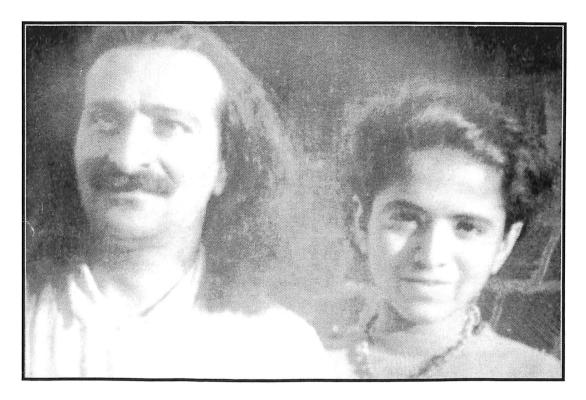


Mani's Day

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by Meheru

e have come here to bow down to Mani, to honor one who led such an exemplary life of love and service for and in her Beloved God-Brother, Avatar Meher Baba. In her life with Him she played, nay, lived all the roles asked of her with naturalness and perfection, her humor never far from the surface. Her many talents in various fields were an innate part of her that she used unstintingly in Baba's cause.

The numerous plays and skits Mani composed and enacted for Baba's entertainment and amusement could fill a volume. Within a day or two she would not only have the plot with dialogue and even songs ready, but have everyone rehearsing and making or procuring costumes under her direction. Mani wrote her own special songs to Baba, after He dropped His Physical Form, which most of you have probably heard. They were the outpouring expression of her love for Him and are sung everywhere by the Baba world. They keep alive her memory and are such a gift to all.

But her life and responsibility on the serious side, which was against her natural bent, but which she carried out with such flair and grace, was the work she did as Chairman of the Avatar Meher Baba Trust. This role was entrusted to her by Baba, which she carried out until the end of her life.

Mani was one of Baba's best readers and interpreters of the Alphabet Board as His fingers would fly with lightning speed over the letters with His own version of

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shorthand, cuts in spelling, and even changes in language. She did a lot of Baba's secretarial work and typing, and expected a high standard of work from all the Baba helpers around her.

Mani will always be loved and remembered by all the children as a child amongst them, who found time to play with them even in her busy schedule, and by the grown-ups to whom she gave so much of herself in every way she could.

Today as we honor this day of her first anniversary of going to Baba, remember Mani as a joyous being whose life was complete in fulfillment of having spent it with her Beloved Lord Baba, whom she always aimed to please.

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