

# MEHER BABA UNIVERSAL SPIRITUAL CENTRE

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— Meher Baba

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The land where the Avatar stays is purified for the times to come. The land then becomes the Search Light of the Divine Path for the Avatar's work in that place reflects his presence and makes it a source of inspiration and Divine Love . Meher Baba said, "whenever I visit a place and stay there, however short a time, its spiritual atmosphere is greatly elevated."

Avatar is the direct descendant of God and it is the work of God to awaken and lead the mankind towards Light from darkness, towards Immortality from death and towards Reality from falsehood. In order to accomplish this, the same infinite God comes in different forms, namely Zoraster, Ram, Krishna, Buddha, Jesus, Mohammed and now Meher Baba, using different languages, different mediums and different messages to bestow spiritual awareness and awaken the mankind to the supreme truth - 'God Alone is. He is the Only Reality; rest all is illusion'.

The spiritual work of the Avatar is beyond human understanding and it is not possible to fathom the depth of the Avatar's work, for the Avatar works at all levels of consciousness and the whole creation receives the spiritual push. The advent of the Avatar is the 'spring tide of creation'. Avatar is infinity enformed. He is the centre of the universe and his every movement has reverberations in the whole universe. God's shadow is maya and the Godman uses maya as his medium to work. He works in complete opposition and this can be compared to the stretching of the string of

the bow. The more the string is stretched the farther is the arrow shot. The Avatar in his life establishes the inviolable unity of life. He represents the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He comes to awaken himself in all. He alleviates the human suffering, ie., ignorance and bestows the knowledge of God by awakening. This he does by taking untold physical, mental and spiritual suffering upon himself. In the words of Meher Baba, "The Avatar awakens contemporary humanity to a realization of its spiritual nature, gives liberation to those who are ready and quickens the life of the spirit in his time. To posterity is left the stimulating power of his divinely human example, the nobility of life supremely lived, of love unmixed with desire, of power unused except for others, of peace untroubled by ambition, of knowledge undimmed by illusion. He has demonstrated the possibility of the divine life of humanity, the heavenly life on earth".

Meher Baba the Avatar of the Age lived a life of supreme service. He personified his motto, "Mastery in Servitude". The establishment of a free dispensary for lepers, an ashram for the mad, as well as a separate ashram for Masts, (God intoxicated souls), a School where caste, creed & religion were no bar and his personal physical involvement in all these was the foundation he laid in 1923 at Ahmednagar. Today, we see the result - Leprosy is curable, Schools abound in every corner, hospitals for mad & mentally retarded are coming up. Those who have studied the life of Meher Baba understand that the usage of English language so widely, the international game cricket so widely accepted and played and the cine films being so popular in every nook & corner of the world is because Meher Baba himself used an English alphabet board to communicate, took a lot of interest in

cricket and played and saw films with his Mandali. Today the science is at its height. The communication facilities are unparallel, the medical sciences are reaching new vistas, the astronomers are exploring new galaxies and the nuclear scientists are studying to establish the superiority of thoughts over matter. All this is the direct result of the work done by Meher Baba.

His spiritual work includes spiritual push to thousands of sadhus and saints he directly and indirectly contacted, his travelling more than 75,000 miles in the interiors of India by rail, road, bullock carts & boats for spiritual work, his world tours from 1931 to 1958, two motor accidents in 1952 & 1956, his work with the Masts, seclusions & fasts, giving darshan & sowing the seed of love in lakhs of hearts and above all his silence of 44 years from 10 Jul 1925 to 31 Jan 1969 till he dropped his body, speaks volumes of his infinite love. One among these works is the establishment of the Universal Spiritual Centre for he himself said, "This scheme of MBUSC symbolises the character of my Divine Mission on earth."

**FOUNDATION OF UNIVERSAL SPIRITUAL CENTRE :** Meher Baba was in the lookout of an ideal place to establish the MBUSC since the 1930s. Of the four places in India which he selected, Byramangala seemed to be most ideal for his work. During 1939-40 a great deal of mast work was accomplished by Meher Baba and the Headquarters of Meher Baba were shifted from Meherabad to Bangalore. A site of 574 acres of land was acquired and Meher Baba worked out every detail of what was to be done. A nine member Trust was appointed and details of raising of funds was also chalked out.

On Sunday, the 17th of December 1939 at 4.30 p.m. the foundation of MBUSC was laid by Meher Baba in the midst of thousands of people. Diwan, Sir Mirza Ismail, also presided on the occasion. Meher Baba was dressed in a red coat and a White Dhoti. Sitting on a stool made of granite stone, he tossed the earth with a Spade made of seven metals especially for the occasion, and water brought from seven districts. He then gave the following message on the occasion:

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 people 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 fulfillment 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.

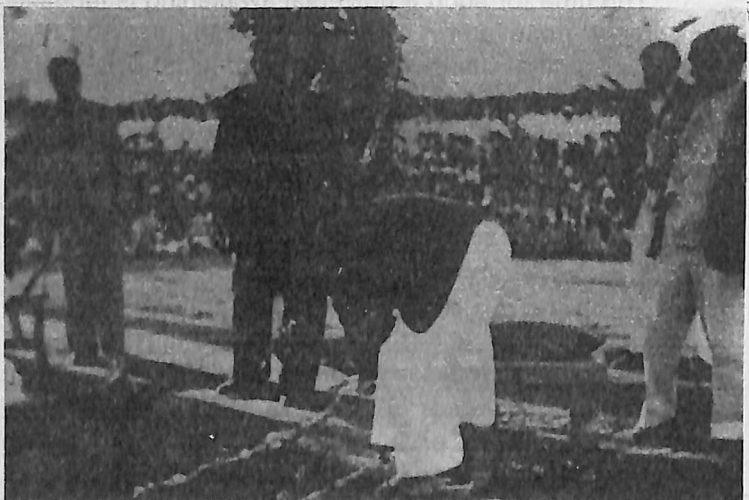
"I bless everyone of you, the participants and nonparticipants in the greatest scheme of spiritual regeneration the world has ever known and the foundation of which you have witnessed today.

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

"I bless You."



*Meher Baba hammering the spike in the central point  
on 01 September 1939. Helping him is Papa Jessawala*



*Meher Baba digging the earth with a spade made of seven  
metals especially for the occasion on 17th December 1939*





*The Granite Stool and the spade made of seven metals*

**THE SCHEME OF MBUSC** : Meher Baba had this unique plan for the Universal Spiritual Centre:

- i) *The Spiritual Academy* :- This may be compared to a 'Power House' giving out spiritual light, which was to prepare men & women to use intellectual understanding for social, secular & international harmony.
- ii) *The House of Advanced Souls* :- This was to prepare real mystics of the practical type who were to inspire others to live a life of complete detachment side by side with intense creative action.
- iii) *The Abode Of Saints* :- The services of these souls were to be utilized to bestow true knowledge on ignorant souls.

- iv) *The Mad/Mast Institute* :- The worldly mad and god mad (masts) were to be given place in this institute and were to be taken care of.
- v) *The Solitary Quarters for Meditation* :- Provision was to be made in these quarters for those who would most benefit through meditation.
- vi) *The Resting Place For The Afflicted* :- This section was to devote attention to the removal of suffering and ailments in all its forms.

**THE CONSTRUCTION** : The contract of the construction work was given to Mysore Engineering Company. Naoroji Dadachanji, the Architect, Norina Mathchabelli, and Elizabeth Patterson supervised the construction. Three blocks of three houses each in a circle was completed and one block of three houses came upto the cill level.

**THE ARMY TAKES OVER** : Due to reasons pertaining to the labour, Mysore Engineering Company stopped the construction work. In the mean time the second World War started and the Army took over the area. The nine completed houses were used as the office of Military Engineering Service. The Army did not pay any rent for the constructed houses till 1944. They paid rent for the nine houses at the rate of five rupees each monthly from 1944 to 1946.

**THE CARETAKER OF THE PROPERTY** : Venkoba Rao came to Meher Baba's fold during Meher Baba's stay at Bangalore. For the publicity of the foundation of the MBUSC, Venkoba Rao was given the duty of distributing pamphlets in Bangalore. He was with Meher Baba in many of the tours and is a staunch lover of Meher Baba. When the World War

ended in 1945, Meher Baba sent Venkoba Rao along with his wife to stay at the property. Meher Baba gave an allowance of Rs. 50/- per month till 1949 for their maintenance.

**DISPOSAL OF THE PROPERTY :** Before beginning the New Life on 16 Oct. 1949, Meher Baba wanted to dispose off everything he possessed in his name. So preparations were made to dispose off the land of Universal Spiritual Centre. Having come to know about the disposal, Venkoba Rao expressed his desire to Papa Jessawala to buy the spot. After Meher Baba's consent Venkoba Rao sold off his ancestral property and with that money he bought 55 acres of land of which 16 acres belonged to the Byramangala property including the sacred spot. Meher Baba then instructed him to take care of the property, particularly the Central Point where he had laid the foundation.

**THE PROPERTY IS SOLD :** Due to the growing children's education and scarcity of water, Venkoba Rao sought Baba's permission in 1959 to shift to Bangalore. After Baba's consent Venkoba Rao shifted to Bangalore. Now he was being given an allowance of Rs. 20/- by Meher Baba for maintenance. In 1964, Venkoba Rao expressed his inability to protect the sanctity of the spot, so Meher Baba gave him permission to sell the property. The property of only one acre and 15 guntas was sold to Mr. Muniappa Gowda who was the then chairman of Byramangala village panchayat. The property of the sacred spot was sold for Rs. 3,500/- of which Rs. 1000/- were spent on expenses towards transfer of property. Venkoba Rao then gave Meher Baba the balance amount of Rs. 2500/- of which Meher Baba gave Rs. 1000/- to Eruch Jessawala for mast work and gave the balance of Rs. 1500/- back to Venkoba Rao as his Prasad:

**DEVASTHAN :** When Muniappa Gowda entered the

spot for the first time, after buying the property, a Baba lover of reptile consciousness, so to say, a snake, raising its hood stopped him; only when he took the name of Meher Baba with folded hands did the snake move away. Soon his times changed and he lost his seat in the next elections and faced some domestic problems due to which he became an alcoholic & left his home. He used to sometimes sleep in one of the rooms where Meher Baba stayed in 1953. He admitted that sometimes he used to hear celestial music when he slept in that room. Having realised its spiritual importance he called it 'Devasthan' meaning the land of God and refused to sell it to anyone including the adjacent Sugar factory owner who offered huge sums of money.

**"THIS MUST COME BACK TO LIFE":** K. K. Ramakrishnan, the Secretary of Avatar Meher Baba Pune Centre is one of those Meher Baba Lovers who have given their all to him to serve the cause of Love & Truth. He came to Baba's fold during 1954 and since then has dedicated his life to Meher Baba's cause and from 01 May 1964 onwards he has been the Secretary of Pune Meher Baba Centre.

On 14th Dec 1982 he visited Bangalore as he had a strong desire to see the spot of MBUSC as this phase of Meher Baba's work finds a great mention in his biography. Alongwith Venkoba Rao, KKR Visited the spot. The site remained as Meher Baba had left it 43 years ago concealed in a wild growth of grass and shrubs. When KKR kept his leg on the steps of the room where Meher Baba had stayed, he had a mysterious experience. In his words, "When I placed my right foot on the door step, I had the strangest experience of my life. In place of the room, I saw Meher Baba's form just like what one sees on a T.V. screen. Baba, with well combed hair after a bath was seated on a chair with that radiant smile

on his face that glowed with the light of divine glory, love & compassion. He was dressed in a red coat & was wearing a white Dhoti. At the sight of Baba's beautiful form, words came spontaneously from my mouth, "Baba this must come back to life".

**THE AGREEMENT :** KKR was now inspired inwardly to reacquire the property. He wished to meet Muniappa Gowda and upon meeting him, KKR came to know that he wanted to open an Orphange and serve the poor. On 18th Jan. 1983 Muniappa wrote a letter to KKR that he was opening an Orphange in 3 months at the hands of the Chief Minister. Having received no further intimation about the opening of the Orphange, KKR on 19 Jun 1983 wrote a letter to him. On the same night Venkoba Rao called on him & informed that Muniappa was selling the property for Rs. 40,000/-, hence his presence was required. The unseen hand of Meher Baba came to the rescue of KKR as he was in a deep thought as how to leave the Pune Centre without a caretaker. A Baba lover from Tehran arrived past midnight on 25 June 1983 and thus KKR reached Bangalore, and on 27 June 1983 an agreement was signed with Muniappa Gowda to buy the property for Rs. 50,100/-. An advance of Rs. 1100/- was paid to him.

**THE TRUST :** Advocate Kalyan Rao Joshi of Hyderabad also visited Byramangala in May 1983 and he too was inspired to buy the property and offered Rs. 5000/- towards it. Venkoba Rao and KKR met KRJ at Hyderabad and he advised to form a Trust thereby saving Rs. 5000/- towards stamp duty required to be paid while transferring the property. KKR suggested that the cost be shared by five persons and later on approach Baba lovers for funds for the development of the scheme. They then met Chinta Sarva Rao of Vijayawada who agreed

to share the work and donate Rs. 5000/-.

Now KKR wrote to the Mandali to know about the records of MBUSC if any. After a few days, KKR met Eruch and while discussing, a Baba lover brought the copy of 'The Awakener' magazine (Vol. XIX No. 1) in which the story of MBUSC appeared, much to the joy of KKR. It was another evidence of Meher Baba's unseen hand helping.

KKR issued a circular to a limited number of persons about the subject and positive response came from 28 persons. The following persons then contributed Rs. 13,000/- each to meet the estimated cost of Rs. 66,000/- including the stamp duty - K.K. Ramakrishnan, R. Venkoba Rao, M.B.G. Shastri, Chinta Sarva Rao and Kalyan Rao Joshi.

A Trust was formed on 08 August 1983 and the following were the office bearers — 1. Chinta Sarva Rao of Vijayawada - Chairman, Dr. H.P. Bharucha of Navsari - Vice Chairman, 3. K.K. Ramakrishnan of Pune - Secretary. 4. V. Deva Rao of Bangalore - Jt. Secretary. 5. Kalyan Rao Joshi of Hyderabad - Treasurer, 6. R. Venkoba Rao of Bangalore - Jt. Treasurer, 7. Y. Manikyala Rao of Vijayawada - Member, 8. H.S. Hanspal of Nizamabad - Member, 9. Muniappa Gowda of Byramangala - Member, 10. M.B.G. Shastri of Hyderabad - Member and 11. S.D. Lalit of Hyderabad - Member. The next day they met at Byramangala and signed the document for the registration of the centre in the strong invisible presence of the Avatar of the Age - Meher Baba. On 11 Aug. 1983, the property was registered and an account was opened in Syndicate Bank.

**THE PLAN :** At 4 a.m. on 30 Nov. 1983 KKR was inspired with the following plan :

- i) To build the uncompleted three houses like the rest of dimensions 15'x15'x12'
- ii) To build a central structure higher than the 12 houses in a circle with a dome of 7 coloured unbreakable glass which when lighted be visible from a distance of 5 km with Baba's flag on the top.
- iii) To depict the Divine Theme by Meher Baba in the central Structure.
- iv) To name the House in which Meher Baba lived as Meher Baba House and to keep his life size picture, all books by and about him. Similiary the next houses on the right to be named, Hazrat Babajan House, Narayan Maharaj House, Sai Baba House, Tajuddin Baba House & Upasani Maharaj House. The remaining six to be named as Zoraster House, Ram House, Krishna House, Buddha House, Jesus House and Mohammed House. And each house to be filled with literature pertaining to the respective Master and Avatar.

**THE FORMAL INAUGURATION IN 1987 :** On May 16-17 in 1987 the Centre was inaugurated and consecrated for Meher Baba's work in the presence of a universal gathering of Eastern and Western Baba lovers. It is worthwhile to mention here that KKR had been praying to Meher Baba about this event that Meher Baba's devotees from the West also come to make the event truly 'Universal'. While Eastern Baba lovers came to Byramangala, 23 Sufis were the only Westerners to attend.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION :** Construction of

the three houses was completed by Dec. 1989 and the Golden Jubilee of laying of the foundation of MBUSC by Avatar Meher Baba was celebrated with a gathering of Baba lovers of East & West.

**THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTRAL STRUCTURE :** Although KKR was inspired to build the central structure, he was deeply praying Meher Baba to help by giving experienced hands. His prayers were answered by the coming of Robert Raser, a Civil Engineer from Newyork and M.R. Achyutha, the Architect of the whole Project. Robert came to Pune Meher Baba Centre to participate in the 99th Birthday celebration on 24 Feb 93 and upon hearing about MBUSC he was overjoyed as he had a profound desire to dedicate his professional experience for the Univeral cause of Meher Baba. He came to Byramangala soon and worked till September 1993 and rendered excellent service in bringing up the central structure upto plinth level. Later he left for USA. His free services were the expression of his love for Meher Baba.

A local Baba lover, an engineer by profession contacted M.R. Achyutha, his one time colleague in Nov 92 for the design of the central structure. He too was overwhelmed to listen about Meher Baba & the story of MBUSC and desired to see the site. Upon seeing the site he was deeply touched by the sanctity & purity of the place & instantly offered his free services. He kept up his word & did not charge a single pie for the time, energy & his excellent professional skills & talents rendered which includes preparation of drawings, estimation, calling of tenders, supervision, bill checking, payments etc. Surely he is blessed. The central structure was constructed by M/s. Bildvel Corporation Bangalore at a total cost of Rs. 35 lakhs.



**DIMENSIONS OF CENTRAL STRUCTURE :-**After much consultation with the Architect and keeping in view the Spiritual heirarchy, as revealed by Meher Baba in his magnum opus 'God Speaks', the Construction Committee decided to have the following dimensions :

- i) *Total Height from Ground level to top of Kalash* : 68 Feet
- ii) *Outer Diameter* : 64 Feet
- iii) *Circumference* : 200 Feet

Today, the Central Structure Stands with the above dimensions. There are 56 Coconut Trees also planted outside the circumference of the 12 buildings. Plantation of seasonal flowers and lawn is planned around the Central Structure and 12 buildings.

**THE CONTRIBUTIONS :** Contributions came from every heart that loved Meher Baba and understood the cause of Love & Truth. History shall salute every heart that has contributed & shall contribute directly & indirectly in the name of Meher Baba for the MBUSC. KKR tells us of a widow Baba lover who sold away her ornaments to contribute for the sake of MBUSC. This is an example of lovers who can go to any extent to please the Beloved.

**FREE MEHER HEALTH CENTRE :** On 09 Jul. 1994 Mrs. Lalitha Anantharaman, mother of the Honorary Dr. A. Subramaniam, M.B.B.S., who is now offering his free services for the free dispensary, inaugurated the Meher Health Centre. The Doctor has served in Zambia & Ceylon also and he came on his own with all the paraphernalia of his clinic and started free service. Initially he was helped by his wife Mrs. Rajam

Subramaniam. Today the MHC is treating more than 45 patients on every Clinical Day (Mondays & Thursdays) successfully. It is like the Oasis as the nearest hospital is 5 KM away. It has been observed that Meher Baba's invisible presence & his compassion is at work as many chronic patients who found no relief elsewhere have been successfully treated here.

**THE INAUGURATION OF THE CENTRAL STRUCTURE BY MURSHID:** In the history of MBUSC, the celebration of the anniversary of the foundation day 17 Dec.in 1994 shall ever remain memorable. Murshid James MacKie inaugurated the Central Structure and 70 Sufis and 02 other Western Baba lovers attended the function. More than 4000 Eastern Baba lovers participated in the function. It was like a mini Amartithi.

**THE LONG TERM PLANS :** The long term plans of MBUSC are as follows :

- i) Painting of the Divine theme in the interior walls and dome of Central Structure.
- ii) Collection of literature of each Master and Avatar for the respective Houses.
- iii) Construction of three more dormitory buildings.
- iv) Construction of a Free full fledged Hospital.
- v) Construction of a Free School.
- vi) Construction of an Old Age Home.

- vii) Construction of an Orphanage.
- viii) Provision for a Nursery.
- ix) Construction of a building for accommodation of Pilgrims.

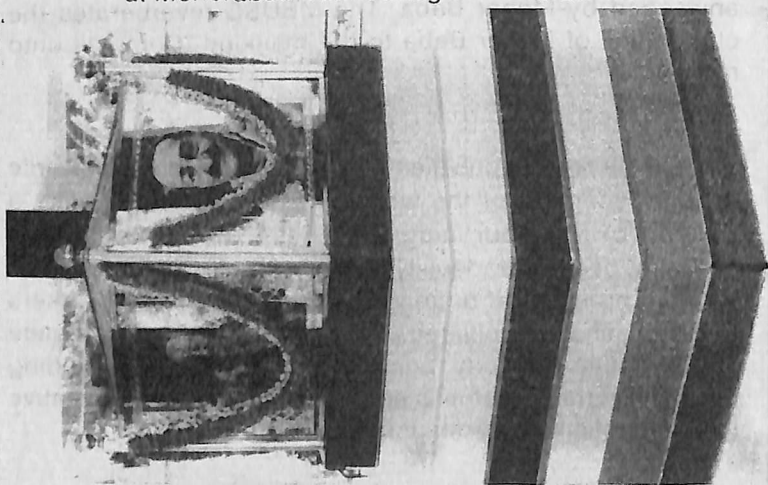
The story of revival of MBUSC is a part of the story of the Avatar's awakening. The visitors seeing the simple truth of oneness are not only impressed but also find peace at heart. There are unmistakable evidences of Meher Baba's unseen hand in all the activities of MBUSC. Every spiritual aspirant who has read, studied, understood and digested the life and work of Meher Baba shall live & die for the cause of love & truth which Meher Baba emphasised throughout his life. The MBUSC shall work keeping in mind the scheme envisaged by Meher Baba. The MBUSC reverberates the clarion call of Meher Baba to the mankind "Come all unto me".

In the present prevalent state of tension ridden and strife stricken scenario of the world, the MBUSC stands like a beacon of light pursuing the cause of happiness and harmony, peace & tranquility and love & truth, for Meher Baba said, " Through the untiring activities of spiritual workers humanity shall be initiated into a new life of abiding peace and dynamic harmony, unconquerable faith and unfading bliss, immortal sweetness and incorruptible purity, creative love and infinite understanding".

**"ALL GLORY UNTO AVATAR MEHER BABA"**



*Meher Baba's Samadhi  
at Meherabad, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra*



*The Central Point of MBUSC as on 10th July 1996 where  
Meher Baba had laid the foundation*

## **A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF MEHER BABA**

### **TAKEN FROM THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANICA**

**1987 EDITION :** Meher Baba, also called The Awakener, original name Merwan Sheriar Irani (b. Feb. 25, 1884, Poona, India-d. Jan. 31, 1969, (Ahmednagar), spiritual master in western India with a sizable following both in that country and abroad. Beginning July 10, 1925, he observed silence for the last 44 years of his life, communicating with his disciples at first through an alphabet board but increasingly with gestures. He observed that he had come "not to teach but to awaken", adding, that "things that are real are given and received in silence."

He was born into a Zoroastrian family of Persian descent. He was educated in Poona and attended Deccan College there, where at the age of 19 he met an aged Muslim woman, Hazrat Babajan, the first of five "perfect masters" (spiritually enlightened or "God-realised" persons) who over the next seven years helped him find his own spiritual identity. That identity, Meher Baba said, was as the Avatar of this age, interpreting that Vedantic term to mean the periodic incarnation of God in human form. He placed himself among such universal religious figures as Zoroaster, Rama, Krishna, Gautama Buddha, Jesus, and Muhammad. "I am the same Ancient One come again into your midst," he told his disciples, declaring that all major religions are revelations of "that One Reality which is God."

Meher Baba's cosmology may be summarized as follows : the goal of all life is to realize the absolute oneness of God, from whom the universe emanated as a result of the

whim of unconscious divinity to know itself as conscious divinity. In pursuit of consciousness, evolution of forms occurs in seven stages : stone or metal, vegetable, worm, fish, bird, animal, and human. Every individualized soul must experience all these forms in order to gain full consciousness. Once consciousness is attained, the burden of impressions accumulated in these forms prevents the soul from realizing its identity with God. To gain this realization the individual must traverse an inward spiritual path, eliminating all false impressions of individuality and eventuating in the knowledge of the "real self" as God.

Meher Baba saw his work as awakening the world through love to a new consciousness of the oneness of all life. To that end he lived a life of love and service which included extensive work with the poor, the physically and mentally ill, and many others, including such tasks as feeding the poor, cleaning the latrines of untouchables, and bathing lepers. He saw a responsibility to give spiritual help to "advanced souls", and travelled throughout the Indian subcontinent to find such persons.

These outward activities Meher Baba saw as indications of the inner transformation of consciousness that he came to give the world. He established and later dismantled many institutions of service, which he compared to scaffolding temporarily erected to construct a building that really was within the human heart. He said that a "new humanity" would emerge from his life's work, and that he would bring about an unprecedented release of divine love in the world.

Between 1931 and 1958 he made many visits to the United States and Europe, one such trip in 1952 establishing the Meher Spiritual Center in Myrtle Beach, S.C. A similar centre, Avatar's Abode, was created at Woomby, Queensland, Australia in 1958.

From the mid 1960's Meher Baba was in seclusion, and during that period several U.S. drug experimenters were drawn to him in a quest for spiritual truth. Through them his admonitions against the nonmedical use of psychedelic and other drugs came to the attention of the news media in the U.S. and the West. He warned young people explicitly that "drugs are harmful mentally, physically, and spiritually", trying to draw them away from drugs and toward a spiritual life.

Meher Baba never sought to form a sect or proclaim a dogma; he attracted and welcomed followers of many faiths and every social class with a message emphasizing love and compassion, the elimination of the selfish ego, and the potential of realizing God within themselves. Although his equation of the several manifestations of God was syncretic, he won many followers from sects and denominations that repudiated syncretism, and encouraged those followers to be strong in their original faiths. After his death his followers heeded his wish that they not form an organization, but continued to gather informally and often to discuss and read his works and express through music, poetry, dance, or drama their reflections on his life. His tomb at Meherabad, near Ahmednagar, has become a place of pilgrimage for his followers throughout the world. His books include "Discourses" (5 vol., 1938-43; the earliest dictated on an alphabet board, the others by gesture), "God Speaks" The Theme of Creation and Its Purposes (1955), and "The Everything and the Nothing" (1963).

**AVATAR MEHER BABA KI JAI**

**Dictated by Avatar Meher Baba - 1953**

**The Master's 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 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 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.

Allah; Elahi; Yezdan; Ahuramazda;

and God the Beloved.

You are named Ezad; the Only One worthy of worship.



## **Dictated by Avatar Meher Baba - 1952**

### **The Prayer of Repentance**

**"OM Parabrahma - Paramatma"**

**"Ya-Yazdan", "La ilaha illallah".**

**"O God, Father in Heaven!"**

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, and 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 for every lustful action, for every lie, for all hypocrisy, for every promise given but not fulfilled and for all slander and backbiting.

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 you 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.

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### **A Prayer for Baba Lovers**

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.

## HOW TO LOVE GOD

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.

If, instead of seeing faults in others, we look within ourselves, we are loving God.

If, instead of robbing others to help ourselves, we rob ourselves to help others, we are loving God.

If, we suffer in the sufferings of others and feel happy in the happiness of others, we are loving God.

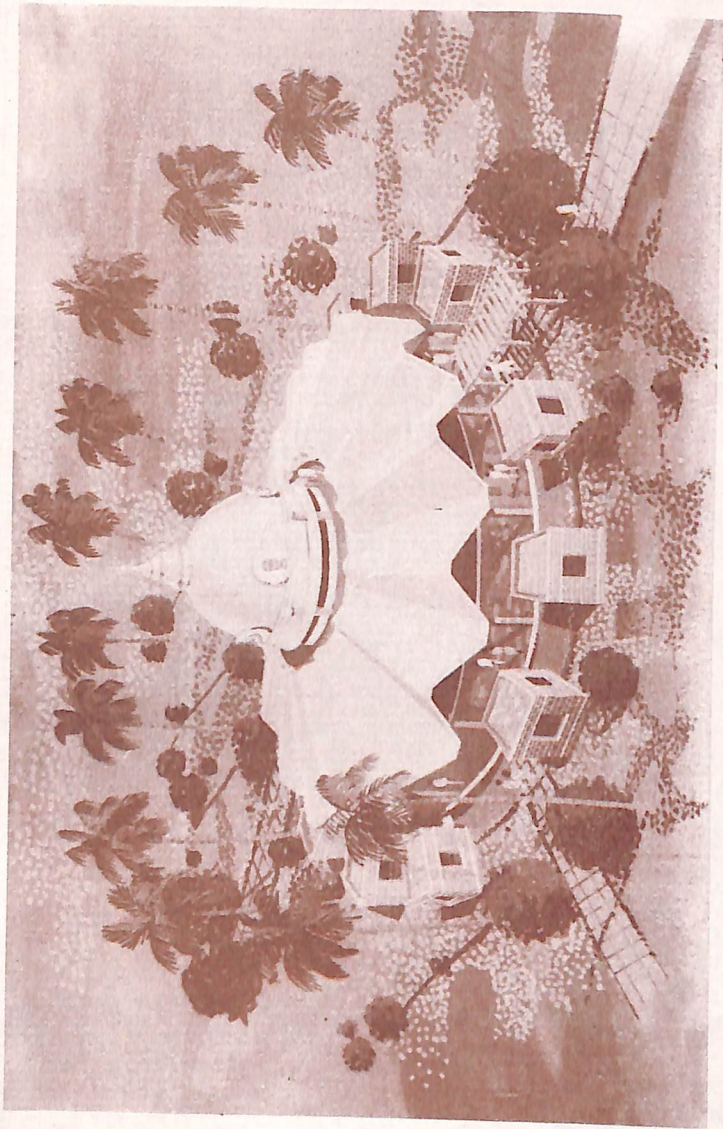
If, instead of worrying over our own misfortunes, we think of ourselves more fortunate than many, many others, we are loving God.

If we endure our lot with patience and contentment, accepting it as His Will, we are loving God.

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.

To love God as He ought to be loved, we must live for God and die for God, knowing that the goal of life is to Love God, and find Him as our own Self.

— Meher Baba



ARCHITECT'S VIEW OF CENTRAL STRUCTURE OF MBUSC

**“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 nations, creeds, sects and castes of the world”.**

**— Meher Baba**