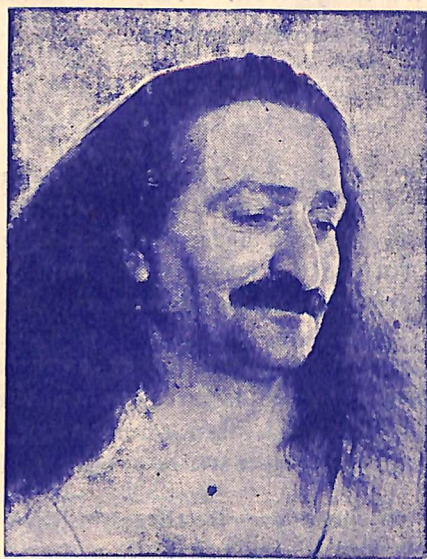


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The Avataric period is of one hundred year's duration after the *Manifestation* of the Avatar on earth. (A. 3-1, P. 5)

*Best wishes for a Happy, Blessed and
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Divine Warnings from Avatar Meher Baba
to His lovers



‘Not a single thing that I have said is untrue, not one thing that I have stated will fail to occur; it is only that you cannot and do not understand the language I use- and if I do not use the language to suit your understanding it is from my true compassion and mercy’ (1957)

“Although it is good to have inner experiences, it is very dangerous to attach importance to them. If the aspirants are not warned, then even petty experiences prove treacherous and hinder steady progress. (A. 6-1. P 6)

“We cannot witness even the threshold of the Divine path until we have conquered greed anger, and lust. The worst sinners are better than hypocritical saints.”

(Mj 8/39-P. 15)

“True dedication means total surrender and complete, implicit obedience. What right have you to commit your-self to any other party or movement, howsoever fine and noble it might be, when you have already once dedicated your whole life to Me and My cause” ?

(A 7-3. P. 3)

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"There are many saints every-where...I am not a saint and therefore I do not give any spiritual exercises. I am God in human form. My Grace can give you the experience of the ultimate Goal in a flash. My Grace can take you to the Goal in a moment and not in stages. Therefore you need not sit in meditation or concentrate on any picture of Me. A time will come when you will gaze on Me in your own heart. I am God and Master both and I want you to think of Me and love Me more and hold on to My garment, as the time for the WORD is drawing very near ! (A. 10. 1-P. 19).

Q There have been and still are so many false Messiahs. How can we recognize the 'true' Messiah ?

A. The feeling and inspiration for things sublime and the Divine Love are imparted by a *real* Messiah to anyone who comes in contact with Him. A false Messiah cannot do this.

Through His Divinity the *true* Messiah gradually attracts the world to Himself and people come to know and feel that He is REAL. The knowledge and feeling of confidence in His words and works grow gradually into certainty, and masses follow Him, drawn by an irresistible force. A mirage attracts the thirsty, but soon it is discovered to be an illusion and not the life-giving water. A *false* Messiah may attract the attention of the people through outward appearances, by force of personality, or by intellectual dissertations about spirituality, but he cannot do that which the *true* Messiah can do, i.e. arouse the highest ideals in men and touch the hearts of millions.

(A. 1-3. P. 8)

Spiritual Jingoism

In this world of innumerable frailties, the greatest of all frailties is the common fault of not being able to face, accept and acknowledge one's own weaknesses. This is the frailty of all frailties. It gives rise to hypocrisy. Hypocrisy is said to be the tribute which vice pays to virtue. In contrast with the world of facts man builds out of his inspired imagination another world of ideals. Sometimes he imaginatively transports himself into the world of ideals; sometimes he reverts to his realistic world of facts; and occasionally he tries to bridge the gulf between them by actually and laboriously traveling the path with slow and bleeding steps. The temptation to seize the ideal imaginatively and pose as having realized it is so irresistible that there are very few who do not succumb to it. This is the origin of the fraudulent saint or the spiritual jingo, who walks and talks with his nose in the air and arms akimbo as if he were somebody very special.

(Beams-50)



Baba touched on the subject of 'saints' and 'masters' who abound today Baba said: 'They are like seashells scattered on the beach, their superfluous glitter attracting loiterers on the beach, who pick them up and think they have gained the treasure of the sea. But it is a far cry from the Pearl ensconced in the depths of the Ocean! And so it is that Hafiz says how foolish people are who compare pearls with seashells. The Real Pearl is here (Baba pointed to Himself). Do not go after shells. (1963)