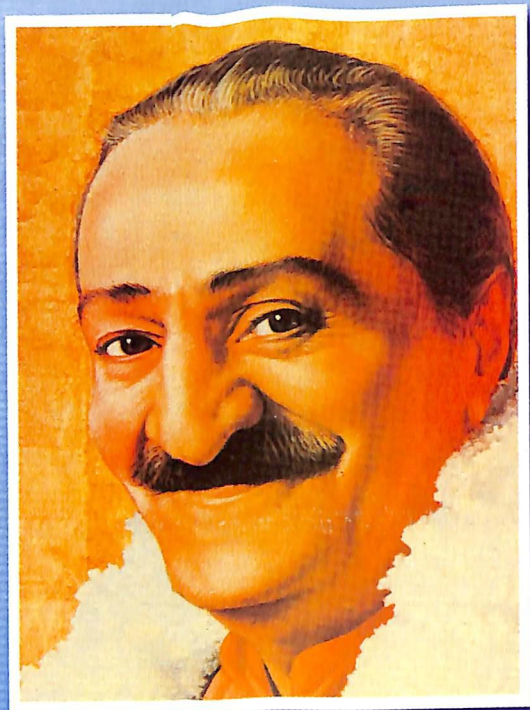


The Way & The Goal

AVATAR MEHER BABA

'The Highest Of The High'



**The Christ, The Imam Mehdi,
The Maitreyee, The Kalki ...
Whose Manifestation
The Whole Creation Awaits**

I AM THE WAY AND I AM THE GOAL

When someone expressed a desire to follow Meher Baba, Baba said this to him, "Do you realize what it means to follow Me ? It means to leave all and follow Me. And do you know what it is to leave all ? It is to leave everything, even yourself, behind you. This means that having left everything behind, you have to follow Me and not run ahead of Me, and to do this is so very difficult because it is so very simple.

"If you let your will guide you so that you walk ahead of Me, you become your own obstruction to My leading you, and since you are ignorant of the pitfalls on the way, I have to keep a constant watch lest you fall. What this amounts to is that instead of you following Me, I have to follow you!"

"I am not limited by form. I am within everyone and within you as the real Guide. So following Me does not mean that you have to leave everything and stay near Me. It also does not mean that you are to use Me as a dumping board for your worries, nor that you are to expect Me to fulfill your wants. It means that you are to be completely resigned to My Will and abide in a spirit of total surrender".

"To follow Me is to be obey Me and to do as I want. When My Will becomes your way, you are truly following Me, and then you are safe and you are saved. I know the way and its labyrinths for I am the Way and I am the Goal".

— AVATAR MEHER BABA

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PREFACE

MEHER BABA (The Compassionate Father) of Ahmédnagar, who observed self-imposed silence for 44 years (1925-1969) declared that He is the same Ancient One, who descended this earth planet after 1400 years of Prophet Mohammed and who also incarnated in the past in human form of Zoroaster, Rama, Krishna, Buddha and Jesus, to awaken the ignorant humanity, to the true purpose of life perenniel.

Meher Baba was born of Persian parentage in Govt. General Sassoon Hospital, Pune, on 25th February 1894, kissed by Hazrat Babajan, at the centre of His forehead in 1913. He was awakened to His true identity and His spiritual mission on the earth. Sai Baba of Shirdi recognised His God-hood and declared Him as "Parvardigar", Upasani Maharaj of Sakori (5 miles from Shirdi) performed His 'Aarti' declaring Him as "Aadi Shakti" and Narayan Maharaj of Kedgaon and Hazrat Tajuddin Baba of Nagpur also recognised His Avatarhood. In that sense, five Sadgurus of the time, descended the Avatar on this earth. 'Sadguru' means man becoming God and 'Avatar' means God becoming man.

10th July is the Day of Silence for the lovers of Meher Baba throughout the world, since Meher Baba began His silence on that day in the year 1925. Meher Baba has assured that along with His breaking of silence and His Manifestation as AVATAR, it would bring an era of peace, love, joy and universal brotherhood. This is possible if we all also rise above our barriers of caste, creed, cult, religion and nationality and try to become a citizen of the world - this

earth planet keeping all differences aside. Meher Baba did His Avataric work mostly in seclusions at Meherabad (Arangaon) and Meherazad (Pimpalgaon) in Ahmednagar and continued His work even while contacting Spiritual Agents in India and abroad, contacting God-intoxicated souls (masts), giving darshan to the masses, travelling far and wide, all over the globe, arranging East-West gatherings and giving His 'Sahvas' (company) to His lovers, devotees, workers and disciples; playing with them, embracing them, kissing them, enjoying kavvali with them, explaining their meaning, serving the sick, poors and the destitutes, and so on.

Meher Baba has come to unify the world in God's Oneness in God's Infinite love. So many humanists, politicians, institutions, societies, bodies, and organisations, the so called Bhagvans and saints etc. are trying to bring brotherhood but are failing as they could not touch the hearts of many. But Meher Baba, the Love-Incarnate is touching the hearts of millions and bringing them together as beads in a string; because of his own living example of LOVE - a self giving Love. His Samadhi at Meherabad adorns His words - 'Mastery In Servitude' which He Himself put into practice till His last breath..

Meher Baba awakened His followers to the Truth - that 'The aim of life is to love God and goal of life is to be come one with God'. There is no other purpose for which this creation has sprung up. He says - "You and I are not We but one". The only veil between God and you is 'I', the 'ego'. That is why whenever I myself (the author) see a 'cross' hanging in chains around the neck of so-called Christians, I am reminded much NOT of the cross, on which

Lord Jesus was crucified but of 'cutting' the 'I', which is the only obstruction between God and us all. Sri Raman Maharshi has called this 'I' as the scoundrel 'I'. Meher Baba says - "To be nearer and nearer to God, you should be further and further away from 'I', 'Me', 'My' and 'Mine' ". But how to cut this I ? How to annihilate our ego? A million dollar question ! This could only be achieved by surrenderance to a living Sadguru or the The Avatar - The Avatar being the ever living Perfect One.

In Srimad Bhagwat Geeta, Lord Krishna has dealt with Sankhya Yoga, Karma Yoga, Gyan Yoga, Bhakti Yoga and has explained so many matters related with Atma (soul), and Paramatma (over soul) but we would not fail to notice that in the 18th Chapter (the last chapter) Verse 66, he says to Arjuna -

"सर्वधर्मान् परित्यज्य मामेकं शरणं ब्रज"

"Take refuge in Me alone". Lord Jesus also said - "Leave all and follow me". Meher Baba says - "Come All Unto Me".

Meher Baba dropped His body on 31st January 1969 at 12-15 p.m. The same morning Meher Baba asked ALOBA (Ali Akar Shapur Zaman), one of His Mandali, to bring a board from the Mandali room on which the following three couplets of Hafiz were written -

"Befitting a fortunate slave, carryout every command of the Master without any question of why and what".

"About what you hear from the Master, never say it is wrong, because My dear, the fault lies in your own incapacity to understand Him".

"I am the slave of the Master who has released me from ignorance; whatever my Master does is of the highest benefit to all concerned".

On the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of Meher Baba's Avataric Silence, here is a fifth love offering from me to humanity in the form of "A PRAYER IN PRAISE OF THE HIGHEST OF THE HIGH" and also 3 important messages given by Meher Baba, Prayers dictated by Meher Baba etc. etc., with an humble appeal to the so-called intellectual giants, to accept the divine authority of the Avatar of the Age - Meher Baba, before it is too late to repent, witnessing the devastated creation. But simultaneously a tremendous spiritual upheaval would be there which cannot be imagined even by scientists of the highest order, who are now talking of their undoubtedly the great achievements in this century and recently talking of genomes, concerned with all human life on this planet-earth.

However, Avatar of the Age - Meher Baba, expressed that when the goal of life is attained, one achieves :

*The reparation of all wrongs,
the healing of all wounds,
the righting of all failures,
the sweetening of all sufferings,
the relaxations of all strivings,
the harmonizing of all strife,
the unravelling of all enigmas,
and the real and full meaning of all life -
past, present and future.*

Mangalore
10th July 2000

TKR - Meher Baba's Slave.

A
PRAYER
IN PRAISE OF
THE HIGHEST OF THE HIGH

*(Prayer recited by the author on the eve of
31st Amartithi of AVATAR MEHER BABA
on 1st February 2000 at 11.15 a.m. at Meherabad)*

T.K. RAMANUJAM 'ANUJ'
Meher Baba's Slave

INTRODUCTION

T. K. Ramanujam needs no introduction in the world of Lovers of Avatar Meher Baba because of his substantial contribution to Baba - literature in the form of beautiful books such as "Much Love", "Worry Not ; Be Happy", "God Allah Thy Name" (in English) and the biographical book 'Yug - Avatar' (in Hindi). Now he is gifting as his fifth Love - Offering to us a poem entitled - "A Prayer in Praise of the Highest of the High", a gift which will surely strike the reader as the most sublime and lively rendering of Beloved Lord Mehar Baba's message - "The Highest of the High" which was delivered unto the world by Him on 7th September 1953 and which unequivocally tells us all, who He is and what He expects from those who love and obey Him and wish to earn His Divine Grace.

I have gone through T. K. Ramanujam's rendering in poetic form, the kernel of the message embedded in that declaration by Avatar Meher Baba and in the course of reading it, I could not help feeling that it was a great ode written out with great inspiration! As Rabindranath Tagore once bade writers to take up the pen only when they were seized by a grand passion, so dear Ramanujam without the least doubt, has taken up his pen to write this ode or praise, only when he was intensely inspired to do so. True to the biddings of Longinus, he has never fallen short of the sublime, in his delineation of the Divine Sovereignty of Avatar Meher

Baba and I would be almost tempted to liken it to the grand and sonorous style of Milton when he wrote his world famous epic – "The Paradise Lost".

A prayer is some time pure praise, sometimes a supplication and request and sometimes it is both. In Ramanujam's poetic rendering we find a happy blending of both praise and request like we find in some noble prayers of Hindu worshipers as well as in the prayers of the sect of Greek mystics known after Orpheus. Both Orphism like Hinduism believe that prayers clean the soul and free it ultimately from the cycle of Reincarnation and also make the union with the Divine possible. Out of the numerous lovely lines by T.K. Ramanujam, I quote a few to show how close his prayer to his Master and Lord Meher Baba, runs to the Orphistic prayer and the Hindu prayer, while it is also universal in its devotional Charm. (i) "One who loves you / finally becomes you and one's sins of all births vanish....." (ii) "O! Emperor of the Realized..... have descended to the earth..... to awaken us to God Realization."

I congratulate the poet lover and wish a wide readership of his prayer!

"Jai Baba"

Prof. A. K. HAZRA

*(Author of "Memoirs of a Zetetic"
and "Of Men and Meher Baba")*

Jabalpur
4th April 2000

A PRAYER

IN PRAISE OF THE HIGHEST OF THE HIGH

(Formulated from the message "The Highest of the High" delivered by Avatar Meher Baba on the 7th September 1953 at Dehradun. This was recited by T.K. Ramanujam 'Anuj' on the eve of 31st Amartithi of Beloved Avatar Meher Baba on 2nd February 2000 at 11-15 a.m. at Meherabad)

O! GOD; Our Lord! Our Master!

Beloved Meher Baba ;

The Highest of the High !

*We who have turned our faces to you,
on this glorious moment,*

*keeping detached from all, except you ;
firmly believe, that God has manifested as
yourself in this present from of Meher Baba,
who did manifest in the past, as,*

*Zoroaster, Sri Rama, Sri Krishna, Lord Buddha,
Jesus the Christ, and the Prophet Mohammed
You are both man and God enthroned in the
hearts of all.*

O! God Meher Baba

*glory be to your Highness, who gave the
essence of Truth*

*i. e. Good thoughts, Good words and Good deeds ;
to lead the humannity towards the TRUTH*

O! Beloved Master ; being the Highest of the High,
You have been highly gracious enough,

to make us all aware, that
there are countless sadhus, saints, mahatmas,
and yogis and gurus, having small or
large following ;
but genuine ones are a few.
We are thankful to you Beloved Master for this
kind act of yours and we continue to hold on to
you!

O! Beloved Meher Baba; You have been infinitely
Compassionate

- to reveal to us, that, you are not an ordinary saint
or a human being ; but the Highest of the High.
As such to approach you, dear Beloved Meher Baba,
to fulfill our mundane desires,
would not only be the height of folly but
sheer ignorance on our part, as well.

O! Lord of Justice,
Avatar Meher Baba - the Personified Divine -
undoubtedly your Will is the Law,
your Wish governs the Law ;
above all, your Love sustains the Universe.

O! Murshed Meher Baba,
be praise unto you!
you have awakened us to the Truth
that our apparent calamities and
the transient sufferings we undergo often,
are nothing but the outcome of your Love
towards us and for our ultimate good.

O! The most exalted one,

Beloved Meher Baba - The Perfect guide
of the age,

with all our faith, we have accepted you, as
the Highest of the High - the Ancient One,
rather, you have accepted us Baba, which inspires
us to laydown our lives at your sacred feet.
Please bless us with rock like faith
which shall not shake under any circumstances.

O! Ahurmazd! The Lord of Life and Wisdom
Universal Commander of Religion, with all humility,
we pray to you to lead us safely through the
various blind alleys of our transient life.

O! Beloved Master please make us worthy,
to surrender our body, mind and possession
to you - The Highest of the High.
But you say Beloved Baba that this surrender also
could never be complete until we serve you
desirelessly and selflessly.

O ! "Kam - rad" - the Lord of Desire,
make us desireless taking everything from us and
give us what you want to give.
Make us worthy of receiving what
you intend to give us,
and for what you have called us, giving a call -
'Come All Unto Me", and suffered till your
last breath;
in the physical form of Meher Baba.

O ! The Enternal Source of Truth Meher Baba-

You have made us to experience that your ways can never be fathomed by our limited intellect and limited human mind.

O! "Farshogar" - the Awakener of the eternal spring,

We are blessed with fortune, to be with you at your Call!

We are grateful to you Beloved Baba,

the Saviour of sinners,

that you have favoured us - the ordinary

human beings like us,

amongst the crowd of tens of millions on earth,

to be called the 'Chosen ones'.

O! Beloved Baba - Rayed in glory, haloed in light,

Have mercy on us, to permit us to laydown our lives

for the cause of Truth at a glance from you and

Make us to love you truly.

O! Protector of the World - Lord Meher,

please give us indomitable courage to face willingly

and cheerfully, the worst calamities.

Bless us Beloved Baba with unshakable

faith in you.

Make us worthy of pleasing you, make us eager to

fulfil your wish at the cost of our own happiness

and comforts.

O! Loving and Compassionate Father - Meher Baba,

we seek your kind help to discharge our responsibilities

which have fallen on our shoulders through the

Law Divine.

*O! "Varun" - the Deliverer from evil,
we are weak, our flesh is weak. Sometimes
our eyes get glued to the enchanting pleasures
of the flesh,
how can we think of the Eternal Bliss ?
How can we merge in you - the Ocean of Love ?
It would be sheer hypocrisy on our part to
hope for the Eternal Bliss since we feel that
it is impossible for us to come out of our
weaknesses without your kind help.*

*O! Redeemer of the fallen ones,
we seek your utmost help
to make the impossible, possible, as nothing is
impossible for you - the Omnipotent One !
We do believe in your saying that -
One who loves you
finally becomes you and one's sins of all births
vanish in completeness.*

*O! Benevolent One - your commandment is-
'to desire for desirelessness".
What to do Beloved Baba - desires do arise in our
hearts craving for wealth and worldly gain.
Have pity on us.
Beloved Baba, please be kind enough to
bless us to rise
above all these weaknesses and awaken us, not to
cling to worldly happiness and short lived comforts.*

*O! Merciful Father! bless us to adhere to you,
through thick and thin, sacrificing our own
happiness and comforts at your lotus feet.
Let your happiness be our cheers and
your comforts our rest!*

*O! Beloved Master - the symbol of Existence
eternal,
shower your grace and bless us on this day with a
desire to serve you diligently and honestly without
any expectations of reward.
Let our service be a reward unto itself
and your Highness
has bestowed this opportunity to us to serve you,
for which even the rishis, munis and
angels aspire for,
what a fortune - fallen to our lot to be your slaves.*

*O! the Personification of Love and Purity -
we pray that our hands rise high in your praise
and not stretch towards you to ask
anything from you.
so have you desired!*

*O! giver of all Peace and Happiness -
Beloved Baba
we have never begged you to save our lives.
or the lives of our dear ones, but Baba please do
permit us to beg to you, to laydown our lives for you.*

O! Emperor of the Realized Ones - Beloved Meher Baba
You being the Ancient One, have descended the earth, to awaken us in the Ancient Truth - To Love God and to Become One with God - i.e. to attain God - Realization.

O! Beloved Master, you being the "Highest of the High";
Wish of your Universal Will is sufficient to give in an instant, God - Realization to any one you like and free that creature in creation, from the shackles of ignorance.

O! Beloved Baba, we do remember that you have also said -

"Blessed is the Knowledge that is gained through the experience of ignorance, in accordance with the "Divine Law"

and we ignorant lovers, leave it to

you Beloved Meher Baba

to whom we have approached as the

"Highest of the High",

to do the needful as you deem fit. You have

given a CALL to us all,

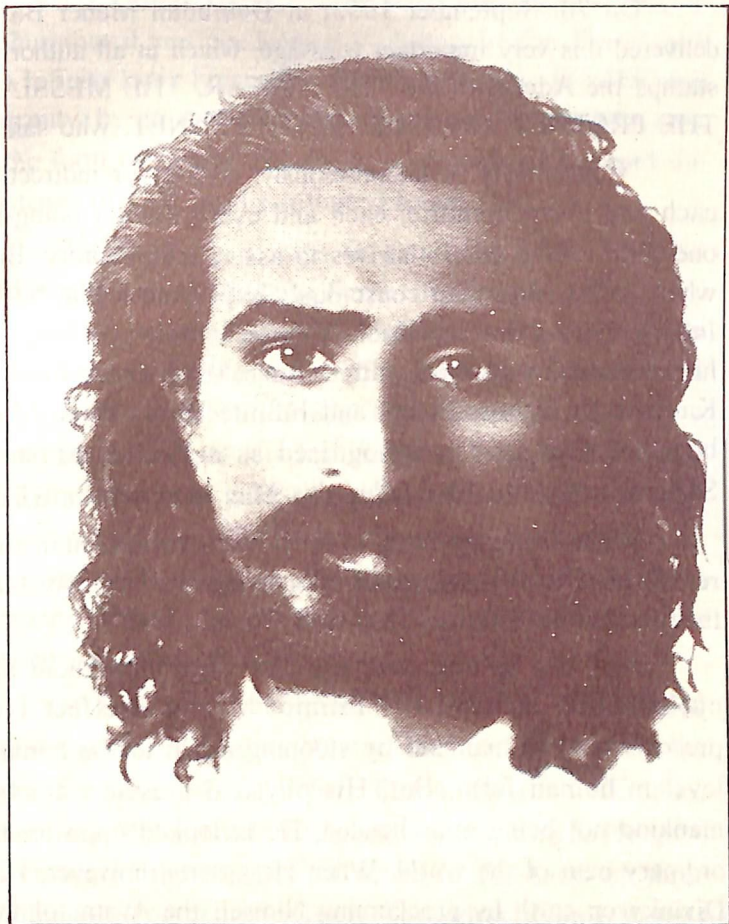
and by your grace we have come to you!

O! Beloved Avatar Meher Baba - the indweller in each heart, in the meantime, we try to remember you constantly keeping you as a witness to all our deeds, all the day long, all the day long, all the day long and pray from the depths of our hearts that we should be able to hold on to you till the very end.

T.K. Ramanujam "Anuj"

Meher Baba's Slave

THE HIGHEST OF THE HIGH



AVATAR OF THE AGE - MEHER BABA

THE HIGHEST OF THE HIGH

On 7th September 1953, at Dehradun Meher Baba delivered this very important Message, which in all authority stamps the Advent of the THE AVATAR, THE MESSIAH THE PROPHET, ON THIS EARTH PLANET, who said -

"Consciously or unconsciously, directly or indirectly, each and every creature, each and every human being-in one form or the other - strives to assert individuality. But when, eventually, man consciously experiences that he is Infinite, Eternal and Indivisible, then he is fully conscious of his individuality as God, and, as such, experiences Infinite Knowledge, Infinite Power and Infinite Bliss. Thus, Man becomes God, and is recognised as a Perfect Master, Sadguru or Qutub. To worship this Man is to worship God.

When God manifests on earth in the form of man and reveals His Divinity to mankind, He is recognised as the Avatar-the Messiah-the Prophet. Thus God becomes Man.

And, so, Infinite God, age after age, throughout all cycles, wills through His Infinite Mercy to effect His presence amidst mankind by stooping down to the human level in human form. But, His physical presence amidst mankind not being apprehended, He is looked upon as an ordinary man of the world. When He asserts, however, His Divinity on earth by proclaiming Himself the Avatar of the Age, he is worshipped by some who accept Him as God, and glorified by a few who know Him as God on Earth. But it invariably falls to the lot of the rest of humanity to condemn Him, while He is physically in their midst.

Thus it is that God as man, proclaiming Himself as the Avatar, suffers Himself to be persecuted and tortured, to be humiliated and condemned by humanity for whose sake His Infinite Love has made Him stoop so low in order that humanity, by its very act of condemning God's manifestation in the form of Avatar, should, however indirectly, assert the existence of God in His Infinite Eternal state.

The Avatar is always One and the Same, because God is always One and the Same, the Eternal, Indivisible, Infinite One, who manifests Himself in the form of man as the Avatar, as the Messiah, as the Prophet, as the Ancient One - the Highest of the High. This Eternally One and the Same Avatar repeats His manifestation from time to time, in different cycles, adopting different human forms and different names, in different places, to reveal Truth in different garbs and different languages, in order to raise humanity from the pit of ignorance and help free it from the bondage of delusions.

Of the most recognised and much worshipped manifestations of God as Avatar, that of Zoroaster is the earliest - having been before Rama, Krishna, Buddha, Jesus, and Mohammed. Thousands of years ago, He gave to the world the essence of Truth in the form of three fundamental percepts - **Good Thoughts, Good Words and Good Deeds**. These percepts were and are constantly unfolded to humanity in one form or another, directly or indirectly in every cycle, by the Avatar of the Age, as He leads humanity imperceptibly towards the Truth. To put

these percepts of Good Thoughts, Good Words and Good Deeds into practise is not as easily done as it would appear, though it is not impossible. But to live up to these percepts honestly and literally is as apparently impossible as it is to practise a living death in the midst of life.

In the world, there are countless Sadhus, Mahatmas, Mahapurushas, Saints, Yogis, and Walis, though the number of genuine ones is very very limited. The few genuine ones are, according to their spiritual status, in a category of their own, which is neither on a level with the ordinary human being nor on a level with the state of the Highest of the High.

I am neither a Mahatma nor a Mahapurush, neither a Sadhu nor a Saint, neither a Yogi nor a Wali. Those who approach Me with desire to gain wealth or to retain their possessions, those who ask My help to fulfil and satisfy mundane desires, to them I once again declare that, as I am not a Sadhu, a Saint or a Mahatma, Mahapurush or Yogi, to seek these things through Me is but to court utter disappointment though only apparently; for eventually this disappointment is itself invariably instrumental in bringing about the complete transformation of mundane wants and desires.

The Sadhus, Saints, Yogis, Walis and such others who are on the *via media*; can and do perform miracles and satisfy the transient material needs of individuals who approach them for help and relief.

The question therefore arises that if I am not a Sadhu, not a Saint, not a Yogi, not a Mahapurusha, nor a

Wali, then what am I ! The natural assumption would be that I am either just an ordinary human being or I am the Highest of the High. But one thing I say definitely, and that is that I can never be included amongst those having the intermediary status of the real Sadhus, Saints, Yogis, and such others.

Now, if I am just an ordinary man, my capabilities and powers are limited - I am no better or different from an ordinary human being. If people take Me as such, then they should not expect any supernatural help from Me in the form of miracles or spiritual guidance; and to approach Me to fulfill their desires would also be absolutely futile.

On the other hand, if I am beyond the level of an ordinary human being, and much beyond the level of Saints and Yogis, then I must be the Highest of the High. In which case, to judge Me with your human intellect and limited mind, and to approach Me with mundane desires, would not only be the height of folly but sheer ignorance as well because no amount of intellectual gymnastics could ever understand My ways or judge My Infinite State.

If I am the Highest of the High, My Will is Law, My Wish governs the Law and My Love sustains the Universe. Whatever your apparent calamities and transient sufferings, they are but the outcome of My Love for the ultimate good. Therefore, to approach Me for deliverance from your predicaments, to expect Me to satisfy your worldly desires, would be asking Me to do the impossible - to undo what I have already ordained.

If you truly and in all faith accept your Baba as the Highest of the High, it behooves you to lay down your life at His feet, rather than to crave the fulfillment of your desires. Not your one life but your millions of lives would be but a small sacrifice to place at the feet of One such as Baba, who is the Highest of the High; for Baba's unbounded love is the only sure and unfailing guide to lead you safely through the innumerable blind alleys of your transient life.

They cannot obligate Me, who, surrendering their all-body, mind, possessions, which perforce they must discard one day-surrender with a motive : surrender because they understand that to gain the everlasting treasure of Bliss they must relinquish passing possessions. This desire for greater gain is still clinging behind their surrender and, as such, the surrender cannot be complete.

Know you all that if I am the Highest of the High, My role demands that I strip you of all your possessions and wants, consume all your desires and make you desireless rather than satisfy your desires. Sadhus, Saints, Yogis, and Walis can give you what you want; but I take away your wants and free you from attachments and liberate you from the bondage of ignorance. I am the One to take, not the One to give, what you want or as you want.

Mere intellectuals can never understand Me through their intellect. If I am the Highest of the High, it becomes impossible for the intellect to gauge Me; nor is it possible for My ways to be fathomed by the limited human mind.

I am not to be attained by those who, loving Me, stand reverentially by in rapt admiration. I am not for those who ridicule Me and point at Me with contempt. To have a crowd of tens of millions flocking around Me is not what I am for. I am for the selected few who, scattered amongst the crowd, silently and unostentatiously surrender their all-body, mind and possessions-to Me. I am still more for those who, after surrendering their all, never give another thought to their surrender. They are all Mine who are prepared to renounce even the very thought of their renunciation and who, keeping constant vigil in the midst of intense activity, await their turn to lay down their lives for the cause of Truth at a glance or sign from Me. Those who have indomitable courage to face willingly and cheerfully the worst calamities, who have unshakable faith in Me, eager to fulfil my slightest wish at the cost of their happiness and comfort, they indeed truly love Me.

From My point of view, far more blessed is the athiest who confidently discharges his worldly responsibilities, accepting them as his honourable duty, than the man who presumes he is a devout believer in God, yet shrieks the responsibilities apportioned to him through Divine Law and runs after Sadhus, Saints and Yogis, seeking relief from the suffering which ultimately would have pronounced his eternal Liberation.

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.

I cannot expect you to understand all at once what I want you to know. It is for Me to awaken you from time to time throughout the ages, sowing the seed in your limited minds, which must, in due course and with proper heed and care on your part, germinate, flourish and bear the fruit of that True Knowledge which is inherently yours to gain.

If, on the other hand, led by your ignorance, you persist in going your own way, none can stop you in your choice of progress; for that too is progress, which, however slow and painful, eventual and after innumerable incarnations, is bound to make you realize that which I want you to know now. To save yourself from further entanglement in the maze of delusion and self-created suffering, which owes its magnitude to the extent of your ignorance of their true Goal, awake now. Pay heed and strive for Freedom by experiencing ignorance in its true perspective. Be honest with yourself and God. One may fool the world and one's neighbours, but one can never escape from the knowledge of the Omniscient-such is the Divine Law.

I declare to all of you who approach Me and to those of you who desire to approach Me, accepting Me as the Highest of the High, that you must never come with the desire in your heart which craves for wealth and worldly gain, but only with the fervent longing to give your all-body, mind and possessions - with all their attachments. Seek Me not in order to

extricate you from your predicaments, but find Me in order to surrender yourself wholeheartedly to My Will. Cling to Me not for worldly happiness and short-lived comforts, but adhere to Me, through thick and thin, sacrificing your own happiness and comforts at My feet. Let My happiness be your cheer and My comforts your rest. Do not ask Me to bless you with a good job, but desire to serve Me more diligently and honestly without expectation of reward. Never beg of Me to save your life or the lives of your dear ones, but beg of Me to accept you and permit you to lay down your lives for Me. Never expect Me to cure you of your bodily afflictions, but beseech Me to cure you of your Ignorance. Never stretch out your hands to receive anything from Me, but hold them high in praise of Me whom you have approached as the Highest of the High.

If I am the Highest of the High, nothing is then impossible to Me; and though I do not perform miracles to satisfy individual needs - the satisfaction of which would result in entangling the individual more and more into the net of ephemeral existence - yet, time and again, at certain periods, I manifest the Infinite Power in the form of miracles, but only for the spiritual upliftment and benefit of humanity and all creatures.

However, miraculous experiences have often been experienced by individuals who love Me and have unswerving faith in Me, and these have been attributed to

My "Nazar" or Grace on them. But I want all to know that it does not befit My lovers to attribute such individual miraculous experiences to My state of the Highest of the High. If I am the Highest of the High, I am above these illusory plays of Maya in the course of the Divine Law. Therefore, whatever miraculous experiences are experienced by My lovers who recognize Me as such, or by those who love Me unknowingly through other channels, they are but the outcome of their own firm faith in Me. Their unshakable faith, often superseding the course of the play of Maya, gives them those experiences which they call miracles. Such experiences derived through firm faith eventually do good and do not entangle the individuals who experience them into further and greater bindings of illusion.

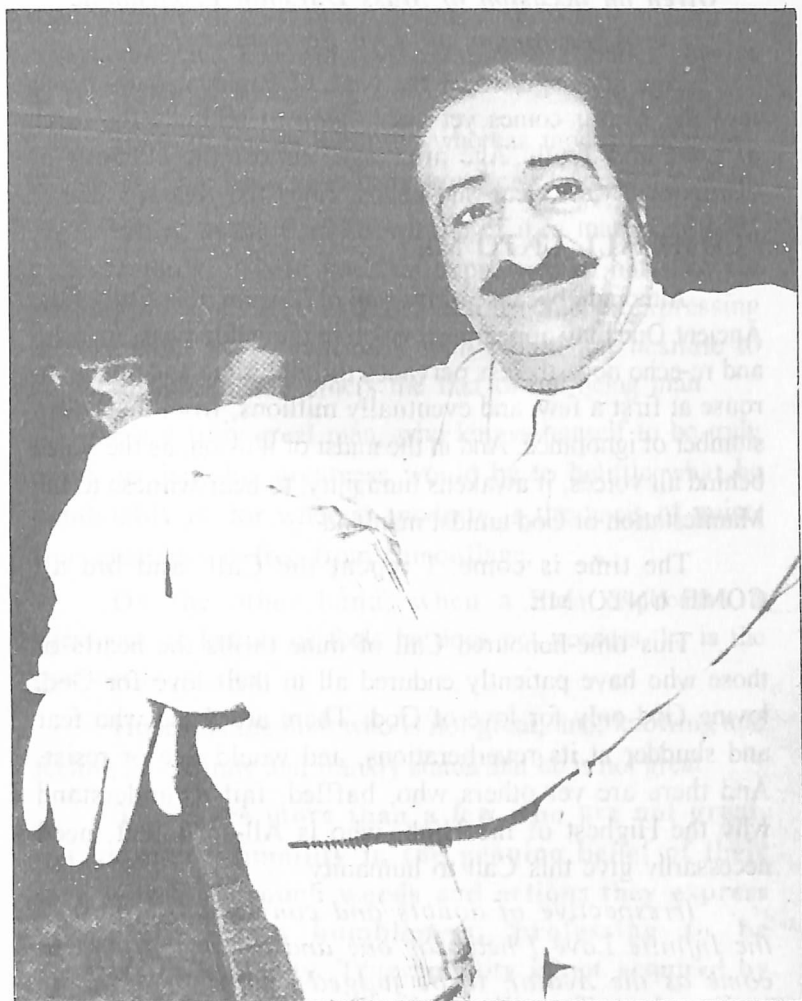
If I am the Highest of the High, then a wish of My Universal Will is sufficient to give, in an instant, God-Realization to one and all and thus free every creature in creation from the shakles of Ignorance. But blessed is Knowledge that is gained through the experience of Ignorance in accordance with the Divine Law. This Knowledge is made possible for you to attain, in the midst of Ignorance, by the guidance of Perfect Masters and surrenderance to the Highest of the High".



"Godhood is the birthright of every man. It is possible through love for man, to become God and when God becomes man, it is due to His love for His beings".

— Avatar Meher Baba

MEHER BABA'S CALL



"Come All Unto Me!"

MEHER BABA'S CALL

*Given on occasion of Mass Darshan Programme
at Ahmednagar on 13th September 1954*

Age after age, when the wick of Righteousness burns low, the Avatar comes yet once again to rekindle the torch of Love and Truth. Age after age, amidst the clamour or disruptions, wars, fear and chaos, rings the Avatar's call :

"COME ALL UNTO ME"

Although, because of the veil of illusion, this Call of the Ancient One may appear as a voice in the wilderness, its echo and re-echo nevertheless pervades through time and space, to rouse at first a few, and eventually millions, from their deep slumber of ignorance. And in the midst of illusion, as the Voice behind all voices, it awakens humanity, to bear witness to the Manifestation of God amidst mankind.

The time is come. I repeat the Call, and bid all
COME UNTO ME.

This time-honoured Call of mine thrills the hearts of those who have patiently endured all in their love for God, loving God only for love of God. There are those who fear and shudder at its reverberations, and would flee or resist. And there are yet others who, baffled, fail to understand why the Highest of the High, who is All-sufficient, need necessarily give this Call to humanity.

Irrespective of doubts and convictions, and for the Infinite Love I bear for one and all, I continue to come as the Avatar, to be judged time and again by humanity in its ignorance, in order to help man distinguish the Real from the false.

Invariably muffled in the cloak of the infinitely true humility of the Ancient One, the Divine Call is at first little heeded, until, in its Infinite strength it spreads in volume to reverberate and keep on reverberating in countless hearts as the Voice of Reality.

Strength begets humility, whereas modesty bespeaks weakness. One who is truly great can be really humble.

When, in the firm knowledge of it, a man admits his true greatness, it is in itself an expression of humility. He accepts his greatness as most natural and is expressing merely what he is, just as a man would not hesitate to admit to himself and others the fact of his being man.

For a truly great man, who knows himself to be truly great, to deny his greatness would be to belittle what he indubitably is, for whereas modesty is the basis of guise, true greatness is free from camouflage.

On the other hand, when a man expresses a greatness he knows or feels he does not possess, he is the greatest hypocrite.

Honest is the man who is not great, and, knowing and feeling this, firmly and frankly states that he is not great.

There are more than a few who are not great, yet assume a humility in the genuine belief of their own worth. Through words and actions they express repeatedly their humbleness, professing to be servants of humanity. True humility is not acquired by merely donning a garb of humility. True humility, spontaneously and continually emanates from the

strength of the truly great. Voicing one's humbleness does not make one humble. For all that a parrot may utter, "I am a man", it does not make it so.

Better the absence of greatness than the establishing of a false greatness by assumed humility. Not only do these efforts at humility on man's part not express strength, they are, on the contrary, expressions of modesty born of weakness, which springs from a lack of knowledge of the truth of Reality.

Beware of modesty. Modesty, under the cloak of humility, invariably leads one into the clutches of self-deception. Modesty breeds egoism and man eventually succumbs of pride through assumed humility.

The greatest greatness and the greatest humility go hand in hand naturally and without effort.

When the Greatest of all says, "I am the Greatest", it is but a spontaneous expression of an infallible Truth. The strength of His greatness lies, not in raising the dead, but in His great humiliation when He allows Himself to be ridiculed, persecuted and crucified at the hands of those who are weak in flesh and spirit. Throughout the ages, humanity has failed to fathom the true depth of the Humanity underline the greatness of the Avatar, gauging his Divinity by its acquired limited religious standards. Even real saints and sages, who have some knowledge of the Truth, have failed to understand the Avatar's greatness when faced with his real humility.

Age after age history repeats itself when men and women, in their ignorance, limitations and pride, sit in judgement over the God-incarnated man who declares his Godhood, and condemn him for uttering the Truths they cannot understand. He is indifferent to abuse and persecution for, in His true compassion He understands, in His continual experience of Reality He knows, and in His Infinite Mercy He forgives.

God is all, God knows all, and God does all. When the Avatar proclaims he is the Ancient One, it is God who proclaims His manifestation on earth. When man utters for or against the Avatarhood it is God who speaks through him. It is God alone who declares Himself through the Avatar and mankind.

I tell you all with my Divine authority, that you and I are not "WE", but "ONE". You unconsciously feel my Avatarhood within you. I consciously feel in you what each of you feel. Thus every one of us is Avatar, in the sense that everyone and everything is everyone and everything, at the same time, and for all time.

There is nothing but God. He is the only Reality, and we all are one in the indivisible Oneness of this absolute Reality. When the One who has realized God says, "I am God. You are God, and we are all one", and also awakens this feeling of Oneness in His illusion-bound selves, then the questions of the lowly and great, the poor and the rich, the humble and the modest, the good and the bad, simply vanishes. It is his false awareness of duality that misleads man into making illusory distinctions and filing them into separate categories.

I repeat and emphasize that in my continual and eternal experience of Reality, no difference exists between the worldly rich and the poor. *But, if ever such a question of difference between opulence and poverty were to exist for Me, I would deem him really poor who, possessing worldly riches, possesses not the wealth of Love for God. And, I would know him truly rich who, owning nothing, possessing the priceless treasure of his Love for God, His is the poverty that kings could envy, and that makes even the king of kings his slave.*

Know therefore, that in the eyes of God, the only difference between the rich and the poor is not of wealth and poverty, but in the degrees of intensity and sincerity in the longing for God.

Love for God alone can annihilate the falsity of the limited ego, the basis of life ephemeral. It alone can make one realize the Reality of one's Unlimited Ego, the basis of Eternal Existence. The divine Ego, as the basis of Eternal Existence, continually expresses itself; but, shrouded in the veil of Ignorance, man misconstrues his Indivisible Ego and experiences and expresses it as the limited, separate ego.

Pay heed when I say with my Divine authority, that the Oneness of Reality is so uncompromisingly Unlimited and All-pervading that not only "We are One", but even this collective term of "We" has no place in the Infinite Indivisible Oneness.

Awaken from your ignorance, and try at least to understand that in the uncompromisingly Indivisible Oneness, not only is the Avatar God, but also the ant and the

sparrow, just as one and all of you, are nothing but God. The only apparent difference is in the states of consciousness. The Avatar knows that which is a sparrow is not a sparrow, whereas the sparrow does not realize this, and, being ignorant of its ignorance, identifies itself as a sparrow.

Live not in ignorance. Do not waste your precious life-span in differentiating and judging your fellow-men, but 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.

Honesty will guard you against false modesty and will give you the strength of true humility. Spare no pains to help others. **Seek no other reward than the gift of Divine Love. Yearn for this gift sincerely and intensely, and promise in the name of My Divine Honesty, that I will give you much more than you yearn for.**

I give you all My Blessing that the spark of My divine love may implant in your hearts the deep longing for Love of God.

— Avatar Meher Baba



"The more you discuss God, the less you understand Him. So love God and become God".

— Avatar Meher Baba



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"UNIVERSAL MESSAGE"

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.



THE WAY AND THE GOAL

I am the Way, I am the Goal.

I authoritatively say I am the Ancient One.

*If you love Me with all your heart,
then you will be made free eternally.*

I am the Ocean of Love,

I am the only Lover,

I am the only Beloved;

I am LOVE.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER (PARVARDIGAR PRAYER)

This prayer was dictated by Meher Baba during the twenty-one days of Baba's special work (From the 13th of August to the 2nd of September, 1953). It was recited everyday by one of the Mandali in Baba's presence.

O Pravardigar, 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 colour, 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.*



HOW CAN ONE EARN GODHOOD ?

*You can earn livelihood with the sweat of your brow
and you can earn Godhood with the blood of your heart.*

THE PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

(This prayer was dictated by Meher Baba in 1952)

Om Parabrahma Parmatma,

Ya Yazdan; La-illaha illallaha

Oh God Father in heaven,

*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 especially 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 especially 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.*



PRAYER FOR THE MANDALI AND BABA LOVERS

A prayer for Meher Baba's lovers and Mandali read out by Baba on August 25, 1959 at Meherabad, India :

*Beloved God, help us all to love You more and more and more and more and still yet more,
till we become worthy of Union with You;
and help us all to hold fast to Baba's daaman till the very end.*



TEN COMMANDMENTS OF AVATAR MEHER BABA

1. Desire for nothing except desirelessness.
2. Hope for nothing except to rise above all hopes.
3. Want nothing and you will have everything.
4. Be angry with none but your own weaknesses.
5. Hate none but your own lustful self.
6. Be greedy to own more and more wealth of tolerance and justice.
7. Wage war against your desires, and Godhood will be your victory.
8. Serve others with the understanding that in serving them you are serving Me.
9. Be resigned completely to My Will, and My Will will be yours.
10. Let your temptation be to tempt Me with your love in order to receive My Grace.



THE SEVEN REALITIES

Meher Baba gives no importance to creed, dogma, caste systems, and the performance of religious ceremonies and rites, but to the UNDERSTANDING of the following SEVEN REALITIES :

1. The only **REAL EXISTENCE** is that of the One and only God who is the Self in every (finite) self.
2. The only **REAL LOVE** is the love for this Infinity (God), which arouses an intense longing to see, know and become one with its Truth (God).
3. The only **REAL SACRIFICE** is that in which, in pursuance of this Love, all things, body, mind, position, welfare, and even life itself, are sacrificed.
4. The only **Real Renunciation** is that which abandons, even in the midst of worldly duties, all selfish thoughts and desires.
5. The only **Real Knowledge** is the Knowledge that God is the inner dweller in good people and so-called bad, in saint and so-called sinner. This Knowledge requires you to help all equally as circumstances

demand, without expectation of reward and, when compelled to take part in a dispute, to act without the slightest trace of enmity or hatred; to try to make others happy with brotherly or sisterly feelings for each one; to harm no one in thought, word or deed, not even those who harm you.

6. The only **Real Control** is the discipline of the senses from indulgence in low desires, which alone ensures absolute purity of character.
7. The only **Real Surrender** is that in which poise is undisturbed by any adverse circumstances and the individual, amidst every kind of hardship, is resigned with perfect calm to the Will of God.



"I am equally approachable to one and all, big and small, to saints who rise and sinners who fall, through all the various Paths that give the Divine Call. I am approachable alike to saint whom I adore and to sinner whom I am for, and equally through Sufism, Vedantism, Christianity, Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, other "isms" of any kind, and also directly through no medium of "isms" at all"

— Avatar Meher Baba

MY WISH

The lover has to keep the wish of the Beloved.
My wish for My lovers is as follows :

1. *Do not shirk your responsibilities.*
2. *Attend faithfully to your worldly duties, but keep always at the back of your mind that all this is Baba's.*
3. *When you feel happy, think : "Baba wants me to be happy". When you suffer, think : "Baba wants me to suffer".*
4. *Be resigned to every situation and think honestly and sincerely : "Baba has placed me in this situation".*
5. *With the understanding that Baba is in everyone, try to help and serve others.*
6. *I say with My Divine Authority to each and all that whosoever takes My name at the time of breathing his last comes to Me. So do not forget to remember Me in your last moments. Unless you start remembering Me from now on, it will be difficult to remember Me when your end approaches. You should start practising from now on. Even if you take My name only once every day, you will not forget to remember Me in your dying moments.*

– Avatar Meher Baba

A FEW DROPLETS FROM THE OCEAN OF SILENCE

The moment I break MY SILENCE and utter that ORIGINAL WORD, the first and last miracle of "BABA" in this life (means this Avatarhood) will be 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".

"Once I break MY SILENCE, all will come to know Me. Fortunate are those who know Me now"

"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 - greater the response."

"MY SILENCE and the breaking of MY SILENCE at the appointed time will make silent those who talk of everything by-God Although I take birth for all mankind fortunate are those who love ME while I am still on earth".

"When an atom is 'split', an infinite amount of energy is released. Similarly when MY SILENCE is broken and I utter the WORD, Infinite Wisdom will be released".

When an atom bomb strikes the earth, it causes vast devastation. Similarly, when the WORD, I utter, strikes the Universe, there will be a great material destruction, but there will also take place a tremendous Spiritual Upheaval".

"I have come to sow the seed of love in your hearts so that, inspite of all superficial diversity which your life in illusion must experience and endure, the feeling of oneness, 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 only speak ONE WORD, and this WORD will penetrate in hearts of all men and make even the 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".

A reporter asked Meher Baba -

"We have here many excerpts of messages concerning your SILENCE. Is there any one statement that is more significant than the other?"

Meher Baba replied - "There is one. When I break MY SILENCE, the world will come to know I AM THE ONE WHOM THEY WERE WAITING FOR!"

- AVATAR MEHER BABA

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FASTEST APPROACH TO THE GOAL

The masses who follow rites and rituals to attain God as Truth are, as it were, on the freight train, which is indefinitely detained at various stations. Those who sincerely take some name of God with devotion and dedicate their life to the service of humanity are, as it were, in an ordinary train, which stops at every station according to the scheduled timetable. But those who seek the company of the Truth-realized Master and carry out his orders in full surrenderance and faith are, as it were, in a special train, which will take the aspirant to the Goal in the shortest possible time without any halts at the intermediate stations.

In sincere surrenderance to the Master, the disciple comes very near to the stopping of the mind, which is the object of most yogic processes. In thinking day and night of the Master, the disciple nearly achieves the ultimate objective of the diverse practices of meditation and concentration. By putting the work of the Master above his own personal needs, he achieves the aim of all renunciation. In obeying the Master at any cost and serving him selflessly, he nearly arrives at the culmination of the Path of Action. In understanding the Master as he is, he comes to the end of the Path of Knowledge. And in loving the Master above everything else, he becomes one with him as Truth and thus attains Godhood, which is the ultimate goal of all search and endeavor. When the time is ripe, the realisation of divinity comes inevitably through the Master. It is never given before the time is ripe : but it is also never held up even for a split second after the time is ripe.

—AVATAR MEHER BABA

God-realisation is the goal for all.

But few really have it.

Many on the path feel that

they have come to the terminus.

Without having realised God, they feel that

they have become God.

A true aspirant keeps himself away from

such self-delusions.

All delusion arrests further progress.

They alone have realized God, in His fullness
of Being, who see nothing but God.

For them everything except God is unreal.

I will take you to the Unfathomable

Beyond of illimitable divinity.

*(One of 40 messages received by Avatar Meher Baba's
disciple Princess Norina Matchabelli directly from Him
in the vibrating thought order of light-wave projections
given to the author of this book, in 1969 (when he was
in Ahmednagar), by late Sri Adi K. Irani; first disciple
and Secretary of Avatar Meher Baba)*

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