  
It is a divine art to always look cheerful. It helps others.*

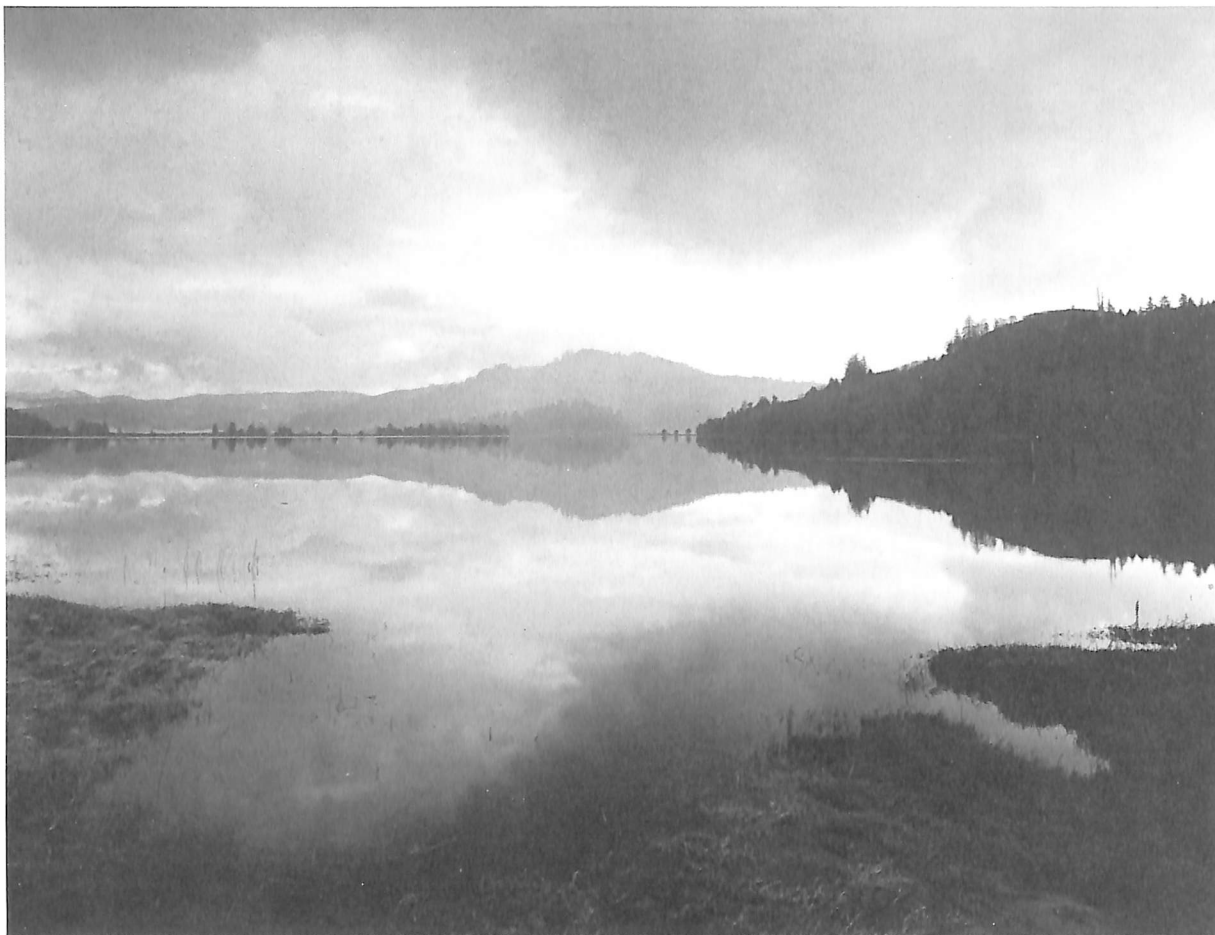


*Spirituality makes man more human.  
It is a positive release of the good, noble, and beautiful in man  
and contributes to what is gracious and lovely in the environment.*





*There is not a creature but is destined for the Supreme Goal,  
even as there is not a river but is on its winding way to the ocean.*



*Only in complete internal silence is truth found.  
When the surface of the lake is still, it reflects the stars;  
so when the mind is tranquil, it reflects the nature of the Self.*



*The ideal prayer to the Lord is nothing more than spontaneous praise of His being. You praise Him, not in the spirit of bargain but in the spirit of self-forgetfulness.*

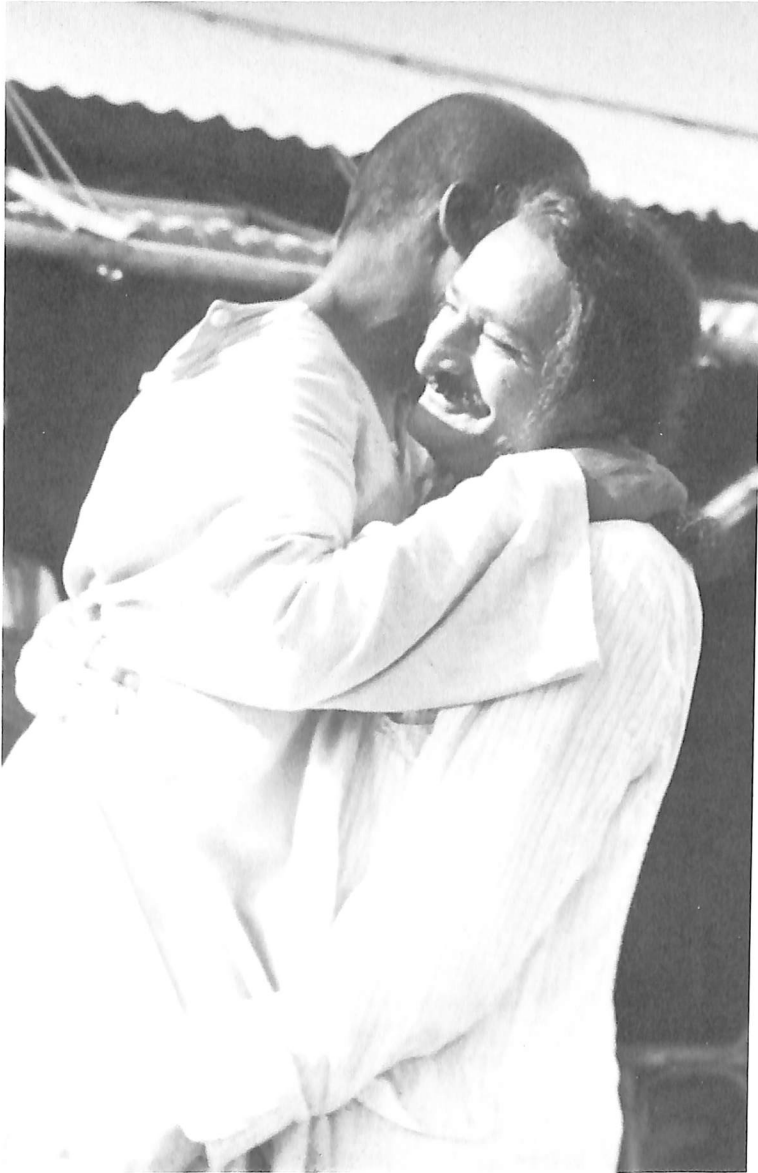


*The prayer God hears is the prayer of the heart,  
that raising of the heart, that suffering of the heart,  
that is what God pays attention to.*



*Live more and more in the present which is ever beautiful and stretches away beyond the limits of the past and the future.*

*God is one. He is both father and mother in one.  
He is in everyone and in everything.*



Meher Baba with Mohammed, Meherabad, India, 1939.



*God is everywhere and does everything.  
God is within us and knows everything.  
God is without us and sees everything.  
God is beyond us and is everything.*



*God has been everlastingly working in silence, unobserved, unheard, except by those who experience His infinite silence.*





*The Grace of the God-man is like rain which falls equally on all lands, barren and fertile, but fructifies only in the lands that have been rendered fertile through arduous and patient toiling.*



*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 rivers 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.*



*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.*

*My message  
always has  
been & always  
will be of  
Divine Love.*

*Meher Baba*



Meher Baba at Alwar, Rajasthan, India, 1938.



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*It is for the sake of*

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*That the universe sprang  
into existence,*

*And it is for the sake of Love  
that it is kept going.*

*Love is a reflection of God's unity  
in the world of duality.*

*Meher Baba*