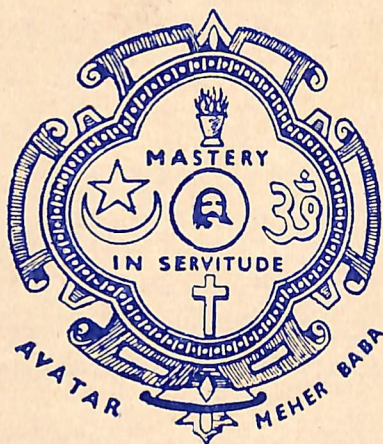


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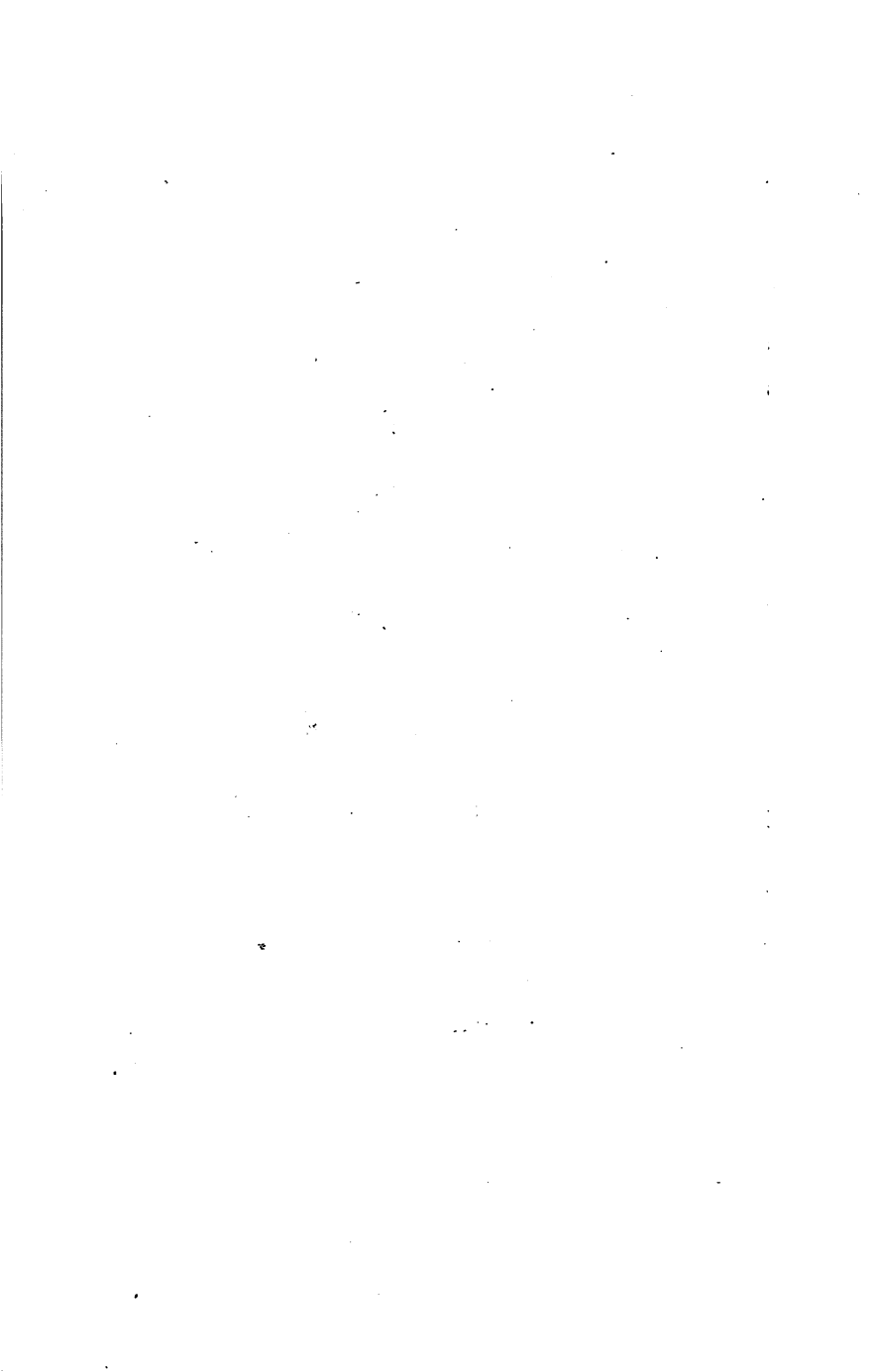
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“When I break My silence the world will come to know who I am. As a rule, in the past it has been the lot of posterity to know who the Avatar WAS. But in this unique Avataric advent the world will know who the Avatar IS while Baba is yet on earth.”

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Be true to the trust I repose in you

And remember me wholeheartedly.

My Love and Blessing to you.

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INTRODUCTION

God is Infinite and Absolute. Creation is infinite, but in a numerical experience. God cannot be called even one because it would imply something second to God. God is without a second. He is Existence. All the attributes such as of peace, happiness, turmoil order and confusion are the nature of creation which contains all objects animate and inanimate. It is in the creation that law, order, justice harmony strife and struggle function.

God by His own power inherent in His Existence established His law and order. It is done as applicable to the entire creation as a whole. What is suitable as a whole to the entire things and beings may not to be found suitable to an individual, a community or a nation because of their sectional, partial or limited experience of the entire creation. So the law which means order justice and harmony to the community of human beings as a whole, would not be suitable to groups of individuals. God-made laws work on a universal principle. Man made laws work on a community or national principles.

God who creates creation does not lose his right of existing independently of His creation. He exists beyond creation and He chooses also to live in His creation in different phases of consciousness. Most of the human beings who worship God and pray to Him do not understand whether they do so just to His Existence or to any of the phases of His conscious existence.

One aspect of God whom we all call Paramatma, Allah or Ahuramazd is infinite, formless, and attributeless. This is the Impersonal aspect of God. There is another aspects of God which is Personal and is the one that assumes human form and attributes. It is the Personal aspect of God Who is responsible for the universally functioning of law and order. Most of the human beings who offer their prayers think that their prayers reach the Impersonal God who gives them a favourable response. In fact as explained by MeherBaba the prayers go to the Personal aspect of God and are responded to by Him. Personal God is the one who has a human body and a command over the entire Nature and can appreciate ills and ailments of human suffering and has the power to mend and redress them on a principle of universal functioning.

Meher Baba is the personification of God. The simplest and easiest way He shows towards freedom from all suffering is love. Love God as He should be loved. Because God is all pervading and universal He deserves to be loved as much largely immensely and deeply. The presence of a living God Who Meher Baba is affords an immediate opportunity to love Him and serve Him.

By loving Him you love your own self because He is the Self of all. By serving Him you serve yourself to be able to express your love in deeds of merit,

It is not always easy to come into physical presence Meher Baba. His messages and writings afford

an easy approach to associate with His person by thought, remembrance and above all love.

It is to the fulfilment of a longing to benefit readers by making available for ready reference some of Avatar Meher Baba's various Messages that Shri N. Dharma Rao of Andhra Pradesh has compiled and printed them in the form of this booklet.

May the world be Blessed by Him ever.

Adi K. Irani.

Ahmednagar,
Maharashtra-Dn.

December 20, 1964.

Hence everyone can go through His teachings without any mental reservation and begin to love Him in the personal aspect of God, even while He is in our midst and be the recipient of His Divine Love and Grace.

To fulfill this end, this small brochure is got up.

Bangalore
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PREFACE

The teachings of Avatar Meher Baba are **universal** in character and they do not conflict with the teachings of any of the previous Avatars, Prophet or Messiah which are existing already in this world. Hence every one, who happens to come across with Meher Baba's life and teachings are immediately drawn to His fold, inspite of their firm conviction and faith in the religion to which they belong. Baba never asks us to give up our religion but impresses on us to lead a life of Love and Truth which our religion enjoins on us.

Baba says: "All religions of the world proclaim that there is but one God, the Father of all in creation. **I am that Father.**" He further says: "I belong to no religion. Every religion belongs to Me. My personal religion is My being the Ancient Infinite One, and the religion I impart to all is Love for God, which is the Truth of all religions."

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PRAYER FOR BABA'S LOVERS & MANDALI

(Dictated by Meher Baba)

*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,*

PRAYER

dictated by

MEHER BABA

at Dehra Dun

and recited by Mandali from 13-8-1953 to 2-9-1953.

O Parvardigar, 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 every where, 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, Paramatma; Allah; Elahi; Yezdan; Ahuramazda; God Almighty; and God the Beloved.

You are named EZAD; i.e., the only One worthy of worship.

GOD IS ONE

"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".

"Of the most recognized and much worshipped manifestations of God as Avatar, that of Zoroaster is the earliest having been before Rama, Krishna, Buddha, Jesus and Mohammed."

Meher Baba

"The light that glowed in the fire of Zoroaster
That flashed through the arrow of Rama,
That hallowed the face of Buddha,
That radioed the flute of Krishna,
That silvered the cross of Christ,
That flamed through the brotherhood of
Mohammed,
Is the Self same light of LOVE that
Is now radiating from the Silence of
AVATAR MEHER BABA."

25th Feb. 1957,

Adi K, Irani.

Repentance & Prayer For Forgiveness

**Om Parabrahma-Paramatma, Ya-Yazdan,
Ya-Allah, O God, Father in Heaven.**

We repent, O God most merciful, for all our sins, for every thought that was false or unclean, for every word spoken that ought not to have been spoken, and for every deed done that ought not to have been done.

We repent for every deed and thought inspired by selfishness, and for every deed 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 back-biting.

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 Thy unbounded mercy, we ask Thee 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 Thy Will.

Message Given on the Foundation Day of the Universal Spiritual Centre at Byramangala near Bangalore, 17th December 1939

(Read by late C. V. Sampath Aiyangar)

The world is at War to-day.

It has engulfed all departments of life-political, economic, social and religious.

The instinct of self-preservation enhanced by fear and uncertainty of the future is aggressively active in the guise of various pseudonyms and catch-words.

Exclusiveness is parading as nationalism; self-interest is known as economics; fanaticism is synonymous with religion; libertinism is looked upon as social and moral freedom; and exploitation is termed politics.

This instinct of self-preservation is legitimate and natural with the lower order of life, in the scale of evolution. But when it expresses itself through man, it makes of him nothing more than a talking animal, and, as such, he is yet a long way off from deserving the title, "the best of creation".

Is it anybody's fault if one finds himself on the right side of things or the wrong side of things? No! Every human being has come to serve and achieve a definite purpose, and, by playing his part to perfection, he automatically works out his own salvation.

There is this difference however. In the divine scheme of things, individuals or peoples when instead of

progressing higher and onward, are about to lapse into bestiality, it is suffering that rehabilitates them.

Spiritual Masters achieve for humanity this same resurrection much more easily and less painfully by not only preaching but translating into fulfilment the too familiar words, self-denial and brotherhood of man, whose very beginning and whose ultimate end is LOVE.

The time for such a universal awakening is looming large in the near future, to meet which, the scheme of a Universal Spiritual Centre is founded to-day.

Mysore will surely realize at no distant date its singular good fortune in possessing amongst many progressive features, the Spiritual Capital of the world as well.

I bless everyone of you, participants and non-participants, in the greatest scheme of spiritual regeneration the world has ever known and the foundation of which you have witnessed to-day.

This scheme of a Universal Spiritual Centre symbolises the character of my Divine Mission on earth.

I bless you.

Biographical Sketch of Meher Baba.

Merwan S. Irani, known as Meher Baba, was born in Poona, India, in 1894, of Persian parents. His father, Sheriar Irani, was a real seeker of God and, a great Sufi. In 1914, while Meher Baba was still in College, a momentous event occurred in his life-the meeting with an ancient woman, Hazrat Babajan, a Perfect Master of her time, who made Him aware of His High Spiritual Destiny and at the same time gave Him God-Realization. After some time, Merwan lead a sort of itinerant life and came into contact with many Perfect Masters and in particular Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi, Sadguru Upasani Maharaj of Sakori, Narayan Maharaj of Khedgaon and Hazrat Tajuddin Baba of Nagpur.

It was however Upasani Maharaj, who during the next seven years, gave Him Divine knowledge and control of the seven planes of consciousness. In 1921, Merwan Himself became a Perfect Master and His spiritual mission began when He drew together His first close disciples, training them in arduous spiritual tasks and self-disciplines.

During the following two years, Meher Baba wrote an account of the Divine Experience. This book has not been read by anyone, and it will be published only after His World Manifestation. Upon completing the manuscript, He laid down His pen and has not written a line since, except His signature when necessary.

On July 10, 1925, Meher Baba began to observe silence, which He has continued to this day. The Master's many spiritual discourses and messages have been dictated through the medium of His Alphabet board. He is well-versed in six languages, including English. Since October, 1954, however the Master has discontinued the use of his alphabet board also, reducing all communications to hand gestures unique to Himself. The major part of his recent book "God Speaks" which outlines the whole scheme of creation and its purpose, was laboriously dictated in this manner.

Meher Baba frequently retires into seclusion and observes long fasts. These periods of seclusion are periods of spiritual working on the inner planes for the good of all humanity. Alternating with the periods of seclusion, Meher Baba leads a life of dynamic activity.

Meher Baba has also taken special interest in contacting and personally serving those who are known as "Masts", or God-intoxicated persons, immersed in bliss and unconscious of the body. For this work, He has journeyed many thousands of miles throughout India and Ceylon.

Meher Baba's aim is wholeheartedly a spiritual one, to awaken the Divinity in everyman and guide Him to his goal which is Love.

BABA'S BIRTHDAY MESSAGES

A special message for a public meeting in the Town Hall on 25-12-53 to memorize Baba's visit to Kakinada in Feb. 1953.

Let love annihilate your lower self and
Reveal My Infinite Self.

Let your ears become deaf to delusion to
Enable you to hear My silent message of
divine love.

Let your eyes become blind to illusion to
receive Me as I Am.

Let your heart open to receive Me in full.

This is My message to-day to you all
With My Blessings.

January 1954.

The mass of this age will be dissolved by
The fire of pure love is My message.

Feb. 25, 1954.

I am never born ; I never die. Yet every moment
I take birth and undergo death. The countless
Illusory births and deaths are necessary landmarks
In the progression of man's consciousness to
Truth-a prelude to the real death and real birth.
The real death is when one dies to self ; and the
Real birth is, When dying to self, One is born
In God to live for ever his eternal life consciously.

I give you all my love and blessings for the real
Death and the real life.

No Message in 1955

No Message in 1956

(BABA IN SECLUSION IN SATARA)

Feb. 25, 1957.

CONVEY MY LOVE TO ALL MY LOVERS

The 1958 Birthday was celebrated in Sahavas of 1958. There are so many messages given then.

Feb. 25, 1959.

Every second in eternity everyone of us is
The same one individualised God who has no
second ever-not even on 25th.

Feb. 25, 1960.

When one remains fully and completely resigned
To the divine will of God all service, Sacrifice,
Solitude seeking and surrenderance merely
symbolise one's love for God.

Feb. 25, 1961.

I am the one who is always lost and found among
Mankind. It is your love for yourself that loses
Me, and it is your love for Me that finds Me. Love
Me above everything, for now while I am in your
Midst I am most easily found.

Feb. 25, 1962.

On this Anniversary of my Birthday I give you my
Blessings for the deathday of your false selves
And for the birthday in me of your one true eslf,

No message Given in 1963.

Feb. 25, 1964.

The aim of life is to Love God,

The goal of life is to become one with God,

The surest and quickest way to achieve this goal is
to hold on to My daaman by loving Me more and
more.

I have suffered much and will have to suffer much
more till I break My Silence.

I give My Love to My lovers.

Feb. 25, 1965.

Be true to the trust I repose in you and remember
Me wholeheartedly. My love and blessing to you.

Baba On : The Seven Realities

Existence, Love, Sacrifice, Renunciation, Knowledge, Control and Surrender.

The Era of Spiritual Awakening that Meher Baba has in view, 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.

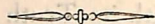
4. The only *Real Renunciation* is that which abandons, even in the midst of worldly duties, all selfish thoughts and desires.

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 feeling for each one.

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 the poise is undisturbed by any adverse circumstance and the individual, amidst every kind of hardship, is resigned with perfect calm to the will of God.



Baba On : Man-O-Nash

Or Annihilation of the Mind.

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.

To try to understand with the mind that which the mind can never understand, is futile ; and to try to express by sounds of language and in form of words the transcendental state of the soul, is even more futile. All that can be said, and has been said, and will be said, by those who live and experience that state, is that when the false self is lost, the Real Self is found ; that the birth of the Real can only follow the death of the false ; and that dying to ourselves...the true death which ends all dying...is the only way to perpetual life. This means that when the mind with its satellites...desires, cravings, longings...is completely consumed by the fire of Divine Love, then the infinite, indestructible, indivisible, eternal Self is manifested.

This is Man-o-nash, the annihilation of the false, limited, miserable, ignorant, destructible 'I', to be replaced by the real 'I' ; the eternal possessor of Infinite Knowledge, Love, Power, Peace, Bliss and Glory, in its unchangeable existence. Man-o-nash is bound to result in this glorious state in which plurality goes and Unity comes, ignorance goes and knowledge comes, binding goes and Freedom comes. We are all permanently lodged in this shoreless Ocean of Infinite Knowledge, and yet are infinitely ignorant of it until the mind...which is the source to this ignorance...vanishes for ever ; for ignorance ceases to exist when the mind ceases to exist,

Baba On : Complete Surrender.

Seek Me not to extricate yourself from predicaments, but find Me in order to surrender yourself wholeheartedly to My will. Do not cling to Me 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. Wish only to serve Me more diligently and honestly, without expectation of reward.

Never beg Me to save your life or the lives of your dear ones. Only beg Me to accept you and permit you to lay down your life for Me.

Never expect Me to cure you of your bodily afflictions. Beseech Me rather to cure you of your ignorance.

I am the One so many seek and so few find. No amount of intellect can fathom Me. No amount of austerity can attain Me. Only when one loves Me and loses One's self in Me, am I found.

The more you try to understand God, the less you understand Him. How can He, who is beyond all explaining, be described? His being infinitely easy to know has rendered Him infinitely difficult. The secret is that you have to become what you already are.

Baba on : The divine heritage of Man

In all climes and in all places, man is constantly striving for happiness; but there are very few who have it, because there are very few truly know the secret of happiness. Man is constantly feeling thwarted and limited; and he is ever in the clutches of unrelieved agony or suffering, because, not knowing his own true nature, *he identifies himself with the body or the limited individual mind, and thereby becomes a victim to their respective limitations and sufferings.* It is only by knowing himself to be different from and beyond all these that he can fully enter into the *Divine Heritage of the Abiding Happiness.*

The man, who through *sanskāric* attachments identifies himself with his body or the individual mind, is caught up within the prison of his ignorance. *All his efforts to break through his shackles only lead to his being in their firmer grip.* It is like a person, who is stuck up in deep mud, and who, because of his very efforts to extricate himself, finds that he is more deeply struck up in it. The individual and unaided efforts of the aspirant are so often unsuccessful, because the very source of such efforts which is the ego, is rooted in ignorance. This is exactly the reason why a Master is absolutely necessary for spiritual emancipation. *The Master acts from the Truth, with which he is one, and not from any limited egocsciousness*

Baba on: God and Religion

The organised religions of the world often fail to express the real Vision of those who have been the Fountain-head of Inspiration for their very coming into existence. Dogmas and beliefs rituals and ceremonies, can never be the essence of the true spiritual life. They are generally not only superficial and ineffective, but positively harmful and misleading. When religion has become merely a matter of external rituals and ceremonies, it has become a cage for the soul. Nor does it (help) very far to change one religion to another it is eike going from one cage to another. If religion does not help man to emancipate the soul from spiritual bondage and realize God, it has no useful purpose to serve.

I am, therefore, not interested in founding a new religion. The world is already divided by numberless sects, based upon dogmas and beliefs. I have not come to give another cage for man, but to impart to the world the illimitable Truth. The world needs awakening and not mere verbal instruction; it needs the freedom and the amplitude of Divine Life, and not the superficiality of mechanised and pompous forms; it needs Love, and not the display of power. The world-task ahead of me is particularly creative, Essentially, we are all one. I am greater than none of you in the soul-sense and, really speaking, none of you have to receive divinity from me-but what I have to give is the knowledge and the experience of the oneness of us all.

BABA ON: LOVE GOD

1. My message to all is 'Love God.'
2. Love means suffering and pain for oneself, and happiness for others. To the giver it is suffering without malice or hatred. To the receiver it is a blessing without obligation.
3. To love God as He ought to be loved we must live for God and die for God, knowing that the goal of all life is to love God and find Him as our own self.
4. "To love God in the most practical way is to love our fellow beings. If we feel for others in the same way as we feel for our own dear ones, we love God.
5. If, instead of seeing faults in others, we look within ourselves, we are loving God.
6. If, instead of robbing others to help ourselves, we rob ourselves to help others, we are loving God,
7. If we suffer in the sufferings of others and feel happy in the happiness of others, we are loving God.
8. If, instead of worrying over our own misfortunes, we think of ourselves more fortunate than many many others, we are loving God.
9. If we endure our lot with patience and contentment, accepting it as His Will, we are loving God,

10. If we understand and feel that the greatest act of devotion and worship to God is not to hurt or harm any of His beings, we are loving God.

11. Therefore, let us become the soldiers of God. Let us struggle for the truth. Let us live not for ourselves but for others. Let us speak truly, think truly and act truly. Let us be honest as God is infinite honesty. Let us return love for hatred and win others over to God.



Baba On :

(a) Existence and Life. (b) Love and Devotion.

Existence is God ; whereas, Life is illusion.
Existence is Reality ; where-as, Life is imagination.

Existence is Everlasting ; whereas, Life is ephemeral.

Existence is Unchangeable ; whereas, Life is everchanging.

Existence is Freedom ; whereas, Life is abiding

Existence is Indivisible ; whereas, Life is multiple.

Existence is Imperceptible ; whereas, Life is deceptive.

Existence is Independent ; whereas, Life is dependent on mind, energy and gross forms.

Existence *is* ; whereas, *appears to be*.

Existence, therefore, is *not* life.

LOVE burns the lover.

Devotion burns the Beloved.

Love seeks happiness for the Beloved.

Devotion seeks for blessings from the Beloved.

Love seeks to shoulder the burden of the Beloved.

Devotion throws the burden on the Beloved.

Love gives ; Devotion asks.

Love is silent and sublime, devoid of outward expressions.

Devotion expresses itself outwardly.

Love does not require the presence of the Beloved in order to love.

Devotion demands the presence of the Beloved to express affection for the Beloved.

GEMS FROM THE TEACHINGS OF MEHER BABA

1. God loves most those who suffer most.
2. Uninvited suffering is a blessing in disguise,
3. Fortunate are they whose love is tested by misfortune.
4. Love demands that the lover sacrifice for the Beloved.
5. The book of the heart holds the key to the mystery of life.
6. Backbiters are friends, as they take over our bad sanskaras to themselves.
7. Be angry with none but your weakness.
8. Hate none but you lustful self.
9. Be greedy to own more and more wealth of tolerance and justice.
10. Let your temptation be to tempt Me with your love in order to receive My grace.
11. Wage war against your desires, and Godhood will be your victory.
12. Real living is dying for God.
13. Live less for yourself and more for others,

14. One must die to one's own self to be able to live in all other selves.

15. One who dies for God lives for ever.

16. Man does not seek suffering ; it comes to him as an outcome of his search for happiness. Happiness is sought through the fulfilment of desires, but in the pursuit of desires he is preparing for suffering from their nonfulfilment.

17. God cannot be theorized,
 God cannot be discussed,
 God cannot be argued about,
 God cannot be explained,
 God cannot be understood.
 God can only be lived by losing ourselves in Him though *love*.

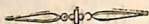
18. Don't run away from the world ; run away from your own lower self. Don't renounce the world ; renounce your own lower self. Don't seek solitude anywhere but within your own self. Silently cry out within your own self, "Beloved one, reveal yourself to me as my own real infinite self."

19. If you have rock-like faith in God and flame-like love for Him, nothing in this world will affect you. Misery will not trouble you. Flattery will not touch you. Happiness will not humour you. Such faith and love will cause you to rise above the imaginary phenomenon and make you understand that God alone is real.

20. The purpose of life is to realise God within ourselves. This can be done even whilst attending to our worldly duties. In everyday walk of life and amidst intense activities, we should feel detached and dedicate our doings to our Beloved God.

21. Do not get disheartened and alarmed when adversity, calamity and misfortune pour in upon you. Thank God, for He has thereby given you the opportunity of acquiring forbearance and fortitude. Those who have acquired the power of bearing with adversities can easily enter the spiritual path.

22. Trust God completely and He will solve all difficulties. Faithfully leave everything to Him and He will see to everything. Love God sincerely and He will reveal Himself. And as you love, your heart must love so that even your mind is not aware of it. As you love God wholeheartedly and honestly, sacrificing everything at the altar of this supreme love, you will realize the Beloved within you.



BABA ON: HIS SILENCE

1. Things that are real are always given and received in Silence.

2. God has been everlastingly working in silence, unobserved, unheard, except by those who experience His Infinite Silence.

3. My outward silence is not no spiritual exercise. It has been undertaken and maintained solely for the good others.

4. My mission is to utter this Word of Truth which will pierce the mind of the world and go to its very heart. It will convey the simple Truth in its utter and indefinable simplicity. It will mark the moment of fulfilment of the Divine Life. It will throw open new gates to Eternity. It will bring new hope to despairing humanity.

5. My Silence must break. There is no escape for it.

6. When I speak, I shall manifest My True Self; besides giving a general push to the whole world, I shall lead all those who come to Me towards Light and Truth.

7. When I speak, there will be many proofs of My spiritual power, and of My ability to bestow illumination. People will then realize that Truth, which is the Source of all Love and Existence, rules supreme in all departments of life.

8. For thirty-nine years, no word has passed My lips. Yet I am never silent, I speak eternally. The voice that is heard deep within the soul is My Voice the voice of inspiration, of intuition, of guidance.

Meher Baba's 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 a way 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,

MEHER BABA

Meherabad—

10th July 1958.

MY DEAR CHILDREN

Your coming to me from different places and from across oceans has pleased me. And although no sacrifice to be near me is too great I am touched by the sacrifice that some of you have made to come here.

Those who have not been able to come to me should not feel disheartened, for my love is with them as always and specially so at this time. I know how they are longing to be near me even for an hour, and how helpless they are in their circumstances.

You have come from great distances not for some convention or conference but to enjoy my company and feel afresh my love in your hearts. It is a coming together of children of East and West in the house of their Father.

All religions of the world proclaim that there is but one God, the Father of all in creation.

I am that Father.

I have come to remind all people that they should live on earth as the children of the one Father until my Grace awakens them to the realization that they are all one without a second, and that all divisions and hatred are but a shadow-play of their own ignorance.

Although all are my children they ignore the simplicity and beauty of this Truth by indulging in hatreds, conflicts and wars that divide them in enmity,

instead of living as one family in their Father's house. Even amongst you who love me and accept me for what I am there is sometimes lack of understanding of one another's hearts.

Patiently I have suffered these things in silence for all my children. It is time that they become aware of the presence of their Father in their midst and of their responsibility towards Him and themselves. I shall break my Silence, and, with my Word of words, arouse my children to realize in their lives, the indivisible Existence which is GOD,

Throughout the years I have been giving many messages and discourses. Today I simply want to tell you who are gathered here in my love to shut the ears of your minds and open the ears of your hearts to hear my Word when I utter It.

Do not seek my Blessing which is always with you but long for thy day when my Grace will descend on all who love me. Most blessed are they who do not even long for my Grace, but simply seek to do my Will.

My Dear Workers

2nd November 1962.

In spite of telling you very often that I will not give you any more messages or discourses, I find myself doing just this thing which is what I do not want to do. This is because most of you do things which I do not like you doing.

I had to give you a message yesterday because you expected one; and the theme of the message was on your being my children, because despite much talk about a Baba-Family there is more a semblance than a reality of kinship among you who are the children of One Father.

True children of One Father do not greet one another with smiles and embraces and at the same time harbour grudges and ill-feeling, but they have an active concern in their hearts for the well-being of one another and make sacrifices for that well-being.

If you make me your real Father, all differences and contentions between you, and all personal problems in connection with your lives, will become dissolved in the Ocean of my Love.

You are all keen on spreading my message of Love and Truth and many of you in the East and West have laboured hard in this work; publishing magazines and other literature, organizing, meetings, sacrificing your vacations in travelling, building halls and having statues made of me. But I wonder how much of my love and truth has been in your work of spreading my Message of Love and Truth!

Unless there is a brotherly feeling in your hearts, all the words that you speak or print in my name are hollow; all the miles that you travel in my cause are zero; all organizations for my work are but an appearance of activity; all buildings to contain me are empty places and all statues that you make to embody me are of someone else.

I have been patient and indulgent over the way you have been doing these things, because you have been very young children in my love, and children must have some sort of games to play. But now you are older and are beginning to realize that there is a greater work ahead of you than what you have been doing. And you have been searching your minds and hearts as to what this work might be.

It is not a different work to what you have been already doing—it is the same work done in a different way. And that way is the way of effacement, which means the more you work for me the less important you feel in yourself. You must always remember that I alone do my work. Although only the one who has become One with God can serve and work for all, I allow you to work for me so that you have the opportunity to use your talent and capacities selflessly and so draw closer to me. You should never think that in your work for me you are benefitting others, for by being instrumental in bringing others to me you are benefitting yourself.

My work is your opportunity. But when you allow yourself to intervene between you and my work, you are allowing the work to take you away from me. When you put my work before yourself the work will go right, although not necessarily. And when the work does not go right it means you have put yourself between it and its accomplishment.

The Way of My Work is the way of effacement, which is the way of strength, not of weakness; and through it you become mature in my love. At this stage you can not know what real love is, but through working for me as you should work for me, you will arrive at that ripeness where, in a moment, I can give you that for which you have been millions of years seeking.

THE REAL DARSHAN

I am happy to be in your midst;

It is the love of my lovers that has drawn you all together today to have my darshan.

But to have my Real Darshan is not easy.

To see me at close quarters, to do obeisance to me, to offer me fruits and flowers, to bow down to me and then to return to your homes can never mean that you have had darshan.

Having seen me with your eyes you have still not seen me as I am. You have not had

even a glimpse of my true Being in spite of your having gone through the convention of so-called 'darshan'.

To have my Real Darshan is to find me.

The way to find is to find your abode in me.

And the only one and sure way to find your abode in me is to love me.

To love me as I love you, you must become recipient of my grace. Only my grace can bestow the gift of Divine Love.

To receive my grace, you must obey me whole-heartedly with the firm foundation of unshakable faith in me.

And you can only obey me spontaneously as I want when you completely surrender yourselves to me so that my wish becomes your law and my love sustains your being.

Age after age, many aspire for such a surrender but only very few really attempt to surrender themselves to me completely as I want.

He, who succeeds, ultimately not only finds me, but becomes me and realises the aim of life.

My being in your midst today would serve its purpose even if One from this multitude has understood what I want you all to know.

I give my blessings to you all.

SELECT SAYINGS OF BABA

1. I have come not to teach - But to awaken.
2. I belong to no religion - Every religion belongs to me.
3. The goal of life is to Love god.
4. To faithfully Love God - Man is to truly worship God.
5. Let Principle in work and honesty in life prevail.
6. Think well of those who think ill of you.
7. Don't worry; Be happy: All will be well.
8. Those who lose their all in Me, find their all in Me ever after.
9. The Prayer God hears is the prayer of the Heart.
10. The greatest law of God is Love, which holds the key to all problems.
11. God is not to be preached but is to be lived.
12. Nothing is real but God. Nothing matters but Love for God.
13. When the mind sees the self there is illumination.
14. Of all sufferings, mental suffering is the most accute.
15. The real untouchables are those who cannot enter the temple of their own hearts and see the Lord therein.
16. Every man is a rightfull heir to the Truth.
17. To be worthy of the Divine gift of Love, let all your thoughts, words, and deeds be controlled by the constant remembrance of God.
18. Mind working is man: Mind working fast is mad: Mind slowed down, is mast: Mind stopped, is God.

19. God is for those who are not for themselves.
20. I am the Lord of LOVE AND SLAVE of my lovers.
21. Nobody suffers in vain for true freedom is spiritual freedom and suffering is a ladder towards it.
Men unknowingly suffer for God and God knowingly suffers for men.
22. Desire for nothing except desirelessness.
23. Hope for nothing except to rise above all hopes.
24. Want nothing and you will have everything.
25. Seek not to possess anything but to surrender everything.
26. Serve others with the understanding that in them you are serving Me.
27. Be resigned completely to My will and My will will be yours.
28. Let nothing shake your faith in Me and all your bindings will be shaken off.
29. Real happiness lies in making others happy.
30. The real desire is that which leads you to become perfect in order to make others perfect.
31. Be angry with none but your own weakness.
32. Hate none but your lustful self.
33. Be greedy to own more and more wealth of tolerance and justice.
34. Let your temptation be to tempt Me with your love in order to receive My grace.
35. Wage war against your desires and Godhood will be your victory.
36. Fortunate are they whose love is tested by misfortunes.

37. Real living is dying for God.
38. One who dies for God lives forever.
39. It is necessary to experience being caged to appreciate freedom.
40. The book of the heart holds the key to the msytery of life.
41. Learn the art of taking your stand on the Truth within.
42. In the spiritual life there is no room for compromise.
43. True love is no game of the faint hearted and the weak; it is born of strength and understanding.
44. It is not what the world thinks of us that counts, but what God knows about us.
45. Be true to your duty. I want you to make Me your constant companion. Think of me more than think of your own self. The more you think of Me, the more you will realize My love for you. Your duty is to keep Me constantly with you throughout your thought, speech and action.
46. Ocean contains, everything-water, dirt, nectar; and everything dissolves in the ocean. I am the Ocean. Nobody is debarred from coming to Me and helping himself to the endless expanse of Love: but how much of the Ocean you can take with you, depends on the receptacle you bring. If it is a cup, you can only take a cupful; if a pail, only a pailful. But once in a long while there comes the true hero, the giant in Love that can gulp the Ocean itself
47. The Perfect Master is in everything, and is the Centre of everything. Everyone and everything

is therefore equidistant from Him. Though owing to our own limitations, He appears outwardly to be present at only one place at a time, He is on every plane of consciousness at one and the same time. To see Him as He is, is to see God.

48. The time is rapidly approaching when a tidal wave will rise in the Ocean of Grace. Then the usual process by which the water in the river flows into the oceans will be reversed and the ocean water will rush through the riverbeds. Be prepared to receive this overflow of Grace.

49. I ellouty with My Divine authority that whoever (anyone and everyone) takes My name on his lips at the time he or she breathes his or her last (drops his or her physical body) comes to Me. Therefore do not forget to remember Me at the time when you would be breathing your last.

50. The call of Baba is God's Voice. The Order of Baba is God's Will, The Prasad of Baba is God's substance,

The Darshan of Baba is God's presence.

The Love of Baba is God's Grace, The Goal of Baba is God Realization.

51. LIFE AT ITS BEST

If understood, life is simply a jest;

If misunderstood, life becomes a pest

Once over, come, life is ever at rest,

For pilgrims of the Path, life is a test,

When relinquished through love,

life is at its best,

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Are you a Mahatma?

A. What is a Mahatma?

I know the Truth.

You live in London.

You know it, I know.

Q. Are you divine?

A. I am one with God. I live in Him, like Buddha, like Christ, like Krishna. They knew Him as I know Him. All men can know Him.

Q. Have you solved the problem of evil?

A. There is no evil. There are only degrees of good.

Q. What is your secret?

A. The elimination of the ego (False ego.).

Q. What God do you believe in?

A. There is but one God for all men.

Q. What religion is nearest to yours?

A. All religions are revelations of one God.

Q. Is God a person or a power?

A. God is both personal and impersonal. He is in art, in literature, in everything.

Q. Are you married?

A. Sex for me does not exist.

Q. What's your line of work?

A. Love and Service.

Q. Among historical characters and poets who were your heroes ?

A. Hafiz (of Persia).

Q. Have you concentrated your attention on the uplift of Zoroastrians ?

A. I am actually working for the universal upliftment which includes Zoroastrians.

Q. Does Shri Meher Baba claim to be the Avatar of the new dispensation ?

A. Such a claim would have no value until it were substantiated, and once it were substantiated, there would be no need of claims. What Shri Meher Baba is and the nature of His mission, will be abundantly demonstrated at the time of His public manifestation.

Q. When Meher Baba will break his silence ?

A. "My Silence must break. There is no escape for it. I shall not lay down My Body until I have given the WORD to the world. Of my own I shall not break my Silence. Universal Crisis will make Me Do So. When the Crisis reaches its absolute culmination, it will make Me Utter the word at the moment, Circumstances are Converging and fast gathering momentum towards precipitating the right moment which will come completely unawares at any time, any

1939-46: Contacted advanced Souls (Masts) 1962
Sadhus 8,543 ; poor 11,163 by making extensive travels all over India incognito.

1949, June 22nd to July 31st :

The Great seclusion.

1949, Oct 16th to 1952, Feb 26th :

The new life and completion of Man-O-Nas
(Anihilation of the Mind).

1952, May: Sahavas to Western Lovers at Myrtle
Beach, (South Carolina U. S. A.)

May 24th: Auto-accident near Prague, U. S. A., while
crossing the Continent.

Nov. 8th: At Meherabad: Repentance and Prayer
for forgiveness read out before BABA at a
special gathering of about 425 lovers and
released to the world.

1953, August 13th :

At Dehra Dun: The universal Prayer recited
by Mandali before BABA till 2nd Sept. and
released to the world. 1953, September
"Highest of the High" released to the world

1952-53-54:

Fiery Free Life. Mass Darshans all over
India (Hamirpur Dt. in U. P. ; Delhi
Nagapur; Amravathi ; Saoner and Andhra
from Guntur to Kakinada).

1954, Feb. 25th :

At Tadepalligudam ; Birth Day celebrated
with BABA on a fitting manner from 4 a. m.
till 10 p. m, 1954. March 1st, 9 p. m. to
2nd 3 a. m. (Midnight) ; At Rajahmundry

(Navabharatha gurukula) presided over a very important meeting with his workers-for the Divine Cause and emphasized in detail what is meant by Real work, Then only Existence is substance and life is shadow "relesed to the world

1954, Sept. 30th:

At Meherabad. **Final Declaration** was made before a congregation of over 1200 lovers from all parts of the world, 1954, September 12th: At Ahmednagar "Meher Baba's Call" released to the world at a Mass Darshan Programme,

1954, Oct 7th:

Alphabet Board discarded - Commenced showing gestures. 1956, July 16th to August 16th One month's Cyclonic round to world tour including Zurich, Paris, London, Newyork, Myrtle Beach (South Carolina) washington, Los Angeles, Meher Mount (ojai-California) San Francises, Sydney and Melbourne. Flew our 30,000 Miles in 10 days and gave 25 "Sahavas in 20 days. 1956, December 2nd: Sccond Auto accident near Satara India. 1957, May 18th: May 1964: At Poona (Guurprasad): Warning from Baba to His tours to hold fast to His daman?

1955-56-57:

At Meherabad: Sahavas to Lovers from all over India,

1958, Feb. 25th:

At Meherabad : Birth Day celebrated in the midst of Sahavas Programme.

1954-58 : At U. S. A. (Myrtle Beach) and Australia : Sahavas to Westerners.

1959-60-61:

(Summers) At Guruprasad (Poona) : Long queues of the small for the **Great Ones** touch, remembrance, or catching a radiant smile or meaningful glance.

1962, Nov. 1st to 4th :

At Guruprasad (Poona) : Eastern and Western Lovers (Over 5000) in the unique Sahavas of Avatar Meher Baba.

WORLD PEACE

Everywhere today man is rightfully occupied with the problem of world peace. If there is war, it means nothing short of racial suicide and total destruction. But world peace can not be ensured through dogmas, however learned, or organizations, however efficient. It can be ensured only by a release of unarguing and unconquerable love which knows no fear or separateness.

Humanity is not going to be saved by any material power-nuclear or otherwise. It can be saved only through DIVINE INTERVENTION. God has never failed humanity in its dark and critical periods. The greatest danger to man today is not from any natural catastrophe, but from himself.

It is not possible to realise human brotherhood merely by appealing to high ideals or to a sense of duty. Something more than that is essential to release human consciousness from the clutches of selfishness and greed.

Today the urgent need of mankind is not sects or organized religions, but Love. Divine love will conquer hate and fear. It will not depend upon other justifications, but will justify itself.

I have come to awaken in man this divine love. It will restore to him the unfathomable richness of his own eternal being and will solve all of his problems.

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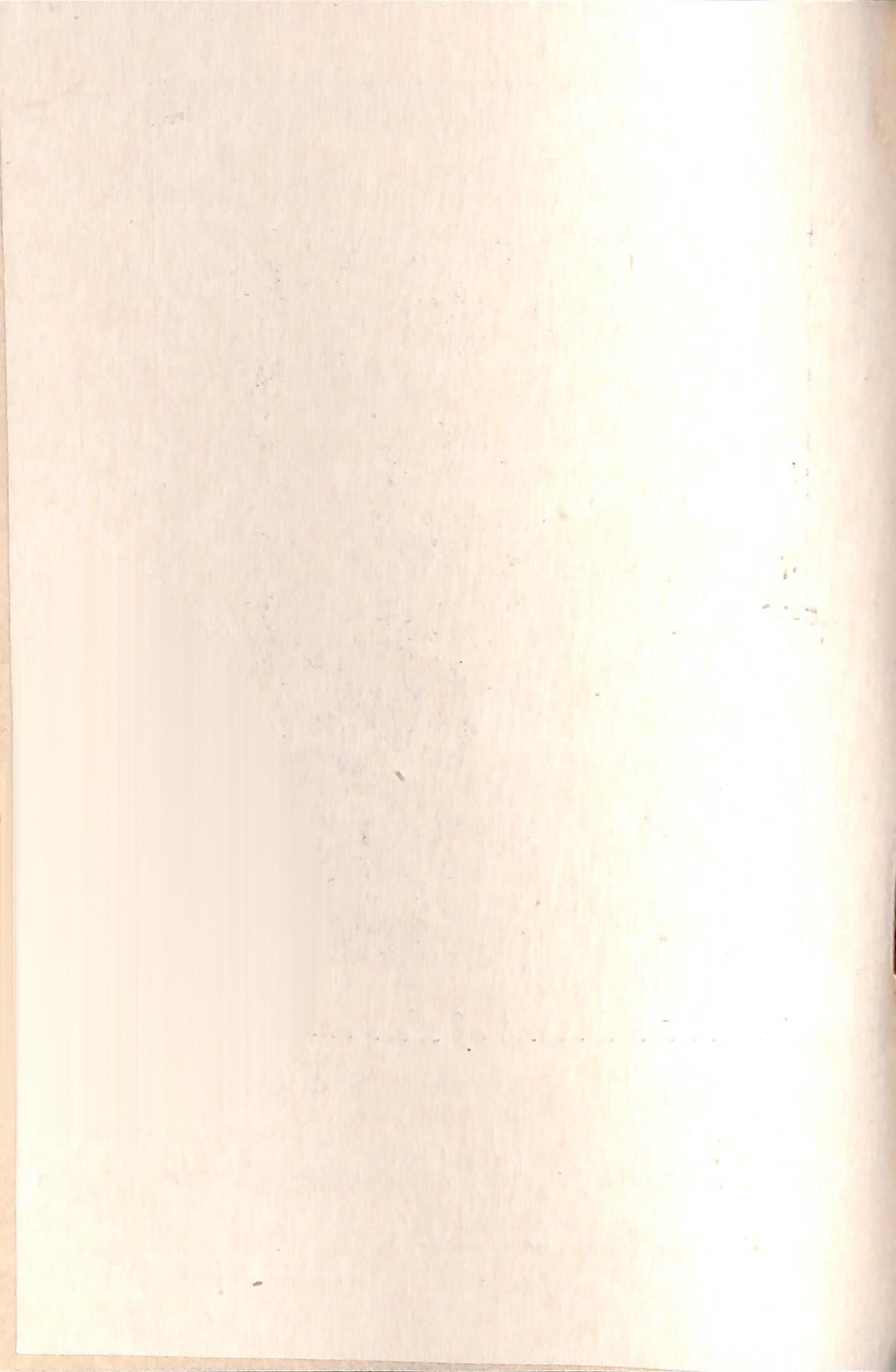




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my lovers"*

*"Let your life itself be My message of
love and truth to others."*

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