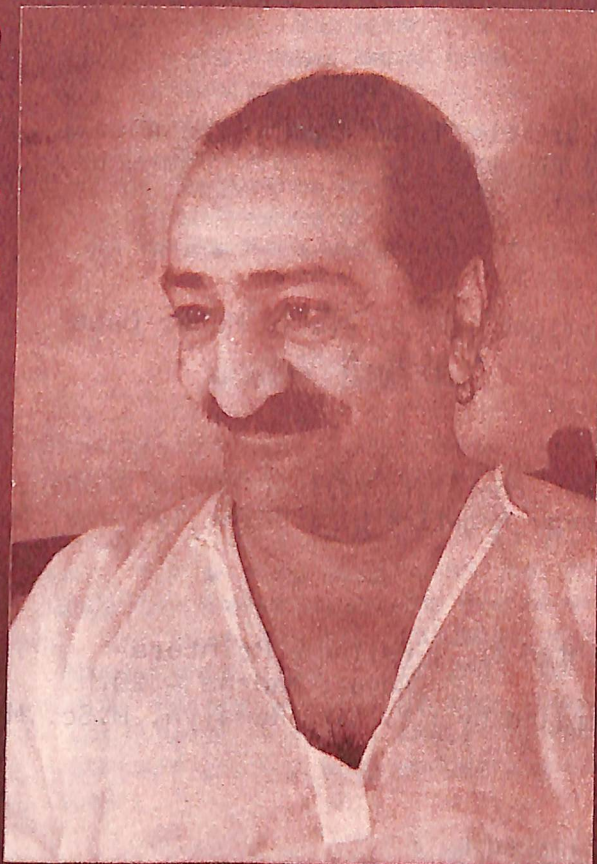


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## MEHER BABA - THE AVATAR OF OUR TIME

Age after age when the wick of righteousness burns low, the Avatar comes yet once again to rekindle the torch of love and truth. "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 speeding brotherhood of Mohammed, is the Self-Same Light coming over again to flood-light the paths of all the existing religions of the Earth". That light today is MEHER BABA.

### Childhood:

Meherwanji Shehriarjee Irani Known popularly as Meher Baba was born in Poona on the 25th of February 1894. He had his academic education at St. Vincents High School and later at Deccan College in Poona. As a student he was keenly interested in poetry and spiritual literature. His favourite poets were Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Shelley and the great Persian poet and Master Hafiz. Under the inspiration of Hafiz, he wrote many poems in various Indian dialects, in Persian and in English. He loved music and had a beautiful voice. In school and college he was regarded as a natural leader. He founded the 'Cosmopolitan Club' at the Deccan College, where anyone regardless of caste or creed could be a member.

At the time in Poona, lived a Sufi Master, Baba Jan, for whom the bare Earth formed the floor of her house, and the shade of a neem tree her roof. In her ecstasy she had once declared 'Anal Haq', i.e. I am God. This enraged a few orthodox Baluchi soldiers, who buried her alive in Punjab. They were stunned with amazement when they found Baba Jan sitting under a neem tree in Poona. She was a Perfect Master, and had escaped from the pit miraculously. Meher Baba felt a great attraction for her and used to go often and enjoy her blissful company. In May 1913 Baba Jan kissed Meher Baba on his forehead. He immediately began to experience indescribable bliss which continued for nine months. One night in January 1914, Baba Jan made Baba realize in a flash the infinite bliss of Self-realization. Baba Jan once declared about Meher Baba, "This child of mine will create a great sensation in the world and do immense good to humanity".

**Meher Baba's Sadgurus :** In His books Baba mentions that it is extremely rare for a man to get self-realization. Those who attain that state immediately drop their gross, subtle and mental bodies, and become one with the Over Soul, experiencing infinite Power, Knowledge and Bliss eternally. In God Realization, the soul drops its separate consciousness and transcends duality in the abiding Knowledge of its identity with the Infinite Reality. Baba has come to awaken

humanity to the love of God for he is the Avatar of this age and so he did not drop his gross body after God Realization. For three days he was absolutely unconscious of the world but on the fourth day he was slightly conscious of his body and though he sat, talked, walked, lay down, he did everything by instinct, more like an automaton than an ordinary human being. Regular medical treatment could not put him to sleep. Nine months after Self-realization, in November 1914 Baba began to be somewhat conscious of his surroundings. Since it is the function of the five Perfect Masters of the time to precipitate the advent of God as man (Avatar), to unveil His divinity and prepare him for his mission on earth, he was obliged to contact the remaining four Perfect Masters, Tajuddin Baba of Nagpur, Narayan Maharaj of Kedgaon, Sai Baba of Shirdi, and Upasani Maharaj of Sakori. In December 1915 when Meher Baba went to Shirdi; he prostrated before Sai Baba on the road. When he arose, Sai Baba looked straight at him and exclaimed, "Parvardigar" (God-almighty-sustainer). Sai Baba inwardly directed Meher Baba to visit Upasani Maharaj who was staying in the neighbouring Khandoba temple at Shirdi. On seeing Meher Baba, Upasani Maharaj threw a stone at him which struck him on the forehead exactly where Baba Jan had kissed him. From then onwards, Meher Baba began to regain his body consciousness without any loss or curtailment of his divine consciousness of Self-

realization. One should not interpret that Upasani Maharaj, a Perfect Master, threw the stone at Meher Baba out of rage. The ways of Perfect masters are very mysterious. Their internal working is cloaked in various ways sometimes as rage. Meher Baba once said, "Sai Baba made me what I am; Babà Jan made me feel what I am; and Upasani Maharaj made me know what I am."

**Meher Baba as the Avatar :** As Meher Baba's consciousness became more balanced, his mother pleaded with him to adopt some kind of profession or trade, and to please her, he tried his hand at various occupations. In July 1921, Meher Baba moved to Sakori, the headquarters of Upasani Maharaj. At the end of December 1921, he was restored to full gross consciousness. Upasani Maharaj said, "I have given my key to Meher Baba. He is now the repository of my power". He then folded his hands to Meher Baba and said, "You are the Avatar of this age".

**Stay at Poona :** Meher Baba then left Sakori and lived for five months (January to May 1922) in a hut on the outskirts of Poona. It was during this time that his first devotees came around him, who later on formed the Mandali.

**Stay at Bombay :** In May 1922, Baba left Poona for Bombay where he stayed at Dadar in a bungalow called manzil-e-Meem. Here, more than forty men of various faiths and

qualifications stayed night and day with Baba for ten months, leading a routine life of rigorous discipline.

**Ahmednagar Ashram :** After ten months stay, Baba left Bombay in March 1923 for Ahmednagar. He finally settled permanently six miles south of Ahmednagar near the village of Arangaon. The ashram set up here is known as Meherabad. The Mandali now had to do everything without the help of hired labour. They had to draw water, cook food, wash clothes, carry loads and work all day as common labourers. Baba called this the 'Ghamela Yoga' (the practice of regular hard labour).

**Meher Baba's Silence :** Meher Baba began his silence on the 10th of July 1925 and he did not break the silence till he dropped his body on 31st January 1969. Despite his silence, Baba continued all his usual activities. At first he communicated by writing on a slate. After the commencement of his silence, Baba began to write a book which remains unseen and unpublished to this day. He wrote for many hours of the day and at times even at night. He finished this book on the 1st of January 1927 and since then stopped writing (except for signature on important documents). Baba's unique silence of fortyfour years was not kept for any spiritual gain as Baba was Perfection Personified. Baba said, "Although I appear to be silent, I speak through you all. God

has been everlastingly working in silence, unobserved, unheard, except by those who experience His Infinite Silence". Yes, Baba, though silent, speaks in the hearts of his true lovers because his abode is not in ashrams, towns, or cities but in the hearts of his ardent lovers. This silent voice of Baba guides his lovers. After the use of the slate, Baba used an alphabet board and running his finger over the letters at great speed, used to convey his thoughts. From the 7th of October 1954, he gave up the use of this board and later on conveyed his thoughts by means of gestures. Baba said, "When I break my silence, it will not be to fill your ears with spiritual lectures. I shall speak only one word and this word will penetrate the hearts of all men and make even the so-called 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. My word will touch the hearts of all mankind and spontaneously this divine touch will instill in man the feeling of oneness of all fellow beings. This feeling will supersede the tendency of separateness and rule over the hearts of all, driving away hatred, jealousy, and greed that breed suffering, and happiness will reign. The word will indisputably assert the existence of God in the minds and hearts of men; that word will make the world know that God not only exists but that He alone exists infinitely and eternally". Those who are in tune with Baba will undoubtedly be

benefitted according to their love, faith, steadfastness and merit. Then the gates of Eternity will be thrown open to reveal the divine life of the infinite indivisible oneness, bringing unprecedented hope to the despairing humanity. Ignorance, attachment, separateness and selfishness of illusory life will disappear and the surging passions of the ego mind will sink low to the bottom. The latent divinity in man will be aroused.

The breaking of Baba's silence has been compared to the bursting of an atom bomb. An atom is very small and contains a lot of energy. On bursting it causes great upheaval and destruction. Baba said that Infinite wisdom is contained in His word, and when he speaks that word, a great spiritual upheaval and material destruction will occur by the release of this infinite wisdom. In order to utter that word, Baba had kept silence. When this word is spoken, the seed of divine love will be sown in everyone, and this will help man to realise the true nature of the Self. The events that will occur before and after the breaking of his silence are:

- 1) A strange disease will attack his body.
- 2) His humiliation
- 3) Just before or after the breaking of his silence, three-fourths of this world will be destroyed. Baba had clarified

that this was spoken in his language and so it is beyond the grasp of the human intellect.

4) His glorification as the Avatar of this age.

5) His violent death. This too is spoken in Baba's language.

**Meherabad activities :** As the Meherabad ashram began to take shape, a school, hospital, dispensary, poor homes, ashram for the mad and the masts, and a prem ashram sprung up. Hundreds of lovers and pilgrims came here for Baba's darshan. The school provided free boarding, clothing, and tuition to the students, who sees his own Infinite Self in everyone, does not differentiate between the untouchables, the rich or poor. He said, "The real untouchables are those who cannot enter the temple of their own hearts and see the Lord therein" In the eyes of God the only difference between the rich and the poor is in the intensity and sincerity of their longing for God. He who possesses worldly riches, but not the wealth of love for God is truly the poor man. The work done by Meher Baba in the school, leper home and for the masts was not done as a mere social service to the backward and untouchables. Every act of the Avatar has its repercussions in the world at large. The work he did for the untouchables was only a seed sowed in the hearts of man which grew

rapidly to the extent that now untouchables can enter temples and the backward classes are given preference in all strata of life like education, jobs monetary aid etc. Baba's work with the lepers laid the foundation for the national eradication of this disease by the Government and in providing work for those patients who have become bacteriologically negative. The stigma that the society had for lepers is now slowly dieing away. Baba's work with the poor has raised the economic status of the world.

**The Prem Ashram :** The prem ashram opened by Baba was an unique activity. Never before in the recorded history of the world do we find any instance of any institution, where little children have been educated and trained in the secret lore of mysticism. In the prem ashram we come across the spectacle of little school boys being turned out as saintly children. These young school boys, in whose hearts the spark of divine love had been kindled by Baba, were charged with a spiritual force, which made them restless. They could not sleep, they had a disinclination for food, clothing, and the other necessities of life. They wept bitterly if they did not see their Divine Beloved baba. One of the boys became unconscious for four days. A very vivid description of the love these boys had for Baba is given in the Book 'Sobs and Throbs' by Ramjoo Abdulla, which has now been

Incorporated in the book "Ramjoo's Diaries".

**Meher Baba's visits to the West :** Baba's first visit to England was in 1931. He had declared some time before his departure that when he would go to the West, Mahatma Gandhi would be with him. Curiously enough, Mahatma Gandhi decided at the last minute to attend the Round Table Conference and so both of them were on the same boat "Rajputana". His message to the West was, "My coming to the West is not with the object of establishing new creeds or spiritual societies and organisations but is intended to make people understand religion in its true sense. True religion consists of developing that attitude of mind which should ultimately result in seeing One Infinite Existence prevailing throughout the universe; "The religion I shall give touches the knowledge of the One behind the many. The book that I shall make people read is the book of the heart which holds the key to the mystery of life". "The West is inclined towards the material side of things which has from untold ages brought in its wake wars, pestilences, and financial crises. It should not be understood that I discard and hate materialism. I mean that materialism should not be considered an end in itself but a means to an end. I intend to bring together all religions and cults like beads on one string and revitalize them for individual and collective needs. This is my mission to the West". Several other

messages were given during his various tours to the West from 1931 to 1936. Baba went to the West again in 1952, 1956 and lastly in 1958. He travelled round the globe several times. His travels far and wide are in conformity with his inner working which is wholly spiritual and universal. Besides this, the love of his lovers in the West drew him there to satisfy their thirst for his darshan. Baba said, "I am the Highest of the High, and yet the slave of my lovers" Baba has many lovers and Centres spreading his messages in foreign countries. During his tours he gave interviews to people in all walks of life, satisfying their longings by appealing to their hearts with his Divine Love.

#### **THE MEHER BABA UNIVERSAL SPIRITUAL CENTRE :**

On Sunday, the 17th December 1939, Avatar Meher Baba laid foundation for The Meher Baba Universal Spiritual Centre, at Byramangala, 22 miles (35 Kms) from Bangalore. On that auspicious day Baba was wearing a brick red colour coat and a white dhoti. Seated on a stool made of grey granite stone\* He turned the earth seven times with a spade made of seven metals\* and using water drawn from Seven wells and brought from seven different places. His disciples from the East and the West,

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\*Specially made for the Occasion and can now be seen at Upper Meherabad Study Hall.

prominent citizens and over 4,000 persons of the erstwhile Mysore state have witnessed the great function for which the Chief Guest was, Amin-ul-Mulk, Sir Mirza Ismail Sahib, the then Dewan of erstwhile Mysore State. Nine out of the twelve rooms of the very first circle were completed in 1940 under the direct personal supervision of Baba and three upto the plinth level.

**Meher Baba and the Masts :** From 1939 Baba focussed his attention on the masts. The divinely mad are called masts. "Both divine love and wine are intoxicating and make man forgetful, But while wine leads to self-oblivion, divine love leads to Self-Knowledge". In the case of masts, their state of mental imbalance is due to their powerful urge to realise God. They must be differentiated from ordinary mad men in whom the derangement is always due to some non-spiritual reason. Baba being omniscient, knew the true cause of the unusual mental state of the masts. By his love he gave the masts effective guidance and a spiritual push which facilitated their onward march on the path of self-realization. The mast being drowned in ecstasy is completely indifferent to his own body or to the surrounding physical conditions of life. Baba's contact with these masts is not only to balance their consciousness, but to awaken them to the wider responsibilities which they must assume in the stupendous task of universal quickening of

spirituality. Baba had several mast ashrams in India. Baba had been on strenuous mast tours to almost every corner of India. These tours are not easy things, what with the tramping on foot across arid sands, through dark forests, over mountain and valley, riding on camels, mules, ponies, asses, bumping over mile after mile of purgatorial tracks in bullock carts and tongas, enduring nights and days in dusty and sweaty turmoil of over-crowded third class railway carriages etc. Roughly, Baba travelled 75,000 miles on these tours.

**New Life phase :** From the 16th of October 1949, Baba entered the New Life phase which ended on 31st January 1952. Baba said that God had willed for him several phases during his life time. The pre-realization ordinary state, i.e. his childhood until the time when Baba Jan kissed him. Then the second, the old life state of realized divinity i.e. from the time he realized in 1914 till he entered the New Life phase on 16th October 1949. Then the New Life state of perfect humility and intensive seeking of God as Truth through the achievement of Man-o-nash i.e. annihilation of the limiting mind. The perfect masters enact their roles, but the Avatar becomes the part he plays for our unveiling. Thus Baba in his New Life played the role of an aspirant with all humility and weakness, searching for the goal by annihilating the mind. When this was done, he abided in the knowledge, strength, and

greatness of the old life retaining at the same time the ignorance and humility of the New Life. Thus he began to play the role of Himself and us at the same time, the life of the Master and Servant simultaneously.

**Meher Baba and miracles :** Baba said, "On the basis of my divine honesty I tell you that in this incarnation till now I have not consciously performed even a single miracle. By attributing miracles to me, people make me very cheap and lower my status of the Highest of the High. The moment I break my silence and utter the Original Word, the first and last miracle of Baba in this life 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". Baba said "Miracles are small illusions in the great illusion called the world". Though Baba said that he does not perform miracles, yet innumerable miracles are being experienced silently by his lovers every day all over the world because of their intense faith and deep love for Baba.

**Meher Baba's universal suffering :** Baba met with a car accident in 1952 in the U.S.A. and another in India in 1956, thereby fracturing his limbs. Even during such critical periods not a word escaped from his lips. Regarding the suffering that an

Avatar undergoes voluntarily, Baba had said, "I suffer for the whole universe, I must suffer infinitely, unless I suffer how could I ask my lovers to suffer for others". "I am continuously crucified and continuously taking birth". "Ordinary man suffers for himself, masters suffer for humanity, whereas the Avatar suffers for one and all beings and things". Baba said, "Nobody suffers in vain for true freedom is spiritual freedom, and suffering is a ladder towards it. Man unknowingly suffers for God and God knowingly suffers for man". The two car accidents were only examples of Baba's suffering in the gross form. He also suffered infinitely. How? As God, the Avatar sees all souls as his own. He sees himself in everything. He knows himself to be one with all the other souls in bondage. Although he knows himself to be identical with God and is thus eternally free, he also knows himself to be one with all souls in bondage and is thus vicariously bound; and though he constantly experiences the Eternal bliss of God-realisation, he also vicariously experiences suffering owing to the bondage of other souls whom he knows to be his own forms. This is the meaning of Christ's crucifixion. The Avatar suffers for the atonement of the sins of humanity. Cycle after cycle he returns in order to suffer for us out of his unbounded love for us.

**Meher Baba's Seclusions :** Baba often went

into seclusion. This did not mean hiding oneself from others. God-realization involves annihilation of the false and the changing; it is experiencing God as the only Reality. This is the true meaning of seclusion of the soul, wherein it does not get mixed up with any shadows or unreality whatsoever. Thus every person who has attained self-realization is permanently in seclusion. The seclusions in which Baba entered from time to time were important from the point of view of work, which he had to do in this world for humanity. During these periods he intensified his internal work. The only time Baba directly disclosed the nature and object of his work in seclusion was when he retired into the cave of St. Francis at Assisi in Italy. He said, "A meeting was held when all the saints and masters from the 6th and 7th planes of consciousness saw me and we mapped out the spiritual destiny of the world for the next two thousand years". Often, during seclusion, Baba fasted, sometimes taking liquids and sometimes without any nutrition at all for many days. The internal work done by him during these seclusions is known only to him.

**The Avatar's Descent :** Baba said that in each age (65 to 125 years) there are only five Perfect Masters, i.e. those who have attained Self-realization and who can help others to get Self-realization. There are only 7000 persons as members of the

functioning spiritual heirarchy. These include the persons on the subtle and mental planes and the five Perfect Masters. Thus, most persons who pose as saints are not genuinely advanced souls. Miracles performed by any such person is not the criterion of his sainthood as people of the planes who have not attained God-realization can also perform miracles. At the end of eleven ages i.e. 700 to 1400 years, also called a cycle, the Perfect Masters of the time precipitate the advent of God in human form. God then descends in the human form and he is called an Avatar, Prophet or Messiah. Baba said, "Regardless of the doubts or convictions people may have, I continue to come as the Avatar because of the infinite love I bear for one and all. Though Judged time and again by humanity in its ignorance, I come to help man distinguish the real from the false".

When the greatest of all says, "I am the greatest", it is only a spontaneous expression of an infallible truth. The strength of his greatness does not lie in the raising of the dead, but in his great humiliation when he allows himself to be ridiculed, persecuted, and crucified by those who are weak in flesh and spirit. Throughout the ages humanity has failed to gauge the true depths of humility underlying the greatness of the Avatar. They judge his divinity by their own limited standards acquired from the religions.

Even real saints and sages who have some knowledge of Truth, have failed to understand the Avatar's greatness when faced with his real humility. Baba was not a saint, sadhoo, mahatma, wali, peer or a satpurusha. He is the Highest of the High i.e. God incarnate. Baba has often said, "I am the God of all Gods. I am sakshat Parmatma. I am the Ancient One." No amount of slander can affect or change me, nor any amount of admiration or praise enhance my divinity. Baba is what he is". Baba said, "If I am the Highest of the High my will is law, my wishes govern the law and my love sustains the universe. Then your apparent calamities and transient sufferings are only the outcome of my love for the ultimate good. Therefore to approach me for deliverance from predicaments and to expect me to satisfy worldly desires would be asking me to do the impossible to undo what I have already ordained".

**The Goal of Life:** God-realization is the very goal of all creation. "All earthly pleasures howsoever great, are but a fleeting shadow of the Eternal Bliss of God-realization; all mundane knowledge, howsoever comprehensive, is but a distorted reflection of the Absolute truth of God-realization; all human might, howsoever imposing, is but a fragment of the Infinite power of God-realization. All that is noble, beautiful, and lovely, all that is great, and good, and inspiring in the

universe is just an infinitesimal fraction of the unfading and unspeakable Glory of God-realization. Unless and until man stops seeking escape from his ultimate destination by losing himself in the childish play of illusory pleasures, he cannot grasp spirituality seriously. It is time to stop playing with the scintillating toys of illusion and yearn for the attainment of the one and only Reality. Only in the human form is it possible for life to attain its final goal. Hence the supreme importance of attaining the human body".

**Meher-Baba's message of love :** Baba said you may follow any religion you like but follow its innermost principles. Do not mock it by adopting the conventional husk of religion and ignoring the underlying Truth. To change our outward religion for another is like going from one cage to another. Either cross the boundary of shariat (rituals) and enter the tarikat (the spiritual path) or remain within the cage of the creed of your birth. Baba said, "I belong to no religion. Every religion belongs to me. My own personal religion is of my being the Ancient Infinite One and the religion I teach to all is, love for God". This is the core of all religions - Love God. "God does not listen to the language of the tongue and its japs, mantras, devotional songs and so on. He does not listen to the language of the mind and its routine meditations, concentrations, and thoughts about God. He only listens to

the language of the heart and its message of love, which needs no ceremony or show, only silent devotion for the "Beloved". To realise God we must love him, losing ourselves in his Infinite Self. We can love God by surrendering to the Perfect Masters or the Avatar, who is God's personal manifestation. We can love God by loving our fellow beings, by giving them happiness at the cost of our own happiness, by rendering them service while sacrificing our own interests, and by dedicating our lives at the altar of selfless work. When we love God intensely through any of these channels, we finally know him to be our own Self. The trinkets of this world cannot tempt the true lover. He does not feel the appetites of sensual pleasures, and cannot enjoy sound sleep. He resembles a fish just taken out of water. He is restless until he is united with the Divine Beloved. God is to be loved and not feared. "To have one eye glued on the delightful pleasures of the flesh and also expect to see a spark of eternal bliss with the other is not only impossible but the height of hypocrisy. All prayers with a motive fall short of the ideal prayer which is without motive. In its highest form prayer leaves no room for the illusory duality of the lover and the Beloved. Love not the many in the One, but the One in the many. To love Baba is to love all; to love all is not to love Baba; to love Baba in all is to love Baba. "To love God as he ought to be loved, we must live for God and die

for God".

**Meher Baba's message of Truth :** The soul is deeply ensnared in the ignorance of believing itself to be the physical body due to the sanskaras, and thus its knowledge gets restricted to that which is found in sense perception. But such knowledge is, in fact, quite inadequate and even misleading in respect of the true nature of Reality. The manifold world of sense perception (with its duality of subject and object) is false, though it seems to be quite real to those whose understanding is vitiated by identification with the body. From the point of view of the highest and the only Truth, God alone is real and is one eternal, indivisible and unlimited being. To realise this necessarily requires the complete surrenderance of the false individuality of the separate I. All separateness and duality is only illusion. We are all parts of one life and as such, brotherhood is not something which is to be brought into existence by laborious efforts, but it is the supreme fact which claims our recognition.

In the illusory beginning of time, there was no such state of mess in illusion as there is today. When the evolution of consciousness began, there was oneness inspite of diversity in illusion. With the growth of consciousness, manyness also went on increasing, until now it is about to

overlap the limit. Like the wave that reaches its crest, this height of manyness will dissolve itself and bring the beginning of oneness in illusion. Suffering at its height will cause the destruction of the climax of manyness in illusion.

To affirm religious faiths, to reestablish societies or to hold conferences will never bring about the feeling of unity and oneness in the life of mankind now completely absorbed in the manyness of illusion. Unity in the midst of diversity can be made to be felt only by touching the very core of the heart. Baba said, "That is the work for which I have come. I have come to sow the seed of love in your hearts so that in spite of all superficial diversity which your life in illusion must experience and endure, the feeling of oneness, through love, 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".

The Truth is beyond all sects, creeds, or organised religions which are shadows cast by different formulations of the one Truth. The spiritual work of Meher Baba will therefore be non-sectarian and comprehensive in its scope. He will give not a new sect or religion, but a fresh and direct perception of the Eternal and only Truth of which all the great world religions are revelations. Through his inspiring contact

with his Eastern and Western lovers, he has built up a foundation for the edifice of a New Humanity which will be illuminated by a sense of Unity of all life, and which will be animated by Self-giving and creative love.

Meher Baba's supreme method of helping struggling humanity in its onward march is that of awakening the divinity in man by imparting direct perception of the Truth. The beautiful and divine love which flows from him brings about the spiritual resurrection of all who are its recipients. Meher Baba's discourses have been published, but he has come not to give bare theory, but a new life-impulse to humanity as a whole. The true vision of the Truth which Meher Baba brings will initiate man to the undivided and limitless life in Eternity by unlocking in his heart an undying spring of love and by reclaiming him for the creative expression of the Infinite Divinity which is latent in him.

**Surrenderance :** Of all the high roads which take the pilgrim directly to his divine destination, the quickest lies through the God man or the Avatar. In the God man, God reveals himself in all his glory with his infinite power, unfathomable knowledge, inexpressible bliss and eternal existence. When one loves a Perfect Master or an Avatar, one longs to serve him, to surrender to his will and to obey him whole-

heartedly. Baba said, "I am for the select few who, scattered among the crowd, silently surrender to me their all-body, mind, and possessions" Baba said, "Seek not to possess anything but to surrender everything. Be resigned completely to my will and my will will be yours". "Lose yourself in Baba and you will find that you eternally were baba". "Renounce everything to such an extent that you eventually renounce even renunciation". "Do not ask for union with God, and do not bewail separation... Seek only the will of the Beloved". Thus Baba stresses that surrenderance means 100% obedience. "The beginning of real love is obedience and the highest aspect of this love which surpasses that of love itself is the aspect that culminates into the perfect obedience or supreme resignation to the will and wish of the Beloved". Complete obedience is like becoming dust. Dust has no thought of its own, whether it is trampled upon, or applied to the forehead of a man, or remains suspended in air or water, it is one and the same to it.

**Meher Baba's Call :** How are we to induce people to give up their lust and greed and selfishness ? How can we persuade them to shed their separative narrowness and enter into the limitless life of the Truth? How are we to lead them to the abiding peace that blesseth all who are pure and wise? The Divine Call, which shall wean man away

from the surging passions of the ego life must go home to them and awaken their Highest Self. When their hearts are failing on the path of righteousness, the call must give them strength, and when their steps are moving away from this path, it must bring them back. The call must be much more than claiming man for some noble principles; it must be a living appeal from the very heart of Divinity to the very inmost being of man. To bewildered humanity this Divine Call has already been given by Avatar Meher Baba. - "Come all unto Me". Let us hearken to his call and let our parched hearts taste of the pure waters of the Eternal Life which he brings.

**Meher Baba's Tomb :** Meher Baba stopped giving public darshan from 1965. He remained in seclusion doing his internal work for humanity at large till he dropped his body on the 31st January 1969. His Tomb stands at meherabad where thousands of pilgrims come each year to pay homage to the Beloved of their hearts. Meher Baba was a Master of service for suffering humanity. he suffered all his life so that we may be saved in His love. Blessed are they who recognised him as God in human form and loved him and surrendered their all to him. There are many who shall always love Baba and cherish his memories till they breathe their last. For those who are united in love, know no separation. Emerson has rightly said, "He to whom God is an ever

present Reality, need not count on his company". The Tomb serves as a source of inspiration and radiates Meher Baba's love. The true lover loves Baba for love's sake. These true lovers shall keep the banner of his name ever unfurled and aloft by their unflickering zeal and faith. They will live for Baba and die for Baba. Even after their death, their blood shall write on the sands of time that Meher Baba was God in human form.

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#### MESSAGES OF AVATAR MEHER BABA

1. I WAS RAMA, I WAS KRISHNA, I WAS THIS ONE, I WAS THAT ONE, AND NOW I AM MEHER BABA.
2. The prayer God hears is the prayer of the heart, that suffering of the heart is what God pays attention to ...
3. I have come to sow the seed of love in your hearts ...
4. To Love God in the most practical way is to love our fellow beings.
5. a) "Every heart is my Temple".  
b) "The real untouchables are those who cannot enter the temple of their own hearts and see the Lord therein".
6. The untold Infinite Treasure is within you. The only problem is that you do not seek it within you. You look without.

7. Do not seek material pleasure and you will find the spiritual treasure.
8. Seek the kingdom of Heaven by not seeking the kingdom of Earth, and you will find it.
9. Out of millions only one loves God, and out of millions of lovers, only one succeeds in obeying and finally, in surrendering his whole being to God the Beloved.
10. The human form is the best of all physical forms, it is the only form in which God can be realized, and until God is realized the Soul must continue with births and deaths.
11. The Source of eternal bliss is the Self in all. The cause of perpetual misery is the selfishness of all.
12. Be content with your lot, whether rich or poor, happy or miserable. Understand that God has designed it for your own good and be resigned to His Will.
13. We cannot witness even the 'threshold' of the Divine path until we have conquered greed, anger and lust.
14. Whether men soar to outer space or dive to the bottom of the deepest ocean, they will find themselves as they are, unchanged, because they will not have forgotten themselves nor remembered to exercise the charity of forgiveness.
15. You can own the world without being attached to it so long as you do not allow yourself to be owned by any part of it.

## THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

O PARVARDIGAR - the Preserver and Protector of All!

You are without Beginning, and without End; Non-dual, beyond Comparison; and none can measure You.

You are without color, without expression, without form, and without attributes.

You are unlimited and unfathomable, beyond imagination and conception; Eternal and Imperishable.

You are Indivisible; and none can see You, but with eyes Divine.

You always were, You always are, and You always will be;

You are everywhere, You are in everything; and You are also beyond everywhere; and beyond everything.

You are in the firmament and in the depths, You are manifest and unmanifest; on all planes, and beyond all planes.

You are in the three worlds, and also beyond the three worlds;

You are Imperceptible and Independent.

You are the Creator, the Lord of lords, the Knower of all minds and hearts; You are Omnipotent and Omnipresent.

You are Knowledge Infinite, Power Infinite, and Bliss Infinite.

You are the Ocean of Knowledge, All-Knowing, Infinitely Knowing; the Knower of the past, the present and the future, and You are Knowledge itself.

You are All-Merciful and eternally Benevolent;

You are the Soul of souls, the One with  
 infinite attributes.  
 You are the trinity of Truth, Knowledge, and  
 Bliss;  
 You are the Source of Truth, the Ocean of  
 Love;  
 You are the Ancient One, the Highest of the  
 High; You are Prabhu and Parameshwar ;  
 You are the Beyond-God, and the Beyond-  
 Beyond God also; You are Parabrahma ;  
 Paramatma; Allah; Elahi; Yezdan;  
 Ahuramazda; and God the Beloved.  
 You are named Ezad: the only One worthy of  
 worship.

- dictated by Meher Baba  
 13.8.1953

(From "Glimpses of the God-Man, Meher Baba  
 by Bal Nattu Vol.IV, 1984, P, 94-95).

### THE PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

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

We repent for every deed and word and  
 thought inspired by selfishness and for  
 every deed and word and thought inspired by  
 hatred.

We repent most specially for every lustful thought and every lustful action, for every lie, for all hypocrisy, for every promise given but not fulfilled and for all slander and 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 your unbounded mercy we ask you to forgive us, O God, for all these sins committed by us and to forgive us for our constant failures to think and speak and act according to your Will. Amen.

-dictated by Meher Baba  
(8.11.1952)

(From "The Glimpses of the God-Man, Meher Baba" by Bal Natu Vol.III, 1982, P. 180-181)

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