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*Best wishes for a Happy, Blessed and
Prosperous Year in Baba's Love and Service*

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What We Should Do As Baba Lovers

Baba has instructed us not to worry and be happy under all circumstances.

He said "I am with you. Think of Me more and more". If we make Him our constant companion, we need not worry. He also said that "Your life should be My Message of Love and Truth". We must live upto His expectations. He has asked us not to shirk our responsibilities. So we need not renounce the world or friends or kith and kin or duties. We can lead our normal lives and yet think of Him constantly by leaving everything to His sweet care and will. To think of Him constantly, one need not run away from one's family or wear yellow robes, grow beards and go a begging for one's living from place to place. These are all outward signs of renunciation. Now-a-days all these are more often used in this material world to deceive people. **We must live in the world but not of it.**

Baba unequivocally said in His final declaration that He has not come to establish any retreats or ashramams. So it must be clearly understood that establishing retreats or ashramams is not the only way of doing 'Baba's work'. Baba has clearly informed that no one need do such things after He dropped His body. He wanted His lovers and workers to show their sincerity, earnestness and activity in spreading His name at all costs without being deterred by trials and

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tribulations, opposition and criticism. He desired that we should lead always a pure and righteous and loving life.

Instead of carrying out His wish, several persons are now coming forward with all selfish and dishonest motives saying that Baba wanted them to do His work and claim also that they had got instructions in person but they could not establish their claims as they are not able to get any confirmation from any of the Mandali who alone are capable of translating His finger signs and gestures. Some claim that they got instructions and blessings for their proposed enterprises. Baba had many times given clear instructions how to work. He never objected to having centres where the lovers can meet often and exchange their ideas and feeling of love for Him. But He repeatedly said that there should be complete concord and honesty and to come together with real cooperation in order to fulfill His will by taking their stand on **Truth, Love and Honesty** and be worthy of participating in His universal task.

Instead of obeying and carrying out His instructions implicitly in **His Way** some lovers used to approach Baba with some proposals in **Their own way** and seek Baba's permission. He being the ocean of infinite compassion used to consent and bless such proposals. But He always pointed out the couplet of Kabir. (i. e.) "When you ask and get His grace, it is like water, when you pester Him with repeated requests and obtain it, it is like blood. But when He will give of His own accord, it is like pure honeyed

milk. Therefore the claims of lovers who got blessings for their enterprise as proposed by them in their way are not worthy of any encouragement and are not to be supported. The directions of Baba given on His own accord will have to be carried out whole heartedly and implicitly without any questioning or doubting.

Baba has not left any instructions what His lovers or workers should do now. But He indicated plainly on 8-10-54 how to work in His message "Great Task before Baba lovers". He also **Definitely said that His lovers should under no circumstances contact any spiritual teacher or master Easterner or Westerner** as the way is slippery and wanted us all to hold on to **His daaman** till the very end i.e. till they merge in God. Some of Baba lovers are under the misapprehension that one should seek the help of a living Sadguru or Perfect Master after Baba dropped His physical body. This is not correct, for Baba has been now manifesting Himself in the hearts of all lovers, more dynamically after He dropped His body. Baba has made it clear in His prayer given to the Mandali and to His dear ones that they should hold fast to His daaman till the very end of their realization. Our obedience and surrender to the Avatar must be whole hearted. Some of the lovers announce at annual functions that they are **rededicating** their lives to Baba. Once you surrender there is nothing **else left for second surrender**. It is nothing but hypocrisy. The surrender should be **absolute and silent**. It needs

no publicity. Honesty demands that no show or no fuss is made of our service.

Baba had repeatedly warned us to beware of the howling wolves which are now flourishing every where like poisonous mushrooms distracting and devouring the poor and simple lambs. Baba clearly told us not to disrespect any saint or yogi when we casually meet them, but at the same time he warned us not to go after them.

Baba at the time of leaving His physical body drew the attention of His lovers to the following couplets of Hafiz.

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

“Befitting a fortunate slave, carry out every command of the Master without any question of ‘why’ and ‘what’.

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

These sayings are meant to cement our faith in Baba and hold fast to His ‘Daaman’ through **Unquestioning Obedience**. If at all he left any instructions for His spiritual work it must be to the inner Mandali and a few intimate dear ones whose obedience is cent per cent and

whose surrender is absolute. It must be remembered that Baba never gave any special instruction to any of the lovers *sue motto*. The lovers should guard against such **posing and false propaganda**.

Baba had clearly mentioned that he had not come to establish any new religion and that all religions belong to Him. It is usual after the demise of any Avatar His followers out of their great love and regard for their Master by weaving all the great ideals and instructions left by the Master for their purification and spiritual elevation try to establish a new religion. It is for this reason that Baba did not confer any authority on any body to form His group this way or that way. Now we find among His followers people belonging to all religions and all nations. Evidently He expects us to become better Hindus, better Buddhists, better Muslims, better Christians, better Zoroastrians to form the nucleus of the '**New humanity**' with universal brotherhood. None of us saw the actual physical form of any of the previous Avatars. Hence no body knows how the previous Avatars looked like except the forms portrayed by the ingenuity of the artist according to the descriptions given in our puranas written by the then Perfect Masters who might have seen them. In the case of the present Avatar, it is different story. Most of us are His contemporaries and have had His darsans and embraces and even took photographs. For those who have not actually seen Him in physical body, those who have ~~not~~ actually seen Him

will certify His photos whether they are true. Those photos help us a lot for our **sakara upasana**. In fact several new people who have not seen Baba are being awakened thus.

When these people approach the old lovers the latter have to give them a true picture of the details of Baba's life and Messages without distorting them and advise them to love Baba as He ought to be loved, obey Baba as He ought to be obeyed and surrender to Baba as they ought to surrender in accordance to the couplets of Hafiz referred to above.

Now some of the so called stalwarts in Baba's love say that no one could give information as to whether Baba broke His silence and manifestation commenced. Some question about the book written by Baba Himself. All these doubts are solved by Hafiz's couplets referred to above and we need not bother about them at all if we want to be elevated spiritually. We must just follow His instructions implicitly.

All concerned should also remember the following declaration of Baba.

"I am the highest of the high, and want you to love Me not for any spiritual or material gain or for the impending breaking of My silence and My manifestation, but I want you to love Me for Myself as being God in Human form"

“Whatever I have said must and will come true, My words can never be in vain. When it appears otherwise, it is due to your ignorance and lack of patience.”

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Important Dates and Events in Baba's Life



- 25-2-1894 Bab's Birth
- 10-7-1925 Baba Silence Begins
- 24-5-1952 First Major auto accident to Babà in U. S. A.
- 7-9-1953 Declaration of the Highest of the High
- 7-10-1954 Discarding alphabet Board
- 2-12-1956 2nd Car accident to Baba in India
- 1-4 Nov. 62 East and West Gathering
- 31-1-1969 12-15 p.m. Mahanirvan.

AVATAR AND HUMANITY

The Avatar awakens contemporary humanity to a realization of its true spiritual nature, gives liberation to those who are ready, and quickens the life of the spirit in His time.

He is interested in everything, but not concerned about anything. The slightest mishap may command His sympathy; the greatest tragedy will not upset Him. He is beyond the alternations of pain and pleasure, desire and satisfaction, rest and struggle, life and death. To Him, they are equally illusions which He has transcended, but by which others are bound, and from which He has come to free them. He uses every circumstance as a means to lead others towards Realization.

For posterity is left the stimulating power of His divinely human example, the nobility of a life supremely lived, of a love unmixed with desire, of a power unused except for others, of a peace untroubled by ambition, of a knowledge undimmed by illusion. He has demonstrated the possibility of a divine life for all humanity, of a heavenly life on earth. Those who have the necessary courage and integrity can follow when they will.

"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."

Meher Baba

"Do what I tell you, not what I do"