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With Best Compliments to
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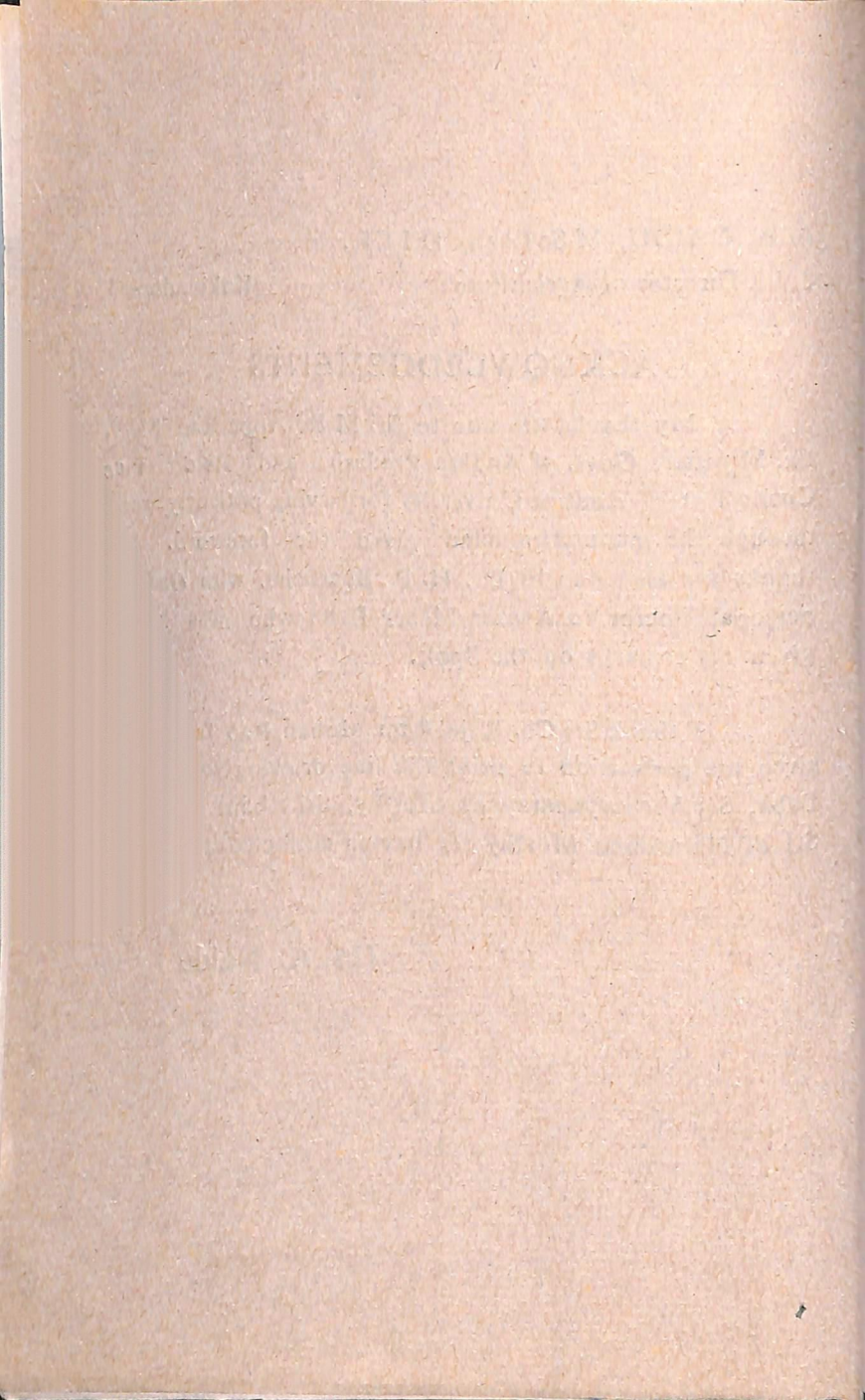
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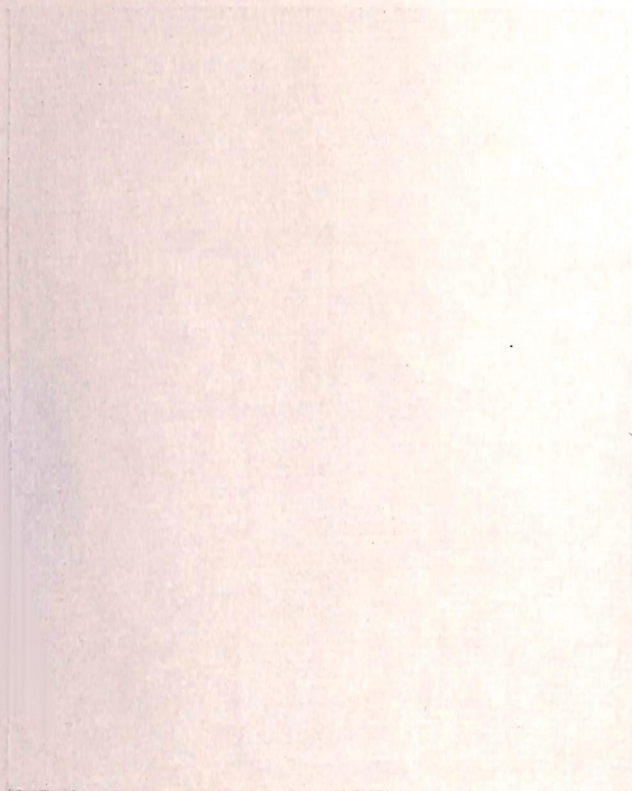


MALLA JAGANNADHAM
(Author's Father)

MALLA PYDITHALLI
(Author's Mother)



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MY MOTHER
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AVATAR MEHER BABAKI JAI !

SRI MEHER CHAITANYAJI KI JAI !

DEDICATION

“Matru Devo Bhava”

So, this writing is dedicated to my mother Malla PYDITHALLI, who was responsible for bringing me to earth with her humble prayers to Moon God as explained in my life sketch.

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Life Sketch of Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj as given by Sri M.R. Dhakephalkar

Oh! Shree Sadguru Meher Chaitanya Maharaj jee !

Oh! thou conquerer of the cycle of Birth and Death!

You were born in the human form on the 2nd of July 1934 at Mandapeta (A.P.) The agriculturist sincere devotees of Lord Venkatesh son Mangayamma and Shri Narayana Murthy were your parents. They named you Putchakayala Veeraju, Raju the brave. In your school and college days you were a shy and gentle student. Inwardly a deep thinker. In your very early age you came in contact with Vemana Yogi on the 1st of April 1952. Your parents scolded the whole world by marrying you. You accepted the married life in obedience to your parent's wish. In that very year you came in contact with a high Spiritual Soul Swami Shivanard Saraswati who guided you in your journey to the Over Soul. In 1962 you attended the east and west gathering in Ecra and came in contact with Avatar Meher Baba. You had a great craving for a Guru and no sooner you saw Baba, Your heart leapt with joy as you found a Guru in Him. The journey to the over Soul was chalked out. In 1969 on 2nd of January you were in seclusion with Avatar Meher Baba at Meherabad, and your destination of the Sadguru for Andhra was fixed. In 1972. When you were in Benaras for "immersion of Ashes" of your dear mother you were forced to go to the Himalayas to

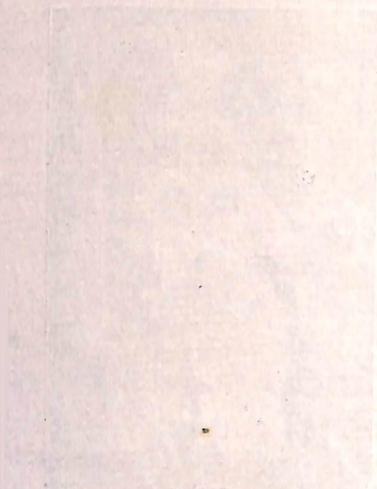


**SADGURU SRI MEHER
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Sadguru Ramanand Sagar You were made to go through severe austerities and ultimately as destined in a twinkling of an eye you got Realized, This happened perhaps on the Ramanavami day in 1973 March Shri Sadguru Ramanand Sagar after your soul joining to the Over Soul called you Sree Sadguru Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj. You had lost your individuality, your individual mind, your ego and you Got Universal mind an Ego in human form. You experienced Infinite Bliss, Infinite Knowledge and Infinite Power. You were in everything and you experienced everything in you. And though in human form the shackles of the cycle of birth and death crumbled down though taking birth in human form you became One with God. You became Man God, but just as there is Ramanavami, there is Gokul Asthami, Meher Saptami so all your lovers are observing Meher Chaitanya Ekadashi your birthday.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER TO THE MAN - GOD :

LEAD US FROM FALSE TO THE TRUTH

LEAD US FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

LEAD US FROM DEATH TO ETERNITY

WE BOW DOWN TO YOUR LOTUS FEET TO

SHOWER YOU

CHOICEST BLESSINGS ON US ALL..

SHRI SADGURU MEHER CHAITANYAJI

MAHARAJ KI JAI !

AVATAR MEHER BABA MAHARAJ KI JAI

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Dear brother Appala Naidu,

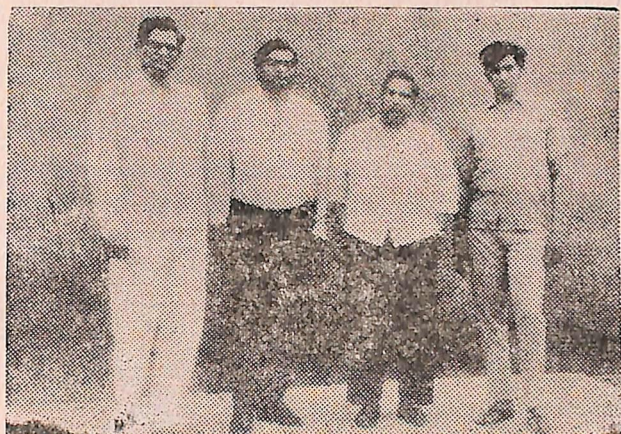
It was a pleasure meeting you at Kankal and hearing your experiences in Beloved Meher Baba's Love. I have read the manuscript given by you to me and I am returning the same herewith. Only those whom Baba has blessed with much love can commune with Him and get the experiences that you have got. From your manuscript I can say that the work done by Sri Meher Chaitanyaji is laudable. Beloved Baba Willing, I shall come next year on a tour of Andhra Baba Centres and spend some time with Sri Meher Chaitanyaji.

I have been invited by brother K. V. Suryanarayana to the All India festival of Divine Love at Nidadavolu on the 8th of May. Unfortunately I am leaving for England on the 9th of May to visit Baba Centres there, in Europe and the States. I shall return after two months. Please convey my respects to Sri Meher Chaitanyaji and thank him for the kind invitation.

My love to you and all Baba lovers at Mehermandapeta who are a dynamic force to spread the messages of Beloved Baba to not only Andhra but to the whole world.

In his Infinite Love,

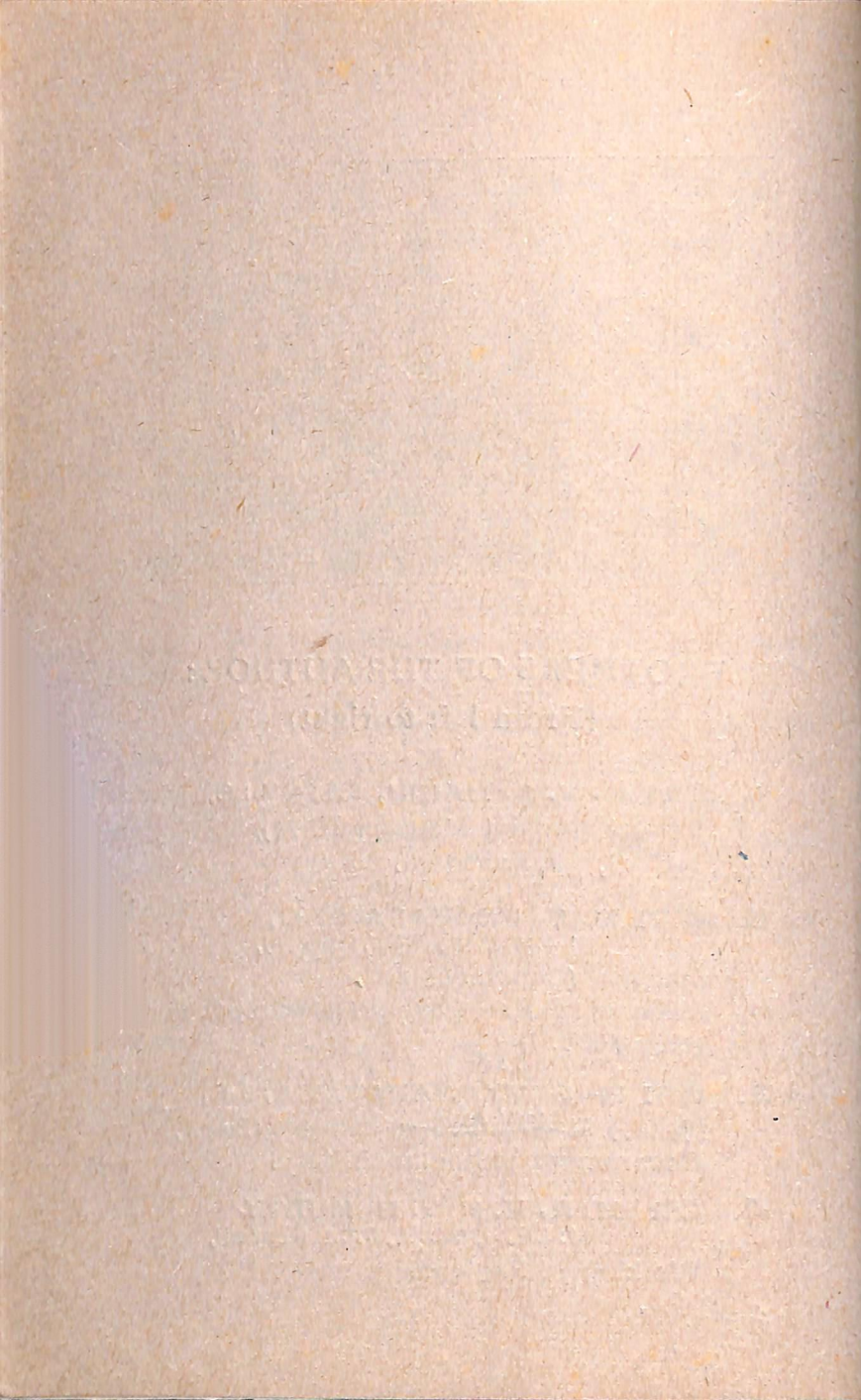
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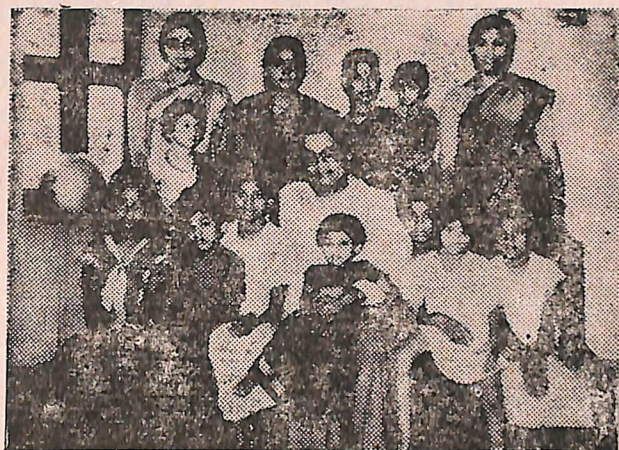


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2. AUTHOR
3. BABAJAN LAKSHMI

Standing : 1. RAVIRAM KISHOR
2. CHINNIKRISHNA JAGANNA -
DHAM NAIDU
3. MEHER PRAKASH SIVAJI



AUTHOR'S FAMILY - DAUGHTER & GRAND CHILDREN

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- 1) PAVANI (Sushila's daughter)
- 2) KIRAN (3) AMITHA (4) AUTHOR & SWETHA
- 5) NAGACHANDRIKA (6) HIMA (7) SIREESHA

STANDING : (From Left to Right)

- (1) BABAJAN LAKSHMI & AMMAJI
- (2) SUSHEELA (Bhramaramba's co-sister)
- (3) PADMA (Daughter - in - law & her 2nd daughter)
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Jai Meher Baba

My Dear Appala Naidu Garu,

I have gone through your Excellent Book
on Avatar Meher Baba and write my comments on it,

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I am Sending you a typed copy also on poems on
“ VIBHAVA UGADHI ” & SRIRAMA NAVAMI ”
“ SEETHARAMA KALYANAM ”

May Meher Baba bless us all ycur,s sincerely.

Sd. M. R. Appa Rao.

BY MEHER CHANDRA
MY THIRTY YEARS OF LIFE WITH AVATAR
MEHER BABA

By: M, Appala Naidu, M, Sc , (Ag.)', D.I.I.T.
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I read with interest and respect the book written by Sri Appala Naidu Garu, Joint Director of Agriculture, Kakinada whom I met at Kakinada on the 7th February, 1988. He Kindly took me and my wife in his car to Mandapeta to Sree Mehar Chaitanya Maharaj's Ashram. Unfortunately Sree Meher Chaitanyajee was not there, he went for treatment. I met the other members of the Ashram and Sreemati Chaitanyajee's wife. The whole atmosphere was quite, serene and holy. I came back to Kakirada - Thimmapuram for lunch. Baba's exhortation "I have come not to teach but to awaken".

PART-1:

1. A detailed and interesting account of the aut-

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hor's family back ground is given. It is very interesting and shows how the author inherited the qualities of devotion from his grand parents and parents.

2. At the first stage the author accepted Kusuma Harnath as his saviour since his father was a staunch disciple of Kusum Harnath.

3. At the Second stage when he failed in Intermediate Examination he Shifted his devotion to Trinath (Three Gods in one.) Intresting incident was given. He was saved from railway accident by Trinath's grace, [He continued this upto his completion of his Post Graduate Course when he was appointed as Agricultural Demonstrator at K. D. Peta.

4 Then he narrates his first spiritual experience in a dream. When the doors of Somalingeswara Temple were closed and he was in great sorrow standing at the gate "the doors were suddenly opened from inside and. Lord Somalingeswara appeared with a smiling face. He was blessing the author with the right palm. Naturally he was over joyed. Like this he had several dream experiences.

PART-II-

1. At the third stage he shifted from Trinath to Avatar Meherbaba. He had some personal difficulties and

he was very much depressed and even inclined to comm-
it suicide. At that stage Sri V. V. Narayan Rao I A. S.
who was a great Mehar devotee induced him to accept Avar-
tar Mehar Baba the Avatar of the Age as his saviour.

His eldest son experienced Mehar Baba's grace
when he was three years old. He went to his mother's cot
and made pradakshina Namaskara. He said that Mehar
Baba appeared to him in his dream and put a ball of
fire in his hand. He caught it in his hand without thro-
wing it away as one of Baba's disciples own brother did
later on, Baba said, "You are a good boy." His son later
on experienced some occult events. He used to talk with
Mehar Baba, looking at the portrait.

2. THE AUTHOR'S FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH
MEHAR BABA:- When he was repeating "Baba's name
"Surprisingly Baba gave a slap on the right knee and
said, "You are a real Bhakta." Like this he had several
experiences.

3. 2 ND EXPERIENCE WITH BABA & THE 3 RD
EXPERIENCE:- Baba appeared in a dream "A beam of
rays passed from his palm in Chin Mudra and fell on the
author and illuminated his body." In the third experien-
ce in a dream Baba revealed the previous life of the au-
thor. This was later confirmed by Shree Chaitanyaji
Maharaj.

4. On three occasions Baba saved his relatives. when they were in trouble he used to give telegrams to Baba and received Baba's blessings. There was a quarrel between him and his relative about some property. It was resolved by Baba's grace. He was often composing Bhajans, songs and playing on the flute. He composed a Bhajan Three songs,

5. When he was lying on bed and fully awake he heard Baba's voice "You are going to be Gazetted. "It did actually happen later.

6. Later on when he was with Brother Lokanadham of Masulipatam a parcel was received by him from Mehar Baba. When he opened it there was a hand kerchief Brother Lokanadam Presented it, to the author and asked him to press it to his eyes, which he did.

7. Baba give the author an opportunity to sing a song composed by him in Baba's Praise at east west gathering music hatchery (I was also present at that occasion when it rained heavily and Baba said I wiped off all your previous karmas) During darshan Programme Sri-Chaganti Subba Rao a friend of the author, When he touched Baba's feet, was thrown away a few feet as if, he was hit by a current. Baba asked a person who was there to hold him. For four minutes the man was silent and later on recovered.

8. NON VEGETERIAN DIET: The author was having vegetarian diet and on several occasions changed over to non-vegetarian and vegetarian diet. Baba said, that 'If vegetarian diet inconveniences your family and your family is used to it you can take it.' During 1962 when the author was doing meditation in the first fortnight of January 1962 he got a dream and Raja Rajeswari Bala Tripura Sundari appeared. She sat on Peetasun-Asana and said that she was "Raja Rajeswari Bala Tripura Sundari." A little later when he met the famous yogini Jillellamudi Amma, She said it was she who appeared as "Raja Rajeswari Bala Tripura Sundari." When the author said that he was a devotee of Avatar Mehar Baba, She said, that "Baba says he has come not to teach but to awaken-you can see Baba in me and me in Baba. Among us there is no difference."

AMARJEEVI SHIVAJI

Mehar Baba when he toured Andhra from March 1967 to April, 67, he visited Eluru and stayed at Katta Subba Rao's Garden (which place is considered sacred even to day 26-3-88). When the author was doing Ekaham he was unconsciously uttering the word Bereaved instead of saying 'Meher Baba' when the author asked Kaki Krishna Rao about the significance of this he said, "Some close relation my pass away." A few days later when he received birth day greetings from Baba in a telegram,

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Surprisingly it continued the advice that 'births and deaths are illusory phenomena. " Since then the author prepared him-self to meet any situation. Then in consultation with Kaki Krishna Rao the author composed a song

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ప॥ సకల జీవకోటికాధారమైన
సర్వేశ్వరా శ్రీ మెహరావతార ॥స॥

అ॥ప॥ ఏకాహదీక్షయందునేనుగూడ
భాగస్వామినౌటినాడుభాగ్యమయ్య॥ ॥సక॥

చ॥ నీదు నామ జపము నేనబ్బువేళ
బిరీవుడనే పల్కు వల్కుజేసి
దాని భావమేమొ తెల్పుకుందువేళ
మనసు లోని మర్మం విప్పి చెప్పు దేవ ॥సక॥

చ 2 ఆరిషడ్వర్గములన భోగభాగ్యములను
జేతినయ్య నీవు దొంగిలించినావు
నిజమైన బావు నాకుగల్గజేసి
నన్ను బ్రోవుమయ్య మెహరుచంద్రమత ॥సక॥

and sent it to Baba. Baba replied saying that the author should give up Krodh (anger),

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Though at the age of 3 Shivajee the author's eldest son got vision of Baba later on he lost the power. He committed suicide. When he sent the telegram to Baba informing this, he received the reply saying. "Your son Sivajee is blessed and has come to me to rest happily in my love." I want you and family to remain resigned to devine will and to take comfort in the knowledge that God is infinitely compassionate, 'Swamy Satya Prakash Udaseen prayed to Baba that the author should be blessed with another son and he was blessed with a son. He resigned himself to Devine will as suggested by Baba. But his wife almost became mad-

PART-III.

JYOTI EXPERIENCE ON THE DAY BABA DROPPED HIS BODY

On the day Beloved Baba dropped his body the author had peculiar experience. During the authors prayers at about 9-30 A, M, on 31-1-69, when the author was about to light Jyothi (lamp) before Baba's photo-without lighting the wick of the lamp, it began suddenly burning. The author told his wife that Day is likely to become world famous. The same night the author received the news from Jagannadham of Vijayawada that Baba dropped His body. The author went to Meherabad and had Darshan. During the night the author saw in a dream the

rosy feet of Baba. After witnessing the interment ceremony (burial) along with others among whom were Majety Rama Mohan Rao and Chinta Sarva Rao ^{while} coming back the author heard the voice of Baba clearly in clear musical sound, 'How is your self, how is yourself. Are you all right, getting on well, Aha, Aha, ' While hearing this voice from behind the author was seeing beloved Baba's image in his vision waving his hand as if indicating 'Go ahead.'

PART IV :

THE AUTHOR'S SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE WITH SADGURU MEHER CHAITANYAJI

1. On transfer before joining at Dowleiswaram he spent one night at Mehersthan, kovvur. Some of the Baba lovers with whom the author was closely associated are. Brothers K. L, Krishna Murty, Lecturer in Physics, Kovvur Junior College, his wife sister Smt. padma vathi and their daughter kumari Mehar Kanthi, late Brothers K. Narayana Rao and his family. Brother Ranga Rao and Sister Danamma and their family members, Kaki Krishna Rao.

2. Sri Sankara Srirama Rao, Brother Uppuluri Rama Rao and Mrs. Rama Rao, Sri Rama Mohana Rao, Bala Ramayya, Achary. Sri Satyam father of Smt Hemalata, Sri Subba Rao, Head Master of a high school

at Eluru, sisters Nagamani and Prameela. The above are Eluru lovers of Baba. After joining at Dowleiswaram an old lover of Baba Sri Krishnarjuna Rao gave full details of the life of Sadguru Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj. Then he went to Mandapeta and spent three months with Sadguru Chaitanyaji. When the author asked permission to stay in the Ashram Chaitanyaji said, “అంత కంటే తవలసిందేముంది.” The author got many Spiritual experiences while staying with Chaitanyaji. According to the belief Chaitanyaji's age is 11,461 years. The author heard a vision voice when he was going to Ajamuru, It said “I kept all my powers in his hand. His age is 11,461 years.”

3. In a dream he experienced Sri Meher Chaitanya Maharaj and Mehar Baba appeared, After some more experiences the author thought Meher Chaitanya Maharaj was wiping out his old samskaras and new samskaras are getting in. The author got into a fix and did not know whether he should utter the name of Mehar Baba or Mehar Chaitanya Maharaj. An inner voice told him to utter only Mehar Baba's name. Then the following points became clear:

(1) The author can repeat Baba's name while breathing in and breathing out, Baba.

(II) The author need not leave Meher Baba and pray to Shree Mehar Chaitanyaji Maharaj.

(III) The author has to take the guidance of Shri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj for Spiritual progress since he is a perfect master. He then had some spiritual experiences while giving a musical concert. After intense spiritual experience in which the author cried like a child, he asked Meher Chaitanyaji's advice. He was told not to worry; 'Think of Beloved Baba intensely, he will awake in you. Baba is always in you. If you love Him driving away the "Arishadwargas" and keep your heart open to Baba. He will definitely awaken in you.'

He once saw in meditation a Sanskrit sloka but the author did not know the meaning. It is "Satyam Anala KesavaSarvam S tChit Thatwam. Sri Varanasi Gangadhara Sastry, Principal of Vidie college told him the meaning. The sloka gives the essence of Upanishads. The meaning is The reality is the Jotirmaya Brahma, Vishnu and Maheswara. The entire world is always existing and cannot be destroyed and I am that, 'When the author told about this to Shri Mehar Chaitanyaji he said that the author was fortunate and asked him to repeat it not less than 103 times before he does meditation.' During the same period when he was with Meher Ch. aitanyaji Mehar Baba released a few words. word by word with a gap of a few seconds between the two

words but when he Joined the words after coming out of meditation, these words are "You want to know God through your knowledge' you cannot. there is God'

4. During Mehersthan Anniversary in the year 1979 when the author was doing meditation along with other Baba lovers as per the instructions of Shri Meher Chaitanyaji, the author could see in his vision in the ~~sanga~~ ^{sanctum} sanctorum of Meharstan Brahma, Vishnu and Maheswar. Some times unknown persons appeared in meditation and also some times, persons who were unknown then later appeared. He saw an unknown couple in meditation. The same couple he saw in Hyderabad. He once saw Sree Devi (Lalitambica tri Jada Dharini, Gayatri Devi, Mehar Gayatri Devi) From the Verandah of Shri Meher Chaitanya Maharaj's Kutir. She addressed the author "Oh. you have appeared', All right come on. I will bless you.' The author went near her saying "Sree Devi how fortunate I am., So, saying the author went on his knees and kept his forehead on her feet. Then She said "Don't raise your head, I am blessing you', So saying she blessed him.

Shri Chitanya Maharaj said during a discourse that "If a Guru is already accepted by a spiritual aspirant, he would get all the help from God through that Guru whatever the spiritual capacity of that Guru The Guru takes away the Samskaras of the disciple. In meditation once again

in Sree Devi appeared and said that the author was having personal 'Ego'. Till then the author did not know about personal Ego. The Guruji said 'You' are lucky to have got such experience.'

5. The author's daughter's examination and the indication he got about the golden ring : His daughter wanted to skip the examination because she did not study the whole course. The author advised her to study some selected subjects and appear. She did so and she got the same question in the examination for which she studied and naturally did well. When the author's daughter lost track of her golden ear rings, he saw them during meditation in a small box.

He persuaded the parents ^{of his son-in-law} ~~who~~ are his eldest daughters, ~~daughter~~ and son-in-law to name ~~their~~ 2nd daughter Chandrika because the author saw the moon in his vision. As I wrote before the author had several occult and spiritual experiences. When the author showed this booklet from which I am writing to Sadguru Meher Chaitanyaji he approved the whole book except the one the author had written about Meher Chaitanyajee's previous life. The correct version as approved by Guruji Meher Chaitanyajee is the following. "Meher Chaitanyaji was not Mahavatar Babaji but Mahavatar Babaji, was present at the time of inauguration of Sri Kutumba Sastry's Hall at Mandapeta."

The author's wife passed away and reached Avatar Meher Baba. She never became a devotee of Meher Baba during the life time. She continued to worship Lord Sri Krishna. Once he was angry with her for not accepting Meher Baba, but later in meditation he saw her, in full consciousness, in the form of one of the three Goddesses with similar ornaments they wear. He then realised that she was a highly evolved spiritual person. She passed away after an operation at Vijaya Hospital, Madras. Meher Chaitanyajee said that she joined Avatar Meher Baba. Once during Meher Baba's birthday celebrations the author was asked to prepare a drama. He wrote the drama and prepared a troupe to enact it. The author selected Brother K. V. Suryanarayana, to act as Brother Eruch. With the assistance from all actors and Meher Baba's grace the play was a great success and Baba actually manifested himself through the actor who portrayed His role. At another time when the author was about to enact the Meher Baba play at Eluru the light went off. But after his prayer lights came on.

In a vision in Poona the author saw full moon during full daylight.

Finally the last para in the book says "On 10th July, 1979, while the author was observing silence in Meherstan before Baba, Baba said in author's vision

"You perform the function in a befitting way-I am becoming old, I am leaving the world."

Life sketch of Shri Meher Chaitanya Maharajji:

Shree Meher Chaitanya Maharajji was born on 2nd of July, 1934 at Manda peta, His father and mother were the devotees of Shri Venkatesha, their names are Sri Narayana Murty and Mangayamma. They name Mehar Chaitanyaji Maharaj has Pucha kayala Veera Raju. In his young age he came into contact with Sree Vemana Yogi on the 1 st of April 1982. His parents proposed marriage to ^{him} and He accepted for marriage in obedience to parents wishes. In the same year of marriage he came into contact with a highly evolved soul of Swami Shivananda Saraswatya of Rishikesh Ashram. In 1962 he attended the East west gathering and at Poona, found Meher Baba as Avatar and accepted him as Guru. In 1969 on the 2nd of January, when Sri Chaitanyaji was in seclusion with Avatar Meher Baba at Meharabad, His destiny as Sadguru for Andhra was fixed. In 1972 when He was in Benares for immersing the ashes. of His mother, he was by circumstances forced to go to the Himalayas to see Sadguru Ramananda Sagar. There He was made to undergo severe austirities (Japas) and He realised suddenly the nature of "Reality". This happened on Sree Rama Navamy day in 1973, March. "Sri Sadguru Ramananda Sagar named you as Shree Sadguru Meher Chitanya

ee Maharaj. "This was after His soul merged with the over-soul. He left His individuality, His individual mind.

His Ego and He achieved that state of universal mind. He experienced Infinite Bliss, Infinite knowledge and Infinite power. He was in every thing and He experienced everything. Though in Human form the shackles of birth and death crumbled down. He became completely one with God, He became Man God. Just as there is Sree Ramanavami, Gokul Astami, and Meher Suptami, all his devotees observe Meher Chaitanya Ekadasi on His birthday.

BIRTH DAY PRAYER COMPOSED BY MEHER CHANDRA

Birthday prayer to the Man-God
 lead us from falsehood to truth
 Lead us from darkness to Light,
 Lead us from Death to Eternity
 We bow down to your lotus feet
 Shower your choicest
 Blessings on us all.

Shri Sadguru Meher Chaitanya Maha-raj ki Jai,
 Avatar Meher Baba Maharaj ki Jai"

The whole book written by Shree Meher Chandra is a revelation how an ordinary human soul has attained to the heights of spirituality doing once own duties in the world. This is a book worth reading and following by all, especially Meher devotees.

May Avatar Meher Baba bless Shri Meher Chandra
 (Sd. M. R. Apparao)

Baba said that the real spiritual aspirant must be beyond all wants and he should not aspire for God realization too. The same is my principle as a Baba lover. Avatar Meher Baba said that he has come not to teach but to awaken. The above experiences prove the saying of Baba. Hope the readers would kindly take it in such good spirit and try to understand my feelings.

Jai Baba

Jai Gurudev

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AVATAR MEHER BABA

Merwan Sheheriarji Irani later called as Avatar Meher Baba was born to zoroastrian parents, Sheheriarji Mundegar Irani, father and Shirinbanoo, mother on February 25, 1894 at 5-15 A M, in Sasoon Hospital, Poona. He was a brilliant boy. According to Indian Astrologers, He would become a Master. At the age of 9 he was sent to Government English School, and there he studied for 5 years. Later he was admitted in St. Vincent's High School considered to be the best School

in Poona. He matriculated from that School in 1911. Then he was admitted in Deccan College in 1911. He was brilliant in so many languages, Persian, Hindi, English and Gujarathi. At the age of fifteen he sent a story to 'The Union Jack' which was published. His favourite poet was Khwaja Shams al-Din Mahammad, who wrote under the name of Hatiz. He also wrote poems in English. He was good at games especially Cricket. During January, 1895 when he was eleven months old his mother saw him playing with black cobra and was horrified and cried. Later the snake was not found. During May, 1913, a perfect Master by name Hazarat Babajan called him while he was riding bicycle. He went near her. She embraced him. Again one night during January, 1914 he met Hazarat Babajan and kissed her hand. Then She pointed her little finger at him and declared that "This child of mine will after some years create sensation in the world and do immense good to humanity" Then she kissed him on his forehead. After he went home at 11,00 clock he began to experience extraordinary thrills as though he was receiving electric shock. Joy mingled with pain and he lost his body consciousness. He said 'She made me realised in a flash the infinite Bliss of "Self-Realization." Thereupon he was not in his consciousness of the body. He was lying with eyes open but he could see nothing. In this condition he was there without any

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movement in body for three days. His mother was feeling terrified, On the 4th day there was a slight movement in the body, He was not knowing his own action for 9 months, during which period he was shown to Doctors by his mother but no vain. During April, 1915 Merwan met Sadguru Narayan Maharaj of Kedgam and in the same year he met perfect Master Tajuddin Baba of Nagapur accompanied by Behranj Both the Masters said that there was no difference between them and Merwan. On December, 1915 Merwan met Sadguru Sai Baba of Shirdi and prostrated before Him on the roads, Sri Sa Baba looked at him and said 'Parwardigar, (Sustainer and Protector) and directed him to another perfect Master; Sadguru Upasani Maharaj who was in Kandoba Temple On seeing Merwan Sadguru Upasani Maharaj flung a rubble which hit Merwan at the exact place where Hazarat Babajan kissed. Blood came at the forehead and Merwan came down to human consciousness. Meher Baba said later. Maharaj made me know fully what I am. Just as Babajan made me in a flash what I am'. During 1917 to 1921 Merwan started living in Poona. July 1921 to December 1921 Merwan went to Sakori for 6 months to be with sadguru Upasani Maharaj. At the end of the period Maharaj had said to his disciples "I have given my charge to Merwanji. He is the holder of my key He also said, This boy will move the world Hu-

manity at large will be benefitted at his hands". A few days later Upasani Maharaj told Gustadji (who was original disciple of Sai Baba and sent to him for spiritual training), "I have made Merwanjee perfect. He is the asdguru of this age."

To Behramji he said, "Your friend is God Realized. So saying Upasani Maharaj further addressed Merwan "Merwan' you are the Avatar and I salute you?"

In January 27, 1911 to May 21, 1922 Merwan lived in a zopdi in Poona and gave spiritual training to his lovers. It was there the fishermen used to come daily and pray Him.

During this period one Mr. Sayid Sahab, one of His disciples started calling Merwan as Meher Baba meaning the compassionate Father. Thus Upasani Maharaj declaring him as Avatar and Sayid Saheb naming him as Meher Baba is finally coined as Avatar Meher Baba as we are calling Him now

During 21st May, 1922 Avatar Meher Baba went, to Bombay from Poona along with 45 followers among whom all religious people were there and started Mazil-E Meem, House of Master. One Mohammadan Saint saw

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'Mazil-E-Meem" in a cloud of smoke in his vision while he was doing meditation and immediately started searching for that Mazil-E-Meem when he saw the name Board Mazil-E-Meen he enquired the disciples of Meher Baba about it. After knowing about Meher Baba he said that those disciples were very lucky to have such Guru.

On 10th September 1922, a pigeon fluttered into the room where Baba was sitting. It died in the morning with a queer posture as if making a Namaskar Baba told Mandali, "This is the pigeon that had brought the news from Babajan. The seriousness and gravity of the message can well be imagined that soon after delivering the heavy burden it dies." The bird was buried by Baba.

From 25th May, 1923 onwards Baba began tours in India and abroad. Number of times he toured all over India, Persian, England, France, America, Italy Present Pakistan, Japan etc., meeting disciples among whom were the near relation of the ^{Writer} ~~Author~~ ^{See} ~~William~~ Talstory, the top cine actors of Hollywood etc., C. B. Purdom wrote Baba's life sketch with the Title perfect Master Zean Adrial also wrote Baba's life sketch by name AVATAR William Donkins wrote a book by name Way Fathers.

An Australian writer Francis Brabajan stayed with

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Baba and wrote the life sketch as Silent Word and also Stay with God.

On July 9, 1925 at 8-30 P.M Baba spoke for the last time and from 10th July, 1925 onwards Baba beganⁿ silence and started writing on slate. On 2nd July, 1927 Baba ceased to write and started using alphabet board. From ^{7-10-'54} onwards Baba left the alphabet board also and used to express His discourses in gestures. He wrote a secret Book while lodging Himself in a cage and that book was kept secret so far and not released. Baba also wrote a Book God Speaks which was translated by Sri Mosalakanti Tirumala Rao into Telugu by name Bhagavad Vachanamulu. Baba started school, Leper Home, Masth Home, Hospital etc., but they were demolished later saying that they were all neccessary for His spiritual work and when that was over there was no necessity for such institutions.

Meher Baba stayed for the most of the period in Meherabad and Meherabad with His inner circle members and close disciples. He toured all over India contacted numerous God intoxicated Masths and gave them spiritual push and sent them to the next plane of consciousness. Mohammad one of such Masths who is still staying at Meherabad. His age cannot be assessed.

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Meher Baba like lepers very much. He used to bathe them, feed them with his hands. He used to say lepers are beautiful souls in ugly cages. He said, "I do not belong to any religion All religions belong to me I will keep all the religions on one thread as beads"

He also said perfect Master gives God Realization to only a handful. An Avatar gives realization to everyone. He also said that His disciples do not know in what plane of consciousness they are since they were taken blind folded lest they may not fall down in the spiritual journey.

Baba say " I HAVE COME NOT TO TEACH BUT TO AWAKEN" This book is an example for His Saying.

JAI BABA'

JAI GURUDEV.

In 9th June, 1934, Baba visited 7th time of Western countries. On 12th July. 1934' Baba went to Seclusion in Zurich, Baba explained about the work done during the seclusion--" While thus working I leave my physical body Which would be dead to all feelings of touch and I would not feel it ever if the body was hammered or cut up, but I draw a boundary

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line around of radius of 50 yards, so that none can come in; Any one trying to cross the boundary like would drop dead instantaneously. That is why, I told Kaka to keep watch at a distance of 100 yards. When I work like this, meetings are held where spirits (my angels) attend in numbers 'unseen by the common eye, but some times visible and audible.' Baba, in his presence asked Gustadji on 12th December, 1941 to light the Dhuni at Meherabad and since then Baba gave specific instructions that whether he at Meherabad or elsewhere, Dhuni should be lit on 12th of every month.

On 5th December, 1947, Baba went into seclusion on TEMBI HILL behind Meherabad. On 22nd June, 1949 Baba went into 40 days seclusion, On 10th October, 1949 Baba issued a circular 'Baba ends His old life of cherished hopes and multifarious activities and with a few companions begins His New Life of Complete Renunciation and Absolute Helplessness from October, 6-1949,

On 16th October, '1951 Baba started Manonash period- the period of Annihilation of Mind at KHOJAGUDA hill near Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) and spent 6 days in seclusion in the cave of KHOJAGUDA.

On 21st April, 1952, Baba stayed at Meher spiritual Centre, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where two of His American Disciples, Elizabeth Patterson and Norina Matchbelli had established a retreat for Him.

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On 24th May, 1952 Baba and women Mandali were involved in a serious car accident. While proceeding to Meher Mirint, OJAI, California (Baba has previously prophesied that He would shed blood on American soils.

On 17th January, 1953 Baba visited for the first time coastal Andhra i. e., Tadepalligudem. Pentapadu, Pippara, Rajahmundry and Eluru.

From August -13th, 1953 to September 2nd 1953 Baba was engaged in intense universal work. While at Dehra Dun, Baba dictated the Master's Prayer composed by Him for His Lovers.

On 7th September, 1953 Baba made one of His most important declaration 'The Highest of the High'

On 1st November, 1953 in Dehradun, Baba explained about Real Darshan. On 20.2-1954 while at Mehera Hannirpur in Uttar Pradesh. Baba declared Himself as AVATAR for the first time. It was here Baba promised Kesava Narayan Nigam's brother, a leper that his leprosy would be cured shortly and exactly on the date given by Baba his disease was completely cured,

From 20th February 1954 to 4th, March, 1954 Baba toured in Coastal Andhra to ching Vijayawada, Guntur. Gudivada, Eluru, Penugonda, Bhimadole, Tade-

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palligudem, Gopalapuram. Rajahmundry. Amalapuram. Razole, Kcthapeta, etc. At Tadepalligudem-Baba's 60th Birth day was celebrated on February. 25-1954.

On 7th October, 1954 Baba left Alphabet Board and started giving gestures translated by Eruch. On 16th July, 1956, Baba visited Western world for the twelfth time, On August 9, 1956 Baba went to Australia for the first time and visited Sydne and Melbourne

God speaks was released in America on September 1956. Baba 'made' His 13th visit to western world on 16th May, 1958 and stayed upto 30th May' 1958.

On 10th July, 1968 Baba gave the following message cum prayer to His Mandals:-

'O Divine Father, this year the month of July indicates the last silence Anniversary of your

Son. Therefore help me to complete your work, this year itself.'

On 30th July, 1968, Baba declared, "My work is done. It is completed 100% to my satisfaction. The result of this work will also be 100% and will manifest from end of September."

In the company of Avatar Meher Baba by Sr M, R. Dhakephalkar in the chapter 'Baba' Suggest the year of Dropping His Body.

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When Baba and His disciples were going to Delhi from Madras by Grand Trunk Express, Baba said that He had an year in His mind. In that year a very great event would take place and the whole Universe would receive a shock thereby, and that year might be between 1950 to 1990 and the one who gave the exact year in his mind would receive a Rs.5/-note as a reward. For this Dhakephalkar said 1969 and Baba said Exactly you are right. I have fixed up that year in my mind. How did you come to it that I have that year in my mind? Dhakephalkar replies-“Baba. you like number 1,7 and 9 and consider them to be important, I figures and 9 were already supplied (i. e. totals of the year). I have arrived at the figure 7 by adding all the digits in 1969, The prize was given to him. Exactly in the same year i. e., 31-1-1969 Baba dropped His Body. On the same day I got a miracle. Without lighting the lamp during Pooja, the mantle of the lamp was burning. I told my wife, that a great miracle would happen that day because of such miracle happened there and the same evening I got a message that Baba dropped His body. Some other Baba lovers also got similar indications

Baba is the Real Avatar of the Age. Those that repeat His name Baba, breath in and breath out, till the last breath will reach Him as He (Baba) has put it, Let us try and get the eternal Bliss.

!! JAI BABA !!

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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 suffering 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

MY WISH

The lover has to keep the wish 'of the Beloved.
My wish for my lovers is as follows.

1. Do not shirk your responsibilities.

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2. Attend faithfully to your worldly duties, but always keep at the back of your mind that all this is Baba's
3. When you feel happy, think: Baba wants me to be happy.' When you suffer, think: 'Baba wants me to suffer.'
4. Be resigned to every situation, and think honestly and sincerely: 'Baba has placed me in this situation.'
5. With the understanding that Baba is in everyone, try to help and serve others.
6. I Say with my Divine Authority to each and all that whosoever takes my name at the time of breathing his or her last, comes to me.

So, do not forget to remember Me in your last moments:

Unless you start remembering Me from now on, it is very difficult to remember Me when your end approaches. You should start practising from now,

Even if you take My name only once every day, you will not forget to remember Me in your dying moment.

-MEHER BABA.-

PRAYER

dictated by

AVATAR MEHER BABA.

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.

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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 *all planes. You are in the three worlds and also beyond the* beyond 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 infinit attributes;

You are the Trinity of Truth, knowledge and Bliss

You are the Source of Truth, the ocean of Love

You are the 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; Ahu adzama; God Almighty; and God the Beloved.

You are named Ezad; i.e., the only One worthy of worship

మెహెర్ గేయములు

శ్రీ మెహెర్చంద్ర

(పంతువరాళి రాగం. అడితాళం)

ప॥ మెహెరుయె బ్రహ్మ విష్ణు మహేశ్

అ. ప. యుగ యుగములుగ అవతారములను
మార్చిన దేవుడు అతడే

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చ. 1. హిందువు లెల్లరు రామ కృష్ణయని

కొలిచెడి దేవుడు అతడే

బౌద్ధ మతస్థుల బుద్ధ దేవుడు

క్రైస్తవుల జీస నతడే

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చ. 2. ముసల్మానుల మహమ్మ దతడే

జురాఫ్తీయనుల జరాత్పష్ట అతడే

ఆవద్బాంధుడు లోకరక్షకుడు

మోక్షదాయకుడు అతడే

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(శరణం భవకరుణాలయ వరుస)

ప॥ శరణంటిని శరణంటిని అవతార్ మెహెర్ దేవా

వినవేటికి కరుణాలయ నను బోధగ రావా

అ. ప॥ గతజన్మల సంస్కారపు ఫలితమొక్క మరది యేమో

మనసేమియి స్వాధీనము కాకున్నది దేవా

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చ. పరిపరి విధముల వరుగునిడి మది మార్గము తప్పెను దేవా
సరిసేయగ రావా యిటు సమయంబిదె బ్రోవా ||శర||

విన్నపాలు వినవయ్య మెహెరు దేవా
పన్నగవు దోమతెర తొలగించి రావా ||వి||

పంచవర్ణపు గూళ్ళు సాలీళ్ళు నామది
పొరలు పొరలుగ జుట్టి వలయము పన్నె
భేదించ సాధ్యము కాడింక నాకు
సాయమొకించుక సేయంగ రావయ్య ||వి||

శరణంటిని శరణంటిని అవతార్ మెహెరు డేవా
వివేటికి కరుణాలయ నను బ్రోవగ రావా ||శర||

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చక్రవాక రాగం - ఆదితాళము

పిబరే నామరసం రసనే పిబరే మెహెరు రసం ||పి||

జనన మరణ భయ సోక విధూరం
సకల శాస్త్ర నిగమాగమ సారం ||పి||

మెహెర్ విహార్ ఆశ్రమ గీతం
స్వామీ, అదీ ప్రముఖముఖ పీతం ||పి||

(సదాశివ బ్రహ్మాండ్రుతివారికిర్తన నమస్కరించిన గేయం)

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జంఘూటిరాగం - ఆదితాళము

ప. అవతార్ మెహెర్ దర్శనము - జన్మ
తరియింప జేయునో బాబూ

అ. ప. ఆ నామము విన్నను చాటు: "బాబా" యని తలచిన మేలు
 ఇక దర్శన మొకపరి దొరికిన వారల భాగ్యమే
 భాగ్యమోయి ||అ||

చ. 1. బాబా ఆలింగనతోనే పాపములెల్లను విడబాయు
 కామ క్రోధ మధ మాత్సిర్యంబులు పటాపంచలై పోవు ||అ||

చ. 2. భోగాలను కోరగరాదు, భాగ్యాలను కోరగరాదు
 నిష్కామ్యంబుగ ధ్యానముచేసిన కష్టారే ఇకలేవు ||అ||

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కాఫీనారాయణరాగం - ఆదితాళము

ప. సకల జీవకోటికాధారమైన
 సర్వేశ్వరా శ్రీ మెహెరావతార ||న||

అ. ప ఏకాహదీక్షయందు నేనుకూడ
 భాగస్వామినౌట నాదు భాగ్యమయ్య ||న||

చ. 1. నీదు నామజపము నే నల్పువేళ
 "బిరీచనే" వల్కు పల్కుజేసి
 దాని భావమేమొ తేల్చుకుందు వేల
 మనసులోని మర్మం విప్పిచెప్పు దేవ ||న||

చ. 2. అరిష్టద్వర్గములన భోగభాగ్యములన
 వేటినయ్య నీవు దొంగిలించినావు
 నిజమైన చావు నాకు గల్గజేసి
 నన్ను బ్రోవుమయ్య మెహెర్ చంద్రనుత ||న||

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హంసానందిరాగం - ఆదితాళము

- ప. నీదు మహిమ బొగడ నాతరమా బాబా
విత్య సుఖదామా ఓ బాబా ||నీదు||
- అ. ప. సర్వమతంబుల నొక్క బొక్కటిగ
త్రాటిపై పూసలు జేసి గ్రుచ్చిన ||నీదు||
- చ. ప్రేమామృతమును దిశదిశల జల్లి
ప్రేమను మించిన మార్గము లేదను
ప్రేమస్వరూపా మెహెరవతారా
మెహెర్ చంద్ర బోవగ రావా! బాబా ||నీదు||
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“ఆకసమున చిరుమబ్బుల చాటున” అనుపాట వరస.

- సాకి : ఎవరో : ఆతడెవరో :
- ప. ఆకసవీధుల కన్నుల కింపుగ
తారాచంద్రుల జేర్చిన దెవరో ||ఆక||
- అ. ప. మబ్బుల మాటున వానతుంపరల
కాజ్జనొసంగెడి మహాత్ముడెవరో
భూతలమున దరికానగరాని
సాగరునుంచిన సౌజన్య దెవరో ||ఆక||
- చ. 1. సూర్యుని చుట్టెడి భూతలంబుచే
నటియింపజేసే నటరాజు ఎవరో
జీవకోటిచే జీవన్మరణపు
నాటకమాడించు ధీమంతుడెవరో ||ఆక||

చ 2. మునులందరు మును మానసమందున
 మననము చేసెడి మహాత్ముడెవరో
 ఎంత వెదికినను కానగరాని
 ఎంత దెలిసినను తెలియగలేని
 అందరి మనముల నానందముతో
 చిందులు తొక్కెడి చిన్మయు డెవరో

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(“ మానససంచరరే ” యను గేయము వరస)

ప, అంజలిదేగొనుమా మెహెర్ బాబా
 బాబా

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అ. ప, సతతము నిను మది తలతును దేవా
 నను కరుణింపగ తామనమేలా

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చ. 1. అవతారములలో అత్యున్నతమో
 మెహెరవతారుడ సీవేగావా
 మదురమయంబౌ ప్రేమతత్వమును
 సృష్టికినర్దిశల్ చాటినదేవా

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చ. 2. మౌనవిరమణతో మానవకోటికి
 ఆత్మ జాగృతిని కల్గజేసి
 ఆహంకారమును అంతముజేసి
 సృష్టి రహస్యము చూపుదువటగా

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భూపాల్ రాగము - జంపితాళము

ప. మేలుకోవయ్య శ్రీ మెహెరవతార
మేలుకోవయ్య మమ్మేలుకోవయ్య || మేలు ||

అ. ప. పక్షిగణములు కిరికిలారవము లేజేసె
లేదూడ లంఘాయటంచు తల్లులజేరె || మేలు ||

చ. 1. తుంబరానారడులు తంబురల్ మీటుచును
గానంబుసేయ యిటు యేతెంచియున్నారు
ఇంద్రాది దేవతలు దివినుండి అరుదెంచి
నీ దర్శనంబుకై వేచియున్నారోయి || మేలు ||

చ. 2. నీభక్తబృందంబు నీ పూజలనుసేయ
ఫలపుష్పములతోడ నీచెంతజేరారు
విదురమేల్కోవయ్య మెహెరుచంద్రనుత
మేలుకొని భక్తులను ఏలుకోవయ్య || మేలు ||

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జగన్మోహిని రాగం - రూపకతాళం

(శోభిల్లు నప్తస్వర ఆనుక్రీర్తనవరస)

ప. శోభిల్లు నప్తవర్ణ సుందర వతాకముతో
శోభిల్లు మెహెర్స్థానదే

అ. ప. ఓంకార తారాచంద్ర జ్వాలయు సీలువ గురుతుతో శో,
చ. హృదయ కుహరమున ప్రేమను పదిలపరచి చెంతజేర
మెహెరుదేవు నిజరూపము కనులారగ కాంచుదురయ || శో ||

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లలితరాగం - జంపితాళం

ప. తిరుమలేశా యిదే వందనంబయ్యా
మెహెరు బాబా యిదే వందనంబయ్యా ||తి||

అ. ప. నాతాళగతియందు తప్పు నెంచితివా
నరెచూడు మీసారి నరిదిద్దినాను. ||తి||

చ. నాచేతిమీదుగా నీపాదముల్ పై
గెంతులేయుచుపడిన పెట్టె ఏమిటయా
నీదివ్య దర్శనము ధన్యుడను ననుజేసె
ఏలుకోవయ్య నీ మెహెరు చంద్రుని నేడు ||తి||

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శహనరాగం - జంపితాళము

ప. హే కృష్ణ పరమాత్మ పాహిమాం పాహిమాం
హే మెహెరవతార రక్షమాం రక్షమాం ||హే||

అ. ప భువినుండి దివికి యేతెంచి న దేవా
భానుతేజారూప నను కన్నతండ్రి ||హే||

చ. ఎంత ధన్యుడనయ్య ఓ మెహెరు రూపా
నీ ఫాలతలమును ఢీకొంటినయ్య
పులికించె నాడదలు ధన్యుండనైతి
ఎంత భాగ్యమొ నాది మెహెర్ చంద్రనుత ||హే||

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("పూవులు గుసగుసలాడే" అను పాటవరకు)

ప. హృదయ కవాటము తెరచి
నిను బిరిచితి నానా దేవా

॥ హృ ॥

అ, ప. కరుణాలయా జాగేరిరా
ననుబోవగతావా బాబా

॥ హృ ॥

చ. 1. పాపపు పంకిలమున దగిలి
వెలికెటు రావలెనను భయమా
ఈ పాపనితాకుట యెటులా
యనుభావము నీకది తగునా
కరుణాలయా జాగేలరా
ననుబోవగరావా బాదా

॥ హృ ॥

చ. 2. హృదయము పరిశుభ్రము సేయ
నాతరమగునా అది బాబా
నీ నజరును ఇంచుకజూపి
నను ధన్యుని జేయగదోయి
కరుణాలయా జాగేలరా
ననుబ్రోవగ రావా బాబా

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చ. ౩. సర్వము నీవే యని యంటి
భారము నీపై నడి యంటి
ప్రేమామృతమును చవిజూప
మెహెర్ చల్లద్రుని మొరనినవేలా

కరుణాలయ జాగేరిరా
ననుబ్రోవగ రావా బాబా

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(శేషశైలావాసా శ్రీ వెంకటేశాయను పాటనరస)

ప. ఎంతనీ వేడుదూ ఓమెహర్ దేవా
ఎలుగెతి పిలువంగ కానరావేలా ||ఎం||

అ. ప. శక్తిమీరగనిన్ను నమ్మి కొల్వంగా
దరిజేర్చగానీకు జాగేలనయ్యా

ప. 1. నీ మానముద్రతో నీచేతి సంజ్ఞతో
నీ ప్రేమదృష్టితో నన్ను బంధించి
పిలిచిన పలుకవు నాపాపమేమో
నాపాలిదేవ నను గాపాడ రావా

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చక్రవాక రాగ ము = జంపితాళము

ప. ఇందుకై నా నన్ను బ్రోవవేమయ బాబా ॥౩౦॥

అ. ప. మెహరుదేవా నీదు శరణువేడితిరా ॥౩౦॥

ప. 1. అలనాడు మకరి కరికాయబట్టగా
కరి మొరలు విని నీవు కాపాడలేదా
నిండుకొల్వకు నీడ్చి చీరలొల్పిన యపుడు
శరణన్న పొందాలి గాపాడలేదా

చ. 2. త్రేతాయుగమున నినుజుచిమునులెల్ల
మోహంబుతో నీడు కౌగిలిని గోరగా
ద్వాపరయుగంబున గోపికలుగాజేసి
ముద్దుమీరగ వారి కౌర్కె దీర్చగలేదా

వ. 3. భక్తులైన తులసి రామదాసులకు నీ
 దరిశనము కల్గు భాగ్యము నీయలేదా
 భక్తమీరామ త్రోచిననజరుతోనే
 భక్తుడొ మెహెరు చంద్రుని జూడవయ్యా | ఇక |

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Avatar Meher Baba, during Darsan programme in
 Guru Prasad Bangalow asked Sri Dwarapudi Picha Hari
 to stop his sehanai and Appala Naidu to sing the devo-
 tional song. The same song is given below.

వ. ఎంతటి భాగ్యమొ ఈ శుభదినము
 ఎంతటి శుభవార్త వింటినో నేడు

అ. స, నాపూర్వీకుల పుణ్యఫలమొయిది
 నాపూర్వ జన్మఫలమొ మరి యిది | ఎం |

చ. జన్మజన్మలుగ నన్నంటియున్న
 పాపములన్నియుపారద్రోలితివి.
 ప్రేమపితా ఓ మెహెరుబాబా
 ననువీడకు మీ నాపాలిదేవా॥

చ. నీవేదిక్కని నమ్మి యున్ననను
 నీదరి జేర్చగరావా దేవా
 మెహెరు చంద్రునుతి నాలింపవయ్యా
 మమ్మేలు దొరట మెహెరుబాబా

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‘పయనించే ఓ చిలుకా మాదిరి’

ప. ఆవతార్ మెహెర్ ప్రభో బిరానా
ప్రభోవగరావా బాబా

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అ.ప. అంధకారమగు బంధములన్ బడి
దారితప్పితిని దేవా

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చ. 1 కామక్రోధలోభములకునేను
బానిసనై పోయాను
మోహమదమాత్సర్యములన్ బడి
మోసపోతి నో బాబా
ఈ దీనుని మొరతాలింపగ ఇటు
వే వేగమెరావేలా

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చ. 2. గతజన్మపునాజీవితచరితను
గురుతుజేసితివిగాదే
నాపాపములను బాపితివంటివి
నాలోమార్పేలేదే
మెహెరుచంద్రనుతమెహెర్ బాబా
దయజూపగరావోయీ

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ప. నీ పదపంకజములసేవ
నా జన్మజన్మల పుణ్యఫలం

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అ ప. అహర్నిశలు నీధ్యానములోన
 నిమగ్నులంబై మెరిగితిమయ్య
 కరుణామయనీకరుణారసమును
 న్రవింపజేసి రుచిజూపుమయా

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చ. 2. అన్నిమార్గములకన్న మెహెర్
 ప్రేమమార్గమే మిన్న
 ప్రేమతోడనే పరమాత్మను పొం
 దుట సాధ్యంబని నుడి వినప్రభుజీ

నీ

చ. 3 జన్మజన్మలుగ పేరుకుపోయిన
 సంస్కారాలనుజెలసజేసి
 నాలో నిదురించుపరమహంసను
 మేల్కొల్పుగనేతెంచి నప్రభుజీ

నీ

ప. మెహెర్ చైతన్యజీ శ్రీమెహెర్ చైతన్యజీ

అ. ప. శ్రీశ్రీమెహెర్ సద్గురుమహారాజ్
 మెహెర్ చైతన్యజీ మెహెర్ చైతన్యజీ

చ. 1 ఈబాటసారిమొరను అలింపవేలనోయీ
 దయజూపవేలనోయి పరమదయా మహారాజ్ ॥మె॥

చ. 2. బాబాయెనాకుతనువు మనసు ధవమ్మ సర్వం
 బాబాను వీడినేను క్షణమైన తాళలేను ॥మె॥

చ. 3 నా హృదయకుహరములోన బాబానునిల్చగదోయి
 నాలోనిమెహెర్ బాబా మేల్కొల్పు సేయ గదోయి ॥మె॥

ప ॥ దర్శనమొనగితివమ్మదయానిధి
కరుణాబలధే కమలలోచనే

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అ. ప॥ నీ దర్శనభాగ్యము కల్గినంతనె
నాకనుదోయి ద్రవియించి స్రవియించి
నీపదపంకజములనేతడిపె
ఎంతటి ధన్యుడనో భవానీ

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చ. అలనాడే నినుకనుగొంటినిగా
రాజేశ్వరి బాలత్రిపురసుందరివి
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స. నాలోని దుష్టశక్తులన్నిటి
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My thirty years of life with Avatar Meher Baba.

1. My parents history :

Before I give my spiritual life with Avatar Meher Baba, it is my duty to give a brief account of my parents and their parents so that the spiritual tradition can be well understood. I was born to Sri Malla Jagannadh-am father and paidimamba, mother, My father was a Managing Trustee to a spiritual centre viz, 'Kusuma Haranath Ashram' Duvvada donated by a very pious Kusuma Haranath devotee Sri Mantha Ganeswara Rao of Dimili Village of Yellamanchili Taluk, Vizag District. At the time of his last breath he told his wife, "You see, Mr. Malla Jagannatham is our eldest son. Whatever you need, you can ask him, Don't feel sorry for donating the entire property to Kusuma Haranath Asram. My father used to do good Sankeerthans of Haranath Baba. Till his last breath he used to do penance for hours together ignoring the timely food. At times he was taking his lunch at 3-00 p. m. even, i.e., till he got his expected visions in the meditation, he was not touching food. He did lot of service to the cultivator families by starting co-operative societies. He was the Vice President, Kokkirapalli Rural Bank and President of the Co-operative Society, Somalingapalem, our Native Village. He was responsible for bringing current and laying out road to our village. He was one of the five Directors of the Co-operative Sugar Factory, Etikoppaka ever since its inception

for about 30 years till his old age. He was one of the big merchants (Jaggery) of Anakapalli and he tried to establish a seperate Jaggery market after constructing big godowns near Railway Station, Yellamanchili. This he aimed at for the benefit of the farmers of Yellamanchili taluk, But when all our brothers took up jobs he had to leave business since there was no one to help him in the trade. His advice to me before I joined the service in the Deprtmnt of Agriculture is narrated below in his own language. 'I have earned sufficient property by legal means, you should not stoopdown to mal practices and corruption and thus bring bad name to our family The property earned by me will be sufficient for t hree generations ta come' His colleagues in the trade used to comment on his integrity that he never evaded or tried to avade taxes or resorted to foul method of earning Once a distillary Treasurer paid him excess cash in thousands by mistake. After returning he checked the cash finding that it was in excess of his due share, he went to him and returned excess. For his integrity he was preferred as peramanent customer to that dis-tillary for the supply of molasses

As regards my mother, People used to treat her as a Pious Women and approach her for financial help Just before starting new business so that their business would flourish. I have witnessed one case in which one of my relations took only five rupees from my mother and started

small business with his own capital. Now he is a big distributor for the Fancy goods. My mother was responsible for the renovation of Sri Someswara Temple of my village which was in a dilapidated condition for years together. My mother's father Sri Boddeda Venkata Swamy Naidu, Chuchikonda was pettandar for few villages and he was one of the first contractors for the Ship ^{PORT} Yard at Visakhapatnam. He was a good astrologer. He predicted his exact time of death and died on the same day. After seeing my horoscope he said to my father that I would become great. He was a good philanthroper. One day a Bhagavatham, music play was going on. Before actually starting the play, they were singing a song in praise of my grand father. Then I asked my mother, why they were singing in praise of my grand father. Then my mother said that my grand father was encouraging such artists by donating liberally lands for their maintenance.

Regards my peternal grand-father Malla Appala Swamy Naidu he was so pious that he used to repeat God's name day in and day out. He was very sympathetic towards Poor. He was a business man and built up a good record in the trade. My peternal grand mother, Smt. Malla Subhadramma was very pious. She has toured all the religious places upto Rameswaram in South and Kasi (Banar as) in North number of times. Those days she went to Sri sailam by walk number of times. Every time before her starting and at the time of returning to our village the

village folk, Young and old, used to give send off and receive her in a very granduer way i.e. with Sannai and band.

Probably the spiritual genes were imbibed by me from my parents and fore-fathers.

2. My Earlier Life :

My mother used to say the back ground for my birth. It goes like this. Earlier to my birth my mother gave birth to four children, the first three are daughters and the fourth one is a son but a weakling. My mother therefore prayed Moon on the day of appearance after 'AMAVASYA' i.e. 'VIDIYA' (Tolipodupu called in our parts) that if she was blessed with a healthy male child he would be named after moon. Accordingly as per my mother's version she conceived on a full moonday during the month of 'MAGHA'. Again during the month of Kartika one day prior to Poornima she got a dream in which Moon appeared in Prayer room and she had His Blessings. The next day i.e. on KARTHIKA POORNIMA day I was born and hence she wanted to nama me as Chandra as a fulfilment of her promise to Lord Moon but my father did not agree for her proposal and finally named me after my peternal grand father, Appalaswamy Naidu.

Once I had a very high fever with convulsions

and my mother prayed 'Thrinad' and promised to perform 5 Vratams, if the fever was controlled. Immediately the fever was completely controlled and she developed faith in Trinath i.e. BRAHMA, VISHNU, AND MAHESWARA.

Later another incident happened in my house. My third sister Subhadra fell in a well at about 10-00 in the morning and she was there in the water for 4 hours and during the entire four hours period my mother was praying 'Trinath' leaving the solvage my of sister to other members of my family. she was taken out of the well by a neighbourer, Sri Karri Dhrma Raju, my relation at about 2 P. M. On hearing my mother's prayers surprisingly my sister opened her eyes and immediately ran away. She did not even consume a single drop of water. My sister explained that while she was drowning into the well she uttered the word 'Amma' and closed the mouth and latter on she fell unconscious. She did not know what had happened to her later. She did not consume a single drop of water. Her breathing stopped for four hours. It is really 'Trinath' after he aring my mother's prayers saved my sister. When my mother told me about these two instance I had these impressions in my mind and believed 'Trinath' to be the real Gods who hear the prayers to the devotees.

3. The first stage when Kusuma Haranath was taken as Savier :

Earlier I was praying Kusuma Haranath since ym

father was staunch disciple of Kusuma Haranath (vide Annexure)

4. The second stage : Faith changed from Kusuma Haranath to Trinatha :

During this period often my mind used to become blank, and I was keeping mum for days together with very limited talk, limited meal, limited sleep. But I used to repeat Kusuma Haranath nama day & night. Fortunately during examination time I used to come to my normal consciousness and write the examination well. When I narrated this condition to Sadguru Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj later, he said that had I come in contact with a perfect Master at that stage I would have got God realization

The second stage; Once it so happened that for no fault of mine I failed in Intermediate Examinations and I thought then if really Kusuma Haranath was spiritual Master he could have helped me in getting through the examinations. From then onwards, based on my earlier impression about the Trinath, I developed faith in Trinath as the only Gods and all others who were born with flesh and blood are human beings and cannot be considered as Gods. I therefore used to repeat 'Trinath, during my leisure period. While doing so when I was studying M. Sc, (Ag.) at Agra, I started smoking cigarettes. One day a saint with beard appeared in my dream and said

that I should take a cath on my only child I was having then and leave off cigarette smoking.

A few days later I was travelling in a train from Karagpur to my native place. The train was very rush and I was the last man on the foot board. Another man on the foot board advised me to get inside lest I may fall down. Then I requested him to make way for entering into the train. He did so and I got inside, but surprisingly immediately I entered into the train I fell down unconsciously. Then I thought that the oldman who appeared in my dream only helped me to enter into the train at this juncture and he must be an incarnation of the same Gods Trinath. From that time onwards I developed faith towards Trinath and I was intensively praying Trinath. After completion of my Post Graduate course was appointed as Agril. Demonstrator at K. D Peta.

5. The First Spiritual Experience in Dream :

During my childhood days I used to observe fast for the entire day on 'Shivaratri' day, keep awake the entire night doing Bhajans, nextday go to Pancha Darla Village (Darapalem) near our village where Dharmalingeswara temple was there, take bath: have darshan of Lord Dharmalingeswara and prepare food and break fast there. Every year we used to do like that. While I was studying 2nd year B.Sc., (Ag) at Bapla on Shivarathri day

and I wanted to do the same. In the evening, after taking bath I went to Shiva temple with fruits to have darsan. But ^{to} my surprise only ladies were there in Shiva temple there were no free passage for me to enter the temple. I thought if I try to get inside I have to necessarily touch the ladies and my mind would be disturbed. So thinking, instead of having 'darsan' of Lord Shiva in the temple I went back to the College Hostel, did 'Pooja' in the room itself and Slept. I had a dream in which I was then in my village trying to have darsan of Somalingeswara in temple of our village (The village is named after diety Somalingeswara). The priest was just closing the doors of the temple and coming out. I requested him to let me have darsan of Lord Somalingeswara since I have come all the way to have darsan. The Priest Said that he had alrerdy gave 'Naivedyam' and whenever 'Naivedyam' was given it would not be possible for him to open the doors again.

So saying the priest went away, I was in a sorrowful mood and stood at the gate. Then suddenly the doors were opened from inside, and Lord Somalingeswara appeared with a smiling face. The entire body was just like white marble statue. He was blessing me smilingly with right hand. My joy new no bounds and I thought that I was the most fortunate on the earth.



MALLA SHIVAJI

1 St Son of Sri M. APPALA NAIDU

(Author)

Born On 13-10-1952 - Died on 27-4-1967

6. Third stage: Faith changed from Trinath to Avatar Meher Baba:

Due to some difficulties I got disgusted in life and even I went upto the extent of trying to commit suicide. At this juncture one officer by name 'Sri V.V. Narayana Rao, I. A. S. Dy. Director of Social welfare came there. After the official lecture, he told all officers gathered there about the importance of Avatar Meher Baba and asked us to pray 'Him' and repeat his name saying 'Baba', 14 times a day. He also said that since most of the officers gathered there were graduates and post graduates in Science, they could take it up as a sort of research item and practice it and if they find any result in it they could stick on to 'Baba', otherwise leave 'Him' from that time onwards. Since then I have been praying 'Baba' instead of Trinath after doing the usual prayers. Within one month I got rid of all my troubles and I was transferred from K. D pata to Penugonda of West Godavari District, to which place Meher Baba visited earlier and impressed on the people of Penugonda about His Avatarhood, after entering into their hearts.

7. My eldest son Shivaji's first experience with Meher Baba:

The first experience of Baba was got by my eldest son Mr, Shivajee when he was three 'year old. One

day immediately after getting up from bed in the morning, he went to his mother's cot and doing 'pradakshina Namaskar' and when his mother asked him the reason for doing like that he said that Meher Baba appeared to him in his dream and put a ball of fire in his hand. When he caught it in his hand without throwing, Baba said that he was a good boy and asked him to do so and hence he was doing like that. Exactly these days I was reading the life sketch of Meher Baba written by Sri Yellapanthula Jagannadham, wherein similar test was done by Baba to His brother Jal. S. Irani. When Mr. Jal S. Irani requested Baba to take him as his disciple Baba first did not agree but when Mr. Jal persuaded him, he at last agreed with one condition and said to him that, he would put a ball of fire in his palm and if he could withstand that test he was prepared to accept him as his disciple. While the test was going on Baba's mother Smt. Sirinmai came and surprised to see that such a test was being performed by own brother and felt very bad and removed the burning coal from Br. Jal's palm with tongs. Bro. Jal. Bhai showed his palm to me when he was on his Andhra tour and came to my house at Bapatla. There was mal formation in his palm due to severe burn,

After getting this experience my son Shivaji got some sort of occult experiences. He used to talk with Meher Baba in photo. He used to say that Baba used

to talk to him coming out of the Photo. When my mother-in-law asked him to talk similarly with Rama in the photo, he went there, saw the photo and said, "How can I talk with a photo. He is not coming out." Further he used to get most accurate and exact replies after talking with Baba in the photo. For example, once we asked him to talk to Baba and get an advice from Baba as to when his mother Smt. Ammaji should leave for Anakapalli' native place, for delivery. (The second issue). He gave a date which was exactly the same which a 'Sidhanti' gave later. This is only an example of his occult experiences. He was a merit scholarship holder from third form onwards till his last breath. He was always topping the list in the school. He was studying 11th standard at the time of his last breath.

8. My first experience with Meher Baba :

Mr. Eduri Narasimha Murthy, a Baba lover was running a press and releasing a weekly paper in the name of Baba at Penugonda. Once it so happened that both of us were sitting in my house after breakfast and he was repeating Baba's name continuously closing his eyes. Since Baba said that if 2 lovers repeat His name. He would be present there. I thought that why not I too repeat Baba's name and see whether Baba could appear there or not. I therefore started repeating Baba's name continuously.

Surprisingly Baba gave a slap on my right knee and said „You are real Bhaktha? This was also confirmed by Baba some time later. i.e., once I was working as a Lecturer in Agril. college, Bapatla during which time I happened to preside over a function of Avatar Mehar Baba at Ipurpalem village of Chirala Taluk, since the original Speaker, principal of S.R. & C. R. college Vijayawada could not turn up. This fact was narrated to Baba by Brothers Sri Majeti Rama Mohana Rao and Chinta Sarva Rao and Manikyala Rao in the Presence of Sri Veeraraghavaswamy, Income tax officer and oldest Baba lover. It seems Baba intervened and said, 'I KNOW HIM, HE IS A GOOD MAN HE IS A DEVOTIONAL SOUL' This message was brought to me by Bro. Veeraraghava Swamy. While narrating the message he expressed "HOW FORTUNE YOU ARE MR. APPALANAIDU, Baba said like that in your absence". Then I thought it is a confirmation to me about the above experience.

9. My [Second experience with Mehar Baba

In another occasion Baba appeared to me in my dream in Chin Mudra Posture. A beam of rays passed from this China Mudra and fell on me illuminating my body. Then I was trying to prostrate before him, but he did not allow me to touch his feet.

My third experience with Meher Baba :
 Baba revealed about my previous Birth. In another dream Baba appeared to me in concentric rings and came near to me and said "You were Vasistha that was in your previous generation." Thus he made me know what I was in my previous generation. This fact was also confirmed by Sri Basheer Baba in one occasion, which is narrated in Letter page.

This was again confirmed by my Gurudev Sri Meher Chitanyaji Maharaj of Mandapeta who said "what all Basheer Baba said is cent percent correct. and what Mehar Baba told in your dream is correct It was also confirmed by Sri Subba rao an ardent Baba lover. He asked me, "Since you were, muniswar in your previous generation why do not you observe celibacy. Immediately I asked him how could he know about the details of my previous birth. Then he said that nobody told him but spontaneously it had come out of his mouth like that. All the above facts gave confirmation that the dream I had in which Baba gave the details of my previous (Janma) are cent percent correct.

10 In three occasions Baba saved my kith and kin :

First occasion: Once my daughter aged about 2 years swallowed datura flowers in the morning and at about 1-30 pm she was about to fall down. Then im-

mediately I took her and rushed to hospital. Both in private hospital and in Govt. Hospital they gave away hopes of survival: The Doctor was doing some first aid in the Govt. Hospital. Baba conveyed to the devotees earlier that at the time of danger the devotees should give a reply paid telegram to Baba and inform the fact. Then immediately I gave a telegram to Baba explaining the fact. Surprisingly after coming back from the post office I could see my daughter in a very Jubilant mood imitating trains wistling and dog's barking, Everybody gathered there was surprised as to how she suddenly became alright miraculously:

11. Second occasion:

In another occasion my 2nd daughter was named by Baba as 'BABAJAN' who was the 1st Guru of Baba who gave God consciousness to Baba. Once when she was a few months old baby, she was given a poisious drug by mistake by my wife to control fever. Suddenly she gave a big cry and she was in danger. That time also I immediatly gave a telegram to Baba and surprisingly she became alright and Baba replied "DO NOT WORRY" REPLY HOW BABA JOHN IS; and with great joy I replied Baba that with the Grace of Baba ^{she was} ~~was~~ alright.

12. Third occasion.

In another occasion there was a quarrel between myself and my relation with regards property affairs, and my relation scolded me and asked me to shut up. I too retaliated by using the same word-shut up. After few minutes my relation closed her mouth and kept mum for four days. In that position she was there flat on the bed for about 4 days not even getting down from the cot for calls of nature, and she did not take even a single drop of water. Then I gave a reply paid telegram to Baba explaining the situation and requesting Him for help. Then immediately she got up from the bed saying slogans of HAJARAT BABA JAN KI JAI, AVATAR MEHER BABA KI JAI. She explained that all that was happened because she did not fulfil her desire of performing Babas Bhajan every week which she thought of doing during her visit to Poona. 'East, West, gathering' conducted by baba. She requested me to start Bajan on the same day since that day being Saturday. Since I was not having any literature or the songs of Baba at that place, composed three songs on Meher Baba and cod Baba Bhajan by singing these three songs.

All these experiences go to say that those that believe Baba with implicit faith, obedience and surrender to Him cent per cent they get all the help fr-

om Baba. Baba was advising the devotees not to aspire for any physical wants and miracles but simply love him repeat his name and completely surrender to him. Baba knows the wants of devotees better than the devotees themselves.

13. First time heard Avatar Meher Baba's Voice with me.

I tried to get transfer to College or Research Station I went to office of the Director of Agriculture Madras and sent a recommendation letter to the Director of Agriculture, He simply refused to give interview to me and asked me to get back and join duty immediately. I returned and applied for leave and went to Bichpuri Agra approached Dr. N. K. Anantha Rao, professor and sought for admission to Ph. D. He was kind enough to readily promise to offer admission into Ph. D. After hearing the goodnews from Dr. N. K. Anantha Rao, I was lying down on a cot, At that juncture I heard the voice of Avatar. Meher Baba for the first time. In fully awake state Baba said "You are going to be Gazetted" Then I thought that how fortunate I was to hear God's voice- After returning home, I went to the office of the District Agricultural officer, Eluru and submitted my resignation. But here, a surprising incidence happened Meher Baba's Miracles will be always like that. The personal Assistant to the District Agricultural Officer

received my resignation letter and opened the Tappals. While going through the tappals he saw my transfer orders in tappals. He was surprised and asked me whether I would withdraw my resignation letter and accept the transfer to Agril. College, Bapatla. I was in a dilemma because hitherto I was trying for a transfer to Agricultural College, Bapatla but when I got it I was to reject since I got admission to Ph. D. on the advice of my well wishers I dropped the idea of going for Ph.D. and withdrew the resignation letter. After some time I got selection by A.P.P.S.C. as a direct recruitment District Agricultural Officer, which is a Gazetted post. Thus Baba's words have come in true colours.

14. My first Physical darsan of aAvtar Meher Baba;

Even though I had darshan of Avatar Meher Baba in the dream for three times, I could have physical darsan of Avatar Meher Baba on 6th April, 1961 in Poona. It is really a wonderful experience which I cannot forget in my life. We were all going to Poona from Vijayawada in a special compartment arranged by Brothers Majeti Rama Mohana Rao, Chinta Sarva Rao and Manikyala Rao, ordent Baba lover. 'Burrakadha' troupe was being brought in the same train arranged by Brothers Rentala Suryanayana and Tankala Appa Rao, ordent lovers of Srirangapatnam village of East Godavari District. They were having reharsals in the compartment in which I was

also travelling. After coming to know that I play on flute they asked me ^{to} accompany the songs in my flute. Since it was a rare opportunity I immediately jumped over that suggestion and accompanied on flute through out. After reaching Poona we were given shelter in a High School. While darsan programme of Avatar Meher Baba was going on Burrakatha of Avatar Meher Baba was given and I was accompanying on flute. Baba so much enjoyed the Burrakatha that after the Katha was over, he asked three of the troupe to come to Him. I thought three means the main Kathakars Three but not the persons accompanying on the instruments. The harmonist also went along with those three. Baba blessed the three and presented three hand kerchiefs used by Baba one for each. The Harmonist could not get the prize. While the harmonist was going to Baba along with the three Kathakars some one sitting by my side asked me to go along with them to Baba and get blessings. I did not accept the suggestion and told him that Baba wanted only those three to come to Him, hence I should not disobey Baba's orders.

Later on when I was working as District Agricultural officer, Vijayawada once I happened to go to Brother Lokanatham an ardent Baba lover and a big business person of Machilipatnam. While we were discussing about Baba's "Lectures" the postman came and handed over a parcel. The parcel was opened by Brother Loka-

natham and surprisingly we could see a hand kerchief presentation to Brother Lokanatham by Baba. Immediately Brother Lokanatham said; "Brother Appala Naidu, you are lucky. It may be intended for you too. Therefore you first take it and press to your eyes." I took the hand kerchief and pressed to my eyes with reverence.

15. Baba gave me an opportunity to sing a song in praise of Him:

During the same darsan programme of Baba, another fortunate incident happened to my fortune. I was in the queue to have darshan of Baba. Baba was giving discourse in the form of gestures, Brother Eruch was translating the gestures in English and Brother late Tadimeti Kutumba Sastry, Ex. president of world Meher Baba trust was translating in Telugu. Baba was saying "I have wiped off the 'sanskaras' of all those who have come here to day to have my darshan. You must lead pure and pious path from now onwards."

On hearing this fortunate message of Baba I was at once moved very much, shed tears of joy, and prepared a song, vide Annexure IV. in praise of Baba while walking in the queue. The theme of the song is 'Baba' How fortunate I am to have come here to day to have your darshan. You have wiped off my sanskaras. Now I do not like to go back to my place and again sink in the family muddle. Kindly accept me to be at your feet

to serve you till my last breath.

I Showed that song to Brother T. Kutumba Sastry who was translating Baba's messages and requested him "I have prepared that song in praise of Baba and Kindly get me permission to sing the song before Baba" Brother Kutumba sastry said that they were all set programmes and they could not be disturbed and my request could not be complied both. At that juncture some how whether my request was brought to the notice of Baba or not Baba sent word to the organisers "Let Shanai be stopped. Appalanaidu sing the song." There was some history for the shanai performance also. During Andhra tour Baba visited Machilipatnam and Baba lovers arranged sahanai musical performance of a very well noted shanai Artist of Machilipatnam viz. Sri Dwarapudi pitcha Hari. Baba was so much pleased with that performance then and remarked that the shanai was very good and it was reminding the Aditha He heard in the beginning of the creation of the world. So saying Baba asked Machilipatnam lovers to arrange the Sahanaï programme again on 6-4-1961 during darshan programme at poona. Accordingly the same Gentle men Sri Lokanatha Rao of Machilipatnam arranged the Sahanaï programme of the South famous Artist Sri Dwarapudi pitchahari. when Baba sent the message to stop shanai and to give chance to me for singing, mainly Brother Lokanatha Rao and Mr. Dwarapudi pitchahari felt very bad brother Lokanadha

Rao, said, "Where from you have come to spoil the sahanai programme." But when I sang the song in Ragupathi, Sri Dwarapudi Pitcha Hari, the Sahanai expert patted on my back and commented that my song was superb.

When my chance came for darshan I took my eldest boy Shivaji and the flutes and went to Baba. Brother Majeti Rama Mohana Rao, Chinta Sarwa Rao and Manikyala Rao introduced me to Baba, I told Baba Showing my boy Shivaji, "This boy got your first experience Baba, Next to him is named after you." Baba similarly nodded his head. I prostrated before Him, touched his feet, with my forehead and my cheeks to his cheek. The feet were so rosy and I felt both feet as well as cheeks were so smooth and soft like 'Navaneetham.' Baba gave us prasad and touched my flutes and blessed

During this darshan programme of Baba one peculiar incident happened. Brother Chaganti Subba Rao, who was also staying with us in the High School came for Baba Darshan. Immediately after touching Baba he was thrown away few feet as if he got a current Shock from Baba after touching. Baba asked some one to catch hold of him lest he might fall. For four minutes he was dumb

While coming for this Darsan programme in the same of Compartment the train, Brother V. Subbarao, Asst Director, Marketing Department and his wife Smt

Saraladevi daughter of I. V. Seshagiri Rao ardent lover of Baba were coming with family. Suddenly their daughter fell Seriously ill. Both of them were very much perturbed. We told them that nothing would happen to their daughter since Baba was all pervading and He would help the baby. All of us started Nama Sankeerthan of Baba. Surprisingly by the time we reached Poona the baby was alright by the grace of Baba.

16. Observing Vegetarian diet and Baba's Directions:

During 1947 floods, number of animals mainly white and black cattle died and the putrified bodies of the animals were seen on road side. After seeing that sight I developed aversion towards mutton eating and became vegetarian. One day I happened to take meals along with my father. My father asked me why I was not taking mutton. I said that I developed dislike towards non-vegetarian and therefore not taking mutton. My father scolded me and made me to again take it. There is a tangible reason for my father to scold me on this account.

My father was a theosophist and a member of Jeeva Karunya Sangham for several years. During that period he was a strict vegetarian. After few years he developed bloodlessness and Doctor advised him to switch on to non-vegetarian diet lest his health would spoil.

On the advice of doctor he switched on to Non-vegetarian diet again. It is after his experience he feared that my health also would get spoiled and hence advised me to again switch on to non-vegetarian diet,

Once again I left off Non-vegetarian in my younger days and my mother sat before me, wept and made me to take non-vegetarian again.

I wanted to observe vegetarian diet atleast in the College days, I therefore started vegetarian diet again in Agricultural College Bapatla and joined vegetarian mess. One day during the course of the discussion, my uncle the then Lecturer in Botany asked me whether the non-vegetarian food served in the mess was good. I then replied that I joined vegetarian mess and I did not know about Non-vegetarian. He then advised me to change to non-vegetarian mess since the Agril. students have to do a good lot of manual work in the field and it was not advisable to take vegetarian food during the college days for non-vegetarian I therefore on my uncle's advice changed to Non-vegetarian hostel.

After coming into the fold of Baba, since Baba was a vegetarian, I too wanted to adopt vegetarian diet after the birth of my 2nd Son M. J. Meher Prasad. I continued this vegetarian diet for about 5 Years. Number of times my wife complained that I should switch on to non-vegetarian diet and if necessary I could write to

Meher Baba and get His opinion on this. I therefore wrote a letter to Avatar Meher Baba. Baba's reply is given below:

Almednagar

12th March, 1960.

Dear Brother.

I received your letter of 8th.

The circular had stipulated a specific time for Nama Japa and it ended according to the instructions of Baba. In expression of your love for Baba you may repeat His name at any time or do Pooja as and when you find convenient.

If non-vegetarian food does inconvenience your family members and if by habit you can not do without it, you may take non-vegetarian food or part of it as and when you find convenient. If you can do without non-vegetarian food without inconveniencing your family members, you may be a vegetarian.

Dishonesty with dishonest intention is not at all permitted by Baba. Try your best not to tell lies even in small matters.

Most of all you should grow in your love to Baba by remembering Him very often and doing every thing in the world with a clean honest intention.

Baba sends His love blessing to you.

Sri M. Appala Naidu, M. Sc. (Ag) Yours brotherly
 Asst; Lecturer in Agronomy' Sd. Adi K, Irani.
 Agricultural College, BAPTLA.

Andhra Pradesh.

Since Baba said that it would be better to avoid non-vegetarian, I continued to be vegetarian for some, more time. But my wife always used to say when Baba Himself said that there was no harm in taking non vegetarian why should I observe still. I therefore one day thought that I should not inconvenience my wife any longer and I should take non vegetarian, That day I told my wife to bring non vegetarian. But my wife replied that the non vegetarian dish was already mixed in the food on the advice of the servant maid. I thought that this was Baba's wish and from that day onwards I started taking non-vegetarian again. Again during 1985 Karthikamasam I again thought why not I again switch on to vegetarian since my wife is no more and I need not inconvenience any one. But by January, 1986 my body became pale yellow and I developed pains in the body severely. I do not know whether this condition was due to observing diet or due to change over of medicine from Allopathy to aurvedic. However to improve my health I had to again switch on to non-vegetarian diet But slowly I was practising yoga asanas and meditation and my health improved. At this Juncture I took

advice of my friend who is expert in Yogasanas and naturopathy. He advised me to observe vegetarian diet as a prerequisite. I therefore again switched on to vegetarian diet and I pray Avatar Meher Baba that the circumstances should not compel me in future to switch on to non-vegetarian diet again,

17. Rajarajeswari Bala Tripurasundari appeared in dream:

During the year 1962 I was doing meditation regularly early in the morning. One day i. e. in the first fortnight of January' 1962 I got a dream in which I was doing meditation and Rajarajeswari Bala Tripurasundari appeared. She sat on a small Asana peetham and said that she was Rajarajeswari Balatripurasuadari.

After this dream incidence ten days latter one District officer, friend asked me to accompany to Jillellamudi to have Darsan of AMMA. But Baba's instructions were not to approach each and every saint but whenever a saint comes across the devotee he can salute him. I was therefore hesitant to go but since the local District Officer asked me to accompany him I felt delicate to give a negative reply and accompanied him but with a thought in the mind that if she was really a spiritual Master she must call me by name.

Surprisingly after reaching Jillellamudi both of us

and his wife stood at the gate of Amma with rose flowers in our hands. The doors were opened and a gentleman from inside came and said.

“Amma said that Appala Naidu came here, ask him whether he brought his flute.”

I then shed tears, Since she has given me a straight reply to my thought by sending such message through that gentleman. I then Prostrated before her with tears and expressed that I was a devotee of Avatar Meher Baba and Baba asked us not to approach each and every saint and therefore I could not have ‘darsan’ of her all these years even though I was so near to Jillellamudi. She replied, “Baba says he has come not to teach but to awaken-you can see Baba in Me and Me in Baba-Among us there is no difference’

I then told her that few days back Rajarajeswari Bala Tripurasundari appeared in my dream at the place where I do my meditation. Then immediately She asked me on what date it was happened, I told her the date Then she asked her devotees what dress she was wearing that day. The devotees said that she was wearing gown and petticoat.

This is a confirmation to me that she Herself appeared to me in the dream in the form of Rajarajeswari Bala Tripurasundari.

She asked me to bring flute and play on it no Bhogi day since they will be performing festival that day. Accordingly I went there again on Bhogi (13th January 1962) and played on flute before Her. She blessed me.

One peculiar incident happened those days ^{after} while coming from Jillellamudi, Amma gave me coconut piece and prasada along with kumkum packet. During those days I was alone at house. I was seeing similar kumkum packets every day for about 4 or 5 days in some corner or other. I was really surprised to see such miracle. My wife used to say that since then she never purchased kumkum in her life.

I wrote a krithi on her about my spiritual experience. It was rendered by Sri M. Balasubramanya Sarma garu a renowned vocal artist for about half an hour. She was so much pleased to hear that Krithi. Later she asked me to come with my entire family, and give a Musical programme i. e. myself on flute, my wife on Veena and my son Rav; Ram Kishore on Guitar. Accordingly we gave performance and she blessed us and presented clothes to each one of us. This was the last Darshan. I have a lot of reverence for Her.

18. AMARAJEEVI SHIVAJEE

After getting selection as District Agricultural officer by direct recruitment, I was undergoing training for one year and during that period I had to leave my family at my

native place, Anakapalli. During this period, I was getting training in I.A.D.P. Eluru for two months from March, 67 to April. 67 Eluru has got special place in the records of Avatar MeherBaba since the time Baba toured Andhra he spent two days in Elure and visited number of houses and declared in gardens of Katta Subba Rao that, that place would become Macca of the East, Coming to my experience here, while I was doing "Ekaham" in the house of Sri Kambhammettu Narayana Rao, a leading advocate and an ardent Baba lover, along with Sri Kaki Krishna Rao, another leading advocate and an ardent Baba lover, I was repeating "Bereaved" word instead of Meher Baba which was being repeated during the course of Ekaham. After our time was over I asked Sri Kaki Krishna Rao, the significance of uttering bereaved word in place ^{of} Meher Baba. He spontaneously, without thinking for a while, said that some kith and kin of my family might die and I must be prepared to withstand such shock. I was perturbed

Few days later Baba sent His Birthday greetings in telegram Before opening the telegram in the Birthday function, I thought that if at all there was any significance for uttering the word bereaved in 'Ekaham' Baba should give something about death in the telegram otherwise I need not fear about the affect of this. Surprisingly when the telegram was opened and the Baba's Birthday message was conveyed the very words are births and deaths are illusory phenomena. " On hear-

ing the message I confirmed that one of my kith and kin would leave the world shortly' but I should be prepared for that without any worry since it would be done with the knowledge of Baba,

After that Birthday message was read, all of us viz, Dr. Sankara Srirama Rao, Sri Uppuluri Rama Rao Sri Kaki Krishna Rao and myself wanted to prepare each a song on the them given by Baba in the Birthday message and sing theme in the next week's function. I prepared the following song and sent to Baba for his Blessings.

రాగం-కాఫీనారాయణ-అదితాశము

- ప: సకల జీవకోటి కాధారమైన
సర్వేశ్వర శ్రీ మెహెరావతార :: సక ::
- అ.ప:; ఏకాహదీక్షయందు నేను కూడ
భాగస్వామినేట నాడు భాగ్యమయ్య :: సక ::
- చ. : నీదునామ జపము నేనయ్యవేళ
బిర్రు నే పల్క పల్క జేసి
దానిభావమేమొ తెల్పకుండువేల
మనసులోని మర్మం విప్పిచెప్పుదేవ :: సక ::
- చ. : అరిషడ్వర్గములన భోగభాగ్యములన
వేటినయ్య నీవు దొంగిలించినావు
విజమైన చావు నాకు గల్గజేసి
నన్ను బ్రోవుమయ్యమెహేరు చంద్రసుత :: సక ::

Baba, instead of giving a straight reply to that letter, instructed me to give up "Krodth" (anger) and directed me that under any provocation I should not exhibit my anger.

Sri M. Appala Naidu, 19 March, 1967,
M. Sc., (Ag.) D. I. I. T., Ahmednagar.

Dist. Agril. Officer (Under Training)
District Agricultural Officer
ELURU, (W. G. Dt) A.p,

Dear Brother,

Your two interesting letters to me of 26th February and 2nd March were received and read to revered Baba in seclusion.

Babaji was very happy to hear the complete contents of both your letters, and as queried by you, he wants you to give up "Krohd" (Anger) of the six weaknesses as you mentioned. Baba tells you that whatever be the provocation, you should not get angry and lose your temper:

Babaji sends His love and Blessings to you and to all His lovers in Eluru.

I am happy that Bro' Y. Ranga Rao is now well and on the road to normalcy and trust that he has left the hospital.

With loving regards,

Yours brotherly,
Sd. Adi. K. Irarli.

Few days later I got a phone message from my people that my eldest son chy' Shivaji, who got experiences at the age of 3 and who was able to speak to Baba in the photo and get replies at that age (Later on he lost those powers) committed suicide. I was not Perturbed by this news since I was already prepared for such calamity I gave a telegram to Baba giving news about the sudden demise of my boy Shivaji in the accident. In response to my telegram, Baba gave the following telegraphic message Appala Naidu/C/o. B. Veeru Naidu, Gandhi Market, Anakapalli.

Your son Shivaji is blessed and has come to Me to rest Happily In My Love. I want you and family to Remain Resigned to Divine will and to take comfort in knowledge that God Is infinitely compassionate.

MEHER BABA

19. Baba gave another child to us in place of Shivaji on the request of Swami Satyaprakash Udaseen:

After the above experiences I got, I was fully convinced that Belowed Baba has taken my boy into Him

and my boy has been enjoying Eternal Bliss and I need not worry about him. I did not even feel sorry for his death' even though he was a beautiful brilliant son who is a merit Scholarship holder too. My wife became mad Brother Swamy Satya Prakash Udaseen wrote to beloved Baba saying that even though I was not affected by this Sudden death of my son, my wife become mad. On that Beloved Baba sent a letter to Swamy Satya Prakash Udaseen saying that she need not worry and He was giving back the child to her. Accordingly we were Blessed with another son who was named by Beloved Baba Himself as Meher Prakash. All this did not give any solace to my wife. She wanted to confirm through Sri Bashir-Baba, a desciple of Sidhi SaiBaba who has 'got the capacity to know the questions of the visitors as well as the replies to these questions in his visions, and answer. He said that my son Shivaji has reached Adinarayana and he was God realized. He also said that my wife was then pregnant and was going to deliver Subrahmanyeswara and my son Shivaji was a king in his previous birth and did penance till his last breath. He also revealed the secrecy of previous births of mine and my wife. He said, "Both of you were muni Dampathulu in your previous generation." Beloved Baba, as early 1956, revealed to me the same secret in my dream. In my dream Avathar Meher Baba said, "You were VASISTHA that was in your previous generation." Sri Subba Rao of Rajahmundry also

told me once that I was Muneeswar in my previous birth- probably he might have got it vision uring his medita tion This has convinced my wife and from that time on wards my wife came to her normal oonsciousness

20 Train StopPed Miracle:

While I was returning from my place after attending to the funeral ceremony of my boy Shivaji, I purchased a ticket by mistake to Powerpet instead of Eluru thinking that the train would stop at Powerpet. The train crossed Powerpet Station. Then I asked the co travellers. They said that it was an express train and it would not stop at powerpet. Then I was very much perturbed and thought that why Baba was still testing me. Surprisingly when the train reached near the place where I was residing, it suddenly stopped. The Guard and Driver checked all the compartments. They were saying that nobody stopped the train but how it halted there. I slowly got down and with a fear that they would catch me thinking that I might have pulled the chain, I was speedily moving. The train stopped there still. When I reached my house easily in the light of the head light of train then train moved away. It thus helped me to og to my place easily.

Banana Fruit prasad Kept Before Baba Was Cut-A Piece Disappeared.

Just few days ahead of Baba dropping of His

Body a very peculiar incidence happened. I kept banana fruit during prayer time. It is my usual custom to close the doors after prayer—wait a while—and open the doors and then take the prasad. In the usual way I went inside and saw to my surprise the Banana fruit was clearly cut and only half piece was left on the plate the rest half was missing. All our family members shared that prasad that day as Baba's gift.

Pothireddipalli incidence where dying calf survived and almost entire villagers became disciples of Baba.

In a village near Nuzuvid by name Pothureddipalli in the usual way myself Sri Chandramouleswararao, An Income tax auditor and Sri Pemmaraju Subba Rao, Distributor of Soda Gas Co., conducted Baba's meeting and explained the villagers about the significance of the Avatar hood of Baba. Next day morning the village leader, his son and few others came to me and narrated that after we left a peculiar thing happened. Their cow delivered a beautiful calf but she was dying and they thought if Baba was really Avatar the calf should not die and she should surprisingly the calf survive and the news spread the entire village and they all developed faith in Avatarhood of Baba. They developed so much confidence in us and Baba that they asked me to come again to Pothireddipalli that day for inauguration of a Bore well which was provided under drou-

ght relief measures by the Government for fresh water. I went there and inaugurated. Surprisingly it gave few thousand gallon per hour instead per day and it was Sufficient not only for fresh water but also for irrigation. Their faith in Baba therefore increased.

22. My Jyothi experience on the day Baba dropped His physical Body:

31-1-69:

On the day Beloved Baba dropped His physical Body I had a peculiar experience. During my prayers at about 9-30 AM on 31-1-1969, while I was about to lit 'Jyothi' (Lamp) before Baba, without even putting flame to the wick of the lamp, it was brining. Immediately I told my wife that something great was going to happen in the world and that day would be a world famous day. The same night I got the news through brother Jagannadham Vijayawada, that Baba dropped His physical Body. This news confirmed my 'Jyothi' experience. We all went to Meherbaba and had Darsan of Beloved Baba.

23 I saw Baba's rosy feet in my dream and heard Baba's voice.

During night I had a dream and to my luck, I could see clearly Baba's rosy feet in my dream. While returning from Meher Baba with family along with Bro. Chinta ^{krishna} Sabbu Rao. Majeti Ramamaahana Rao, after witnessing the in-

terment ceremony of Beloved Baba in the tomb after crossing Guruprasad at Poona, I heard the voice of Baba clearly in beautiful base (Boss) voice in musical sound. 'How is your self-How is your self-are you alright-getting onwell-Anh-! Anh-! 'While hearing this voice from behind I was seeing Beloved Baba's image in my vision, waving His hand as if indicating 'Go ahead'

24. My full period in spiritual progress:

After Avatar Meher Baba dropped His body on 31 st January 1969, slowly I was losing interest spiritual side and I was almost leading a very normal life. On a Ramzan day during 1978. I was returning from Hyderabad with out a paise in my pocket. I thought that it must be Baba's desire that I should observe complete fast on that Ramzan day and that is why I was made penniless that day. So thinking, I observed fast from dawn to dusk, -without taking even water. While observing fast and travelling in the bus I began scribbling a song that came to my mind (Vide annexure V) The main theme of the song is 'Oh - Baba - come soon-save me from this Wordly muddle You told me that you have wiped off all my sanskaras, but I do not find any spiritual progress in me. what is the reason. you also told me in my dream 'has to what I was in my previous birth If I was previous man in my previous birth, why I am leading such a reached life now. Where does the fault lies. What all you

said in my dream or during your darshan programme in ist April, 1961 is wrong or my understanding is wrong Please save me Baba from this situation and let me lead a pure and perfect path as I lived in my previous generation.

After preparing this song I used to sing this song before Baba while doing daily Pooja. One fine morning I got news that I was transferred to Dowleswarm, Immediately it struck to my mind that probably it might be the desire of Baba to get spiritual training under sadguru Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj.

My spiritual experiences under the guidance of Sadguru Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj of Meher Chaitanya Niketan, Meher Mandapata:

After getting transfer to Dowleswarm, one day prior to my joining at Dowleswaram. I got a dream in which Avatar Meher Baba appeared and said "Why not you stay for one night at Meher Sthan" immediately thought that this transfer is done with the knowledge of Baba and immediately I decided to spend one night in Meher Sthan, Kovvur. I wrote a letter to Sri Sivudu Siva Rao (Late) an ardent old lover of Baba, to kindly arrange for my night stay at Meher Stan, Kovvuru. I went to Meher Sthan and there I met Brother Sivudu Siva Rao and Brother K. L. Ramakrishna Murthy, Lecturer in physics, Junior College, Kovvuru and

his wife Smt. Padmavathi and their daughter Kumari Meher Kanthi who were very ordent lovers of Baba and who treated me like their kith and kin. I found the same type of affection andlove from them whic h I found from Sarvasri Kambhammettu Narayana Rao and his family Ranga Rao, Smt. Danamma and their family members Kaki Krishna Rao, Dr Sankara Sree Rama Rao, Uppu-
luri Rama Rao, and Mrs; Rama Rao, Rama Mohana Rao, Balaramaiah, Achari and Satyam father of Smt. Hemalatha, Sri Subba Rao the then Head Master Eluru and Baba sisters Nagamani and prrmeela. Why I have mentioned all the above names is during my stay for two months i. e. March & April, 1967' I received Similar loves and affection from all the above old Baba lovers at Eluru. I really owe a great lot to them.

With the comforts provided by Brother K. L. Rama Krishna Murty I slept that night in guest room attached to Meher Sthan, Kovvur. I got another dream during the night in which I was arranging symbols of the various religions on an iron ring in front of Baba's Bronze Statue where Baba again appeared and said, ఆది ఇరాన్ మీన నుద్ద కప్పు. Some one asked the desciples gathered there as to why the venue of congregation was shifted from North to Kovvur to which some one was answering that the venue of congregation was changed inthe last momment

Next day I went to Dowleswaram and joined there

in the Department of Irrigation and power on Deputation. An old lover of Baba and good songster Sri Krishnarajuna Rao, who is also working in the Engineering Dowleswaram came to me and discussed about Sadguna Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj and gave me the full life sketch of Sadguru Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj which provoked me to develop faith in Sri Meher Chaitanyaji. I therefore went to Mandapeta and had darshan of Meher Chaitanyaji ~~narrating~~ ^{and} but he narrated long dream experience. At one stage I stopped but he continued to narrate the details of my dream which gave me surprise.

My stay in Meher Chaitanya Niketan for three months for spiritual training under Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj :

I then asked Sri Meher Chitanyaji Maharaj whether I can get permission to stay in Meher Chaitanya Niketan for which Guruji immediately said “ అంత కంటే కావలసిన దేమున్నది!”

What more we require than this. My joy knew no bounds on getting such a spontaneous reply from Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj. From that day onwards till I brought my family from Eluru to Rajahmundry I stayed in the Niketan near the very feet of Sri Meharaj Chitanyaji Maharaj. I got number of spiritual experiences during my stay at Meher Chaitanya Niketan.

25. I heard Baba's voice 'I kept all my powers in His [Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj] hand His age is 11,461 years :

One day Sadguru Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj' asked me to attend Meher Baba's meeting arranged at Alamuru, Since I never worked earlier in East Godavari District, *I mistook Alamuru to be Amalapuram since I forgot the name of the village.* I proceeded to Amalapuram instead of Alamuru in a bus. Exactly at Alamuru I saw in my vision a bus made up of only *glasses in* which Avatar Meher Baba was going in front of me and just turning at one point in Alamuru towards right. Then I thought why Baba's vehicle is turned. Just at that moment I heard a voice, "I kept all my powers in his hand, His age is 11,461 years." These words I heard while I was in a fully conscious state. After reaching Amalapuram I enquired whether there was any Baba Centre At Amalapuram for which I got a negative reply. I then enquired whether there were no Avathar Meher Baba lovers in Amalapuram and where Mr. Achar Agril: Officer was working. Some one told me that Mr. Achari was at Alamuru. Then immediately it struck to me the glass bus incidence in which Baba travelled and indicated me that he kept all his Powers in Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj and His age was 11,461 years. I Then came back to Alamuru When I enquired the villagers of Alamuru about the location of Avatar

Meher Baba's Centre, they showed the same lane through which Baba's glass bus took a turn and moved. My joy knew no bounds. Even though Baba gave me direction I could not follow it. I blamed myself for not having taken the guidance given by Baba and proceeded to the Avatar Meherbaba's Centre. There all the Baba lovers were anxiously waiting for me. As soon as I went there a Teacher of High School by name Sri Subba Rao embraced me. When I narrated my Baba's experience, in the course of my lecture and stressed that day Baba was with us and we were fortunate, Sri Subba Rao, told his experience saying, "When embraced you, I got the same experience as I got with Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj for the first time. This may be probable reason for my such experience, Baba is really with us today."

26. My samskaram being wiped off by Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj under the guidance of Meher Baba :

I got another dream in which again Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj and Baba appeared in the dream. In the presence of Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj, my room was being swept by some one. while sweeping, so much of dust was coming outside since the doors were kept open, Sri Meher Chaitanya Maharaj said, "Close the doors first and sweep." Then the doors were closed and sweeping was continued. Again there was a big gale and the side

doors were now opened and again dust was rushing into the room. Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj was saying, "Baba is coming away" close the doors and complete sweeping". Just exactly at that moment Baba came in a Jeep and stopped the jeep at a platform, got down from jeep kept one leg on the foot board of the jeep and the other leg on the raised platform and looking at me said, "If I am the Highest of the High, will I wear this torn piece of shawl. Go to Bazar and get me a shawl."

I asked Baba as to what should be the colour of the shawl for which Baba said that it should be either pure white or the colour of the shawl which Baba was wearing i. e., light cream colour. I again asked Baba whether the colour could be Yellow. Baba said, "No, it should be either pure white or this colour (Showing His Shawl)". At that juncture a gentleman by my side who was resembling my class mate Sri M. Venkateswara Rao said to me that we must get permission from Baba to purchase shawl with our money. I told him that Baba would not like it and hence we should simply obey Baba's orders.

Next day when I again went to Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj. one gentleman by name Sri Nagabhushanam who is a teacher in Alamuru sat by the side of Sri Sadguru Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj. He is the same gentleman whom I saw in the dream previous night whom I said he resembled Sri M. Venkateswara Rao, my class mate

and who told me that we should purchase the shawal with our money. Immediately I thought that this dream too has got a spiritual significance and narrated the dream to Sri Sadguru Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj. Sri Guru Maharaj said that this dream was a continuation of my earlier dream I dreamt at Meher Sthan, Kovvuru.

I again recapitulated the dream and thought that as per the direction of Baba Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj was arranging wiping off my sanskaras and during the course of this act even though the old sanskaras are being wiped off new sanskaras are getting in such as the entreing of the dust through the opened windows. I got good lesson from this dream experience.

27: Baba clarified as to which Nama Japa I Should do.

After this experience since Baba indicated that He kept all His powers in the hands of Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj I got into a dilemma whether I should repeat Baba's name or Meher Chaitanyaji's name. So thinking I sat in meditation and I got the following direction. One skull appeared before me nodding side ways as if I should not repeat Meher Chaitanyaji's name, I was hearing the inner Baba's voice-Baba only. This has clarified all my doubts.

1. I need not leave Baba and pray Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj.

- 2, I can repeat Baba's name while breathing in and breathing out Ba - Ba -
- 3, I have to take the guidance of Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj for spiritual progress since he is a perfect Master'

28. Sri Meher chaitanyaji Maharaj's help in vocal concert:

One day during January, 1979 during pongal days I was asked by Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj to do Sankeerthan in Angara, Meherbaba Centre, That day I was suffering from severe body pains and acute cough. The intensity of cough was so ^{much} that even if I was talking I was getting cough, I want to tell Guruji that it would not be possible for me that day to go and why not Brother Krishnarjuna Rao be sent. But when I expressed this idea to one of our Baba lovers he said "Master knows all our ailments, knowingly He has ordered means there is some significance. You alone have to go."

With the severe body pains I have to go to Angara on the Motor cycle sitting at the back, I simply obeyed Guruji's instructions and left for Angara. Surprisingly during the course of my singing never I had cough and my voice was very sweet. Every one enjoyed my songs. I thought Guruji and Baba had sung through me. After returning to Nikethan, I was so restless and hence I went to

bed and slept away.

29. My Sobs and Throbs after coming into the fold of Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj:

Once it so happend that while I was going in a bus I was repeating Baba's name (Breathing in 'Ba' and breathing out-'Ba') Suddenly His grace has fallen on me and I was shedding tears of over joy.

Slowly the intensity of joy increased and I began weeping like a child. At that moment I was trying to come to my normal consciousness but it was not becoming possible for me,

I felt that it would lead to embrassing situation and uttered within myself, 'Baba-Go away from me,' other wise the fellow passengers will think that I am a mad cap-Go away from me-Baba go away from me," At that moment I came to my normal conciousness, After coming home I tried for the Blise again but I could not get it, I then narrated this experience to Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj. He said, "Don't worry Think of Beloved Baba intensively. He would awake in you. Where does Baba go. Baba is always in you, If you begin to love Him, driving away the 'Arishadwargas' from you and keep your heart open for Baba' He should definitely awake in you' Try now."

Following the advice given by Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj I could get Beloved Baba's Grace again. Keeping it as the main theme I prepared a Meher Nrutya Natikawhich was staged number of times in Meher Sthan, Kovvuru, Mandapeta and Tanuku and all Baba lovers as well as others enjoyed the play very much. (vide Annexure)

30. Divine Theme Released in Meditation:

Once a devine theme was released to me in meditation by Avatar Meher Baba in Sanskrit words. This was occurred when I was undergoing the Spiritual guidance by Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj of Meher Mandapeta. During those days we were repeating certain Sanskrit slokas given by Sri Meher Chaitanya Maharaj including Brahma Gayatri. I was doing meditation in the house of Sri K, L Ramakrishna Murthy where I got most of my Spiritual experiences. Smt. Padmavathi and Bro. Ramakrishna Murthy were so pious and loving couple they used to treat me as their own brother, Especially sister Padmavathi treated me as her own brother. I liked that spiritual atmosphere. During meditation one day I saw few sanskrit words, I noted down in my mind during meditation only and while so doing meditation was disturbed and the next stanza faded away and I could not note it down. After 3days I heard another Stanza. When I Joined both the stanzas it formed into good theme. I was not knowing Sanskrit I therefore asked Bro.

Ramakrishna Murthy to explain me the meaning. He said that he too did not know Sanskrit and asked me to see Sri Varanasi Gangadhara Sastry, the Principal of Vedic College whom he knows Quite surprisingly at the same moment Sri Varanasi Gangadhara Sastry came there. We thought that Baba and Guruji have sent him at that juncture to us for giving clarification, Otherwise how could he come there exactly at that moment. When I asked him to explain the meaning of that Sanskrit stanza, "Satyam Anala Kesava Sarvam Sat Chit Tatvam," he in turn asked me under what context I was asking him to explain the meaning of that stanza. I said that I got it, it in my meditation, I was not knowing Sanskrit and hence requested him to explain. Then he said that it was the essence of Upanishads. The meaning was 'The reality is the Jyothrimaya Brahma Vishnu and Maheswara. The entire world is always existing, and that cannot be destroyed and I am that. When I narrated this incidence to Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj, he told me that I was fortunate and asked me to repeat it not less than 108 times before I do meditation

31. Baba released certain words, word by, word, with a gap of few seconds or minutes in between two words, during meditation :

During same period when I was under strict spiritual discipline under Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj,

Babā released few words, word by word with a gap of few seconds or few minutes in between two words. I coined them and was repeating it in meditation so that I would not forget it after coming out of meditation. The following is the stanza that was given.

“You want to know God through your knowledge. you can not There is God.”

32. Brahma, Vishnu and Maheswar appeared in vision during meditation in the presence of Sri Meher Chitanyaji Maharaj.

During Mehersthan Anniversary in the year 1979, I was doing meditation along with all Baba devotees as per the instructions of the Meher Chaitanyaji Meheraj in his presence. I could see in my vision in the sanctum Sanctorum of Mehersthan, Brahma, vishnu and Maheswar.

33. Unknown persons appearing in meditation:

Very aged persons with beard or young persons with brilliant faces appeared in meditation and when I asked Sri Meher Chatanyaji Meharaj, he said that I need not fear about them since They were the heirarchy members helping me in spiritual progress. At times Avatar Meher Baba or Sadgur Sri Mehar Chaitanyaji Maharaj were also appearing An unknown couple ordent devotees of

Avatar Meher Baba appeared in Meditation whom I could see in the next few days at Hyderabad.

Once during meditation I saw an unknown couple in vision After few days I went to Hyderabad where I saw the same couple who were ardent devotees of Baba. I then thought that there must be some significance for my vision in meditation and meeting of that couple and therefore I wanted to ask him about how he came into fold of Baba. Surprisingly without my asking he came to me the next day and began giving his experience as how he came into the fold of Baba. He actually came into the fold of Baba after doing penance without food or water for months together.

34. Sridevi Appeared in dream and Meditation and Blessed :

While I was staying in Meher Chaitanya Niketan, one day I got a dream when Sridevi (Lalitambica, Thri-jadadharini Gayatri Devi (Meher Gayatridevi) appeared just in the varandah of Meher Chaitanya Maharaj's Kutir and addressed me"

"Oh! you have appeared Alright come on! I will bless you".--I then went near Her saying "Devi Sridevi How fortunate I am?" So saying I went near crawling on my knees and kept my forehead on Her feet - Then she said, "Don't raise your head, I am blessing" So saying she blessed me.

Few days later when I was doing meditation at my house early morning again Sridevi appeared in meditation and telling some one about me, I was having personal Ego. I was replying --No - Devi - I am not having : But she said No. You were having. After few days during the congregation Sadguru Sri Mehar Chatanyaji Maharaj was giving discourse on personal Ego. In the morning we did meditation in Gurujee's presence and what all he was giving in the discourses I had the same thought in my meditation in the morning in his pious presence. I could not contain myself and said "Guruji, what all you were giving now I got in my morning meditation."

35. Meher Baba telling in my meditation about my sister's spiritual state :

I had the essence of it in the morning meditation. Further few days back I saw sridevi (Meher Gayatri) in meditation who said I was having personal Ego. I never knew that there was word like personal Ego. in the discourses of Meher Baba and you are giving now explanation of the personal Ego explained by Avtar Meher Baba, Then Gurujee said "You are lucky to have got such experience."

Once my sister Smt. Narayanamma asked me to get clarification from Meher Chaitanya Maharaj whether it could be necessary for her to get initiation from

Meher Chaitanyaji when she already got initiated spiritually by one saint I said if it is not required Guruji would definitely say that it is not necessary. After discussion I sat for meditation. In the meditation I heard the following "Narayanamma is disillusioned" I immediately got up from meditation and told her that she was so fortunate that Baba told me in meditation about her. After this incidence when I came to Mandapata to have 'darsan' of Guruji at that juncture he was giving a discourse in which he was saying "If a Guru is already accepted by a spiritual aspirant, he would get all the help from God through that Guru, whatever the Spiritual capacity of the Guru may be, but the guru takes away the Samskaras of the disciple. If he is not the real guru or if he has not attained Godhood, but pretends as if he was a real Guru, he takes the load of Samskaras of the disciple and suffer where God give the spiritual help to the aspirant through that guru.

36. My daughters examination experience:

During the period when I was reading Autobiography of Yogi written by Yogananda, I read that Yoganada was not prepared to go for the examination since he did not study well but his Guru advised him to go to a teacher. He get training under that teacher and then appear for examination. His teacher gave few questions and answers. Studying those answers he appeared the

examination. Surprisingly he got the same questions in the examination and answered well and got through the examination.

Similar thing happened in my daughter's case also. She told me that since she was not having, the text book or good notes for that particular subject and she knows answers for only few questions and hence she would not be appearing for that examination. Keeping Yogananda's examination experience in view I asked her to study only those few answers thoroughly and appear for the examination. She did like that. Fortunately only those questions appeared in the examination for which she prepared well and she got better marks than all those colleagues who studied the entire book.

37. Got Indication In The Meditation About The Golden Ring Kept In The Box:

Once my elder daughter Smt. Bhramaramba placed her ear rings on the bed and forgot. Later she could not find them on the bed. She complained to me that she lost those ear rings (golden). Few minutes later I went for my daily meditation. While doing meditation, I saw the golden rings in a small box glittering and moving. Then immediately I opened the box and I found the rings there. When I told my daughter about that incidence, my second daughter Smt. Babajan Lakshmi questioned "Father how could you know that they were in the box. To teach

sister a lesson, I picked them up and kept them in the box." I told her that I could see them in the box in meditation.

Another time when I lost my sweater also, I got an indication in meditation that it would be in the box kept for soiled clothes and it was there. Later on I thought that I should not develop this sort of occult powers lest it would become a nuisance for me.

38. Naming My Grand Daughter Chandrika After Seeing Moon In Vision:

I was travelling from Hyderabad to Anakapalle in Godavari ExPress. While getting up from bed in the early hours I was clearly seeing moon in full conscious state, I was going to Anakapalli to attend Namakarana ceremony of my 2nd grand daughter (My eldest daughter's 2nd daughter) Immediately I thought why not we name her as Chandrika. After my birth my mother wanted to name me as Chandra(Moon) but her desire 'was not fulfilled, Why not I name her now as Chandrika and get her desire fulfilled, I thought. In my meditation of dreams after I came to the fold of Sadguru Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj, number of times I could see Moon in a very clear form, at times the entire galaxy also I used to see in meditation. I asked my daughter to convince her father-in-law mother-in-law, and husband and

name her as Chandrika. My desire was fulfilled and she was named Nagachandrika.

A PROFESSOR OF ANDHRA UNIVERSITY SAW 'AARA' AROUND SRI MEHER CHAITANYAJI MAHARAJ

Once I brought prof K. V. Ramana, professor of Economics Andhra University to have Darsan of Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj. He discussed with Guruji about meditation and spirituality. After we came out he said that Sri Meher Chaitanyaji was a great Master and he could see 'Aara' around him through out his discussion with Guruji Then I asked Guruji why we could not observe 'Aara' when we were near him, For that Guruji replied that he was observing him in that line and he could see 'Aara' where as we were talking to him in the routine way.

39. I Saw Sri Narasimhaswamy In Subtle Plane In Meditation:

Once myself and one Asst. Engineer went to Hyderabad for a conference. Both of us were doing morning prayer. I was doing meditation where as he was doing prayers with in himself, not uttering the prayers loudly lest my meditation would be disturbed. In the vision I was seeing lord Narasimhaswamy. After our prayers were over I was so much jubilant after having darsan of Lord Narasimha Swamy in vision, I

told my friend Asst, Engineer that I was so fortunate enough to have darsan of Lord Narasimhaswamy. in vision during meditation. He then said that he was actually doing Narasimhaswamy sthothram given by Sankaracharya and he could not see Lord Narasimhaswamy but I could see Him, and wondered why he could not see Him. when I asked for clarification from Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj, he clarified that in meditation I was in subtle sphere and Asst, Engineer friend was simply reciting Narasimha Sthotra in the physical plans. For his sthotra Lord Narasimhaswamy appeared and since I was travelling in subtle plan of consciousness I could see Lord Narasimha swamy who was present there. Out of all my experiences in meditation, this experience gave me real confidence in meditation process.

40. Audience Experience in Baba's Drama and Baba's Presence During The play

For Baba's birthday celebrations I was asked to prepare and stage Baba's drama. Before starting to write I tried to pick out Baba's early life sketch but that was taken away from me by some one. I was doing meditation and in the meditation big silver words appeared glittering They were "PERFECT MASTER" Forgetting about meditation experience I asked Sri Meher Chait-

anyajee Maharaj to give a book 'Silence word' written by Bro Francis Babajan a poet of Australia and a close disciple of Meher Baba who spent almost all his life with Baba. But guruji said that book was not readily available and gave a translation of Perfect Master done by Swamy Satya Prakash Mehera and t. Then I was reminded of my meditation experience. Daily after meditation in the early hours I prepared the play. My friend prepared the play with His own troupe, I asked him to do Babas gestures only thrice lest he may forget and he my not correctly interpret. I have purposely selected Bro. K. V. Suryanarayana Principal, Junior College, Nidadavolu to act as Bro Eruch and interpret. To my surprise Sri P. D. Naidu gave gestures for number of Baba's discourses and Bro. .Suryanarayana, very lovingly interpreted all the gestures. Entire audience were spell bound and started shedding tears of joy. When Baba lovers asked Guruji about this incidence Guruji said that Baba had manifested in him (person that took Baba's role)

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41. Rein God responds to the request

While I was working as Deputy Director of Agriculture, Modernisation cell, Dowleswaram I was shifting my luggage from one house to another. At the time of loading the luggage to lorry there was clear weather and therefore I did not summon for tarpauline. When the

lorry just started the stratus clouds surprisingly turned into cumulus clouds and started raining. I kept all the valuable books open in the lorry without any cover. I was very much perturbed because all the valuables including valuable books would be drenched. Immediately it struck to my mind. Once Baba during congregation, seeing the devotees being drenched in the torrential rain instructed Mohammad ^{must} to pour out water from the pot and surprisingly the rain stopped. It struck to my mind why not I pray Baba at this juncture to save me from this situation. I requested Baba stating that I am helpless save me from the situation and requested rain God to go away. I said "Go away rain." Really it is a very surprising incident the cumulus clouds suddenly vanished and turned into stratus clouds by the time I reached the new house in lorry and the rain stopped without damaging the books or other valuables in the lorry. Immediately I thought that I was deviating the instructions of Baba. Baba's advice was not do any miracle lest one may again fall down to stone stage if the miracle is Misused or wrongly performed. I immediately took promise not to repeat the same.

Once Bro. Krishnarjuna Rao (Late) an ardent lover of Meher Baba told me that when Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj came across some devotees in large numbers going to Sri Raghavendra Swamy's shrine they were asked by Guruji why they were going to Sri Raghvendra Swamy

being devotees of Avatar Meher Baba The answer from Baba devotees was that when Meher Baba was giving darshan in the Sri Raghavendra swamy Shrine where was the harm. Then Sri Meher Chaitanyaji wanted to get it confirmed and personally went there. To his surprise Baba was present there. Then he believed in what the Baba devotees expressed to him.

Since then whenever devotees of Sri Raghavendra-swamy invite me to do Sankeerthan I used to go there and participate in the Sankeerthan, Singing the songs on Raghavendraswamy. Once while I was working as Deputy Director of Agriculture, Prakasam District I was invited by the devotees of Sri Raghavendra Swamy to give flute recital at the Brindavan of Sri Raghavendra Swamy, I readily accepted the offer and went there. Before I started giving flute performance I thought if what all Sri Krishnarjuna Rao said is correct I should also get some spiritual experience there That was the drought period and farmers are anxiously waiting for a good rain to come As soon as I started my flute recital rain, started and gradually it became a torrential rain. By the time I completed flute recital it was still raining heavily, I then thought what Sri Krishnarjuna Rao said is quite correct.

42. Significance of light incidence:

Once I was participating in the Meher Leela Dance Drama written and produced by Dr. Sankara Sreerama

Rao, old desciple of Baba, at Eluru. Unfortunately, just at the time we wanted to start the play the lights were off. They did not arrange petromox lights even. Then Dr Sankara Sreerama Rao said Mr, Naidu, sing the prayer song-'Namo Meher Baba', the lights will come, This is usual in Bab.'s work," Then we sang "Namo Meheru Baba" Immediately current came and the programme went on successfully.

The next year for Baba's Birth day functions I was invited as Chief Guest by Sri Majeti Rama Mohana Rao at Meher Abode, Vijayawada. That day I went to Gannavaram and on my way back to Vijayawada, Due to traffic jam I was stranded at Nidamanoor level crossing for about 45 minutes. I was therefore late for the function, Usually at Meher Abode they observe timings and if the speaker dose not turn up in time they invite some other speaker but start the function punctually. But that day to my luck, the current was off and by the time. I reached there late, they were all waiting for the current to come- Then Sri Jagannadham said Mr. Naidu it is because of your late coming the current has not come, We prayed Baba and sang 'Namo Meher Baba' Surprisingly the current came and the function went on Successfully. This is the 2nd year of my light experience. The third year I was invited as Chief Guest for Baba's Birth day function at Gudivada, Bro. G. Veeraraghava Swamy, Incometax Officer and a staunch Baba lover invited me

for the function. By the time myself and my wife reached Travellers' Bungalow at Galivada, we were informed that there is no current. My wife told me that devotees would blame me for having invited me since the current has failed because of my coming. Then I told her that was the third year of the series and the current will not fail and asked her to observe this year also what happens at the time of starting function. Then Bro. Veerarag havaswamy told me, "Mr. Naidu, what to do there is no current." I told him with confidence that he need not worry and let me start prayer and the lights will definitely come. Accordingly I started with 'Namo Meher Baba' prayer and the lights came and we all felt so happy since the programme went on well.

Since then number of times I had this light experience and I developed much confidence in it. Once an Engineer friend, a devotee of Lord Anjaneya came to Mehersthan, Kovvur along with his wife. Both are pious people, Anjaneyopasakas. We went to Bro. K L. Ramakrishna Murthy Lecturer's house. There immediately we stepped in the current was off. I said that Baba was present there and current will come soon. In few minutes time current came and my friend Engineer was happy and developed faith in my word. From there we went to Mehersthan. When he was prostrating before Baba I requested Baba to give him good experience. Immediately the lights were off for few seconds and during

that period he could see Lord Anjaneya's image there in Baba. He was again happy to have such experience. From there we went to Sanjeevanjaneya temple in Rajahmundry on the Bank. There also immediately after entering the temple the lights were off, The Poojari was saying that there may be some loose connection, let me check up. Immediately my friend told him that he need not worry about it and within few minutes the lights would come and it was a miracle of Meher Baba. As per his speculation immediately the lights were on and his wife began shedding tears of joy weeping loudly. From there we went to a Baba's devotees house where Baba's weekly Bhajan was going on. I was giving Baba's discourses. Meanwhile the Jyothi put before Baba was dwindling. I also observed that and wanted to instruct the people there to put some oil in that. Meanwhile some interruption to my lecture came and I forgot about that. But my Engineer friend was observing Jyothi and thought within himself that if Meher Baba was really Avatar the Jyothi put in front of Baba which is dwindling for want of oil should not be mindful of my lecture. To his surprise the Jyothi instead of dwindling, glowing very powerful than before and till Arathi time it was not put off. Then he got up and said that he developed complete faith in Meher Baba and His Avatarhood and sent his wife to Meherabad along with all of us for the Amarthithi Darsan programme in 1979.

43. Significance of Rudraksha:

Sri Sudarsana Raju garu, Managing Director of Etikoppaka Sugar Factory Presented Tulasi Mala got prepared Specially for my father, My father was using it till his last breath. I took it later and began using it during meditation. My father appeared in dream one night and said, "Alright you are now using my Tulasi Mala. Why don't you use the Rudraksha also." I then said, "Where from I can get Rudraksha." He immediately said that he kept one in his Box reserved for me. I then went to my village and asked my mother to open father's box so that I search for a Rudraksha there as per father's direction in dream. Mother immediately said, "Why to search, Rudraksha is there. You take it and use it." My joy knew no bounds. I took it and at present I am using it.

44 Baba's voice heard again and I followed it:

Once I was repeating Baba's name in the year 1979 Beloved Baba said, while I was in full conscious state "Along with your wife, come to Meherabad. " My joy knew no bounds. I told my wife about this direction of Baba and asked her to follow me to Meherabad to witness Amaratithi of 1980. While we were on the way to Meherbad, at Bombay our Buses stopped and we got down from the buses. My wife and few other lady baba lovers were standing under a tree and a coconut from a very tall coconut tree has fallen just 1 m before my wife and

my wife narrowly escaped the accident. At Kedgam, in the same tour, my wife was enjoying the Bhajans sung by Maharastrian lovers, and at that juncture, my wife got inspiration and began to weep like a young child. She said that she wants to stay there at Kedgam since she was having a feeling that my eldest son by name Shivaji, who dropped his body and whom Beloved Baba has taken into Him must be there. After returning home after Amaratithi trip my son Ravi Rama Kishore who did not accompany us to Amaratithi and who did not know about this incident, told us that my son Shivaji was seen in Narayana Maharaj in his dream. This dream experience and my wife's experience made us to feel that Baba's instructions to me to bring my wife to Meherabad is only to give her such experience since she is not having complete faith in Beloved Baba.

45 Moon appeared in vision at Poona in complete day light:-

I may quote another experience here during our trip to Meherabad for witnessing Amaratithi 1980. Generally by the grace of Baba under the guidance of Sri Meher Chaitanyaji, I used to get visions in which I see some unknown places, galaxy, moon or sun. When I told my wife about these experiences in meditation, she was not believing; Probably with an intention to give her proper understanding, exactly at Poona, when the bus in which



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Wife of Sri M. APPALA NAIDU
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Born on 18-11-1932 - Died on 12-5-1983

I was travelling was taking a turn at the centre before going to brother Ramakrishnan's house, at 11-30 A M, I again got the moon in my vision in my full conscious stage. Then Immediately I told my wife that the image of moon did not fade away even after I revealed the fact to her and I was continuously having that vision for few seconds.

46 Baba's voice heard again:-

On 10th July, 1979, while I was observing silence in Mehersthan before Baba, Baba said, "You perform function in befitting way-I am becoming old, I am leaving the world."

47. My wife Smt. Ammaji reached Avatar Meher Baba:-

My wife was an orthodox woman, not believing in the Avatar In her early life she saw Lord Krishna in her dream in which Lord Krishna appeared and blessed her. Immediately after our marriage, i. e. the next day we had to perform Lord Satyanarayana Vratam in the temple of Lord Satyanarayana located on hillock near Kasimkota, near Anakapalli.

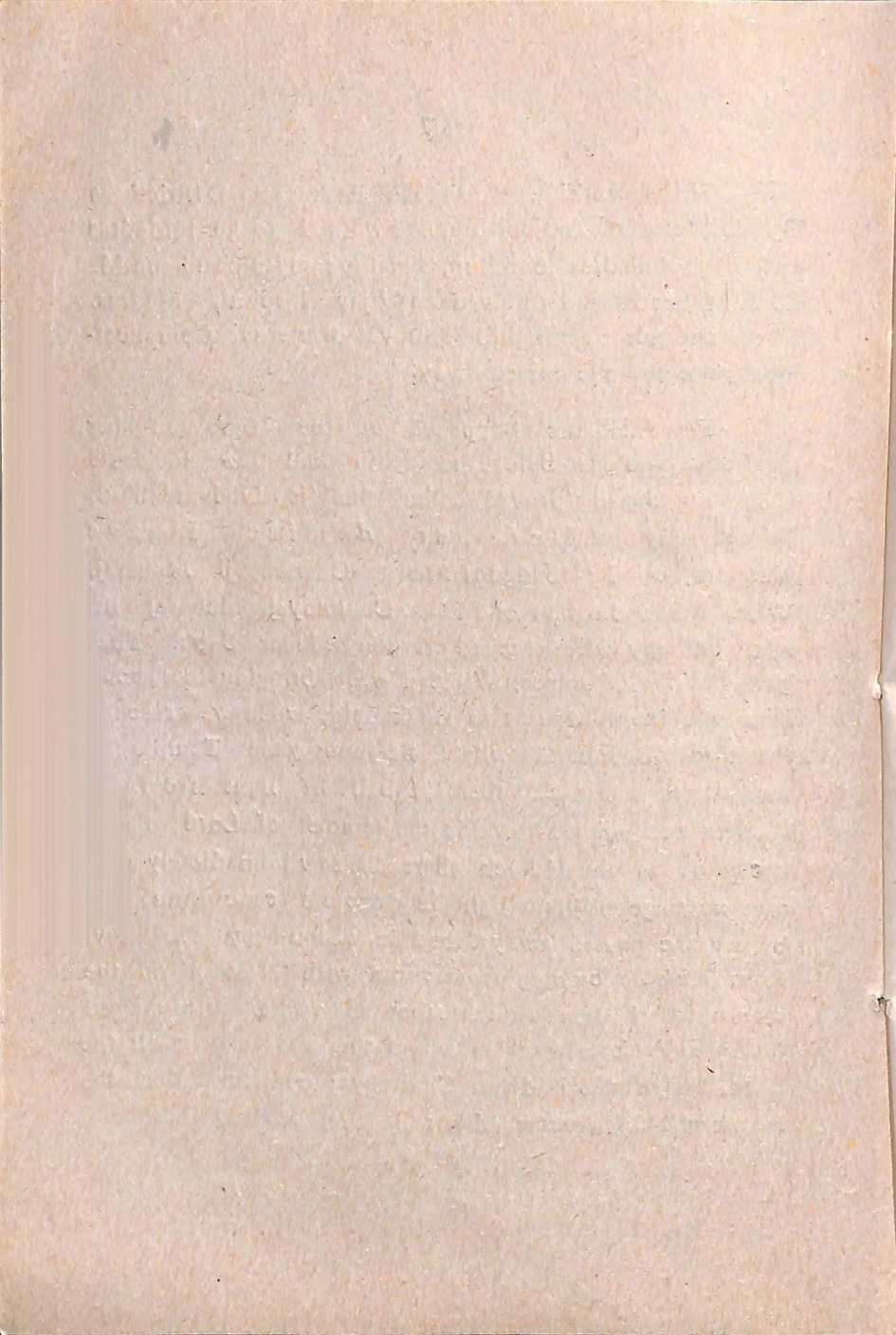
In Sanctum sanctorum of Lord Satyanarayana, She saw a very brilliant light occupying the entire sanctum sanctorum and fall unconscious for a while She

said that she experienced the bless of Lord Satyanarayana. From that time onwards her faith in Lord Venkateswara or Satyanarayana or Lord Krishna was intensified. Whenever we used to discuss about the Hindu Gods and the Avatars of the present age, She used to comment that when Hindu Gods are so easily approachable where is the necessity to go after Avatars. This discussion used to go to its peak at time, and she was never convinced about Avatarhood of Meher Baba. She was saying that Meher Baba was a great saint like Swamy Ramakrishna Paramahansa or Sri Swamy Vivekananda. That is why she never used to allow me for freely going to the Meher Baba Sammelans. Once it so happened that her reluctance to accept Meher Baba irritated me and I was restless. Immediately after such hot discussions I went for meditation. In the meditation, in my full conscious state, I was seeing her in the form of one of the three Goddesses parvathi with all similar ornaments to nose, Then I realised that She is highly Spiritual soul and I must treat her in other times as the form of Goddess but not as wife. Before her last days her devotion to God was so much intensified that on Fridays She used to observe 'Madi' and was not allowing any one to touch her clothes. Eventhough she was not Baba lover, She was more spiritual than me as per my feelings because She used to forecast things more accurately than me in the spiritual line.

While working at Ongole, Prakasam District' as Dy. Director of Agriculture, She wanted to go to Madras and have a medical checkup, She took my second son M. T. J. Meher Prasad and went to Vijay Hospital, Madras. There she got operated for removal of uterus. Complications arose and she passed away.

Few incidents happened at the time of her treatment and just before her death and few incidents after her death proved that She is God realised. Immediately after her demise I gave telegram to Sri Sadguru Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj, When I had darshan of Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj, he said that my wife reached Avatar Meher Baba. That gave me lot of solace. While I was bringing her body in a van from Madras to Anakapalli, when we reached the place Kasimkota where Satyanarayana Temple is located on a hillock there a ball of light from us started and moved towards the temple of Lord Satyanarayana on the Hillock where she saw immediately after our marriage brilliant light in Sanctum sanctorum. Just before she passed away I had in vision my son Ravi Ram Kishore coming from room with 'Namam' on the fore head. I then thought that she was going to merged in Lord Venkateswara in whom she was having all the faith. Sadguru Sri Meher Chaitanyaji confirmed that she is merged in Avatar Meher Baba.





48. JESUS CHRIST APPERED IN VISIOIN IN MEDITATION:

Once during meditation, I got a vision in which Jesus Christ appeared on the sleeve. When I told Sadguru Sri Meher Chaitanya Maharaj about that vision, he said that St. Francis also got similar vision.

In another occasion during my meditation, I got a vision in which Sri N. T. Rama Rao, Hon. Chief Minister, Government of Andhra Pradesh appeared and blessed me. When I asked Sri Sadguru Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj about this vision, he said that Avatar Meher Baba's blessings are always there on Sri N. T. Rama Rao Hon. Chief Minister for Government of Andhra.

49, SADGURU MEHER CHAITANYAJI's HELP IN DAUGHTER LAKSHMI's MARRIAGE

My daughter's marriage was performed in August, 1984-I could not arrange for money in advance for which my eldest son Chy. M. T. J. Meher Prasad was very much worried and began blamming ^{me} for having faith in Baba and Gurudev, but not doing any efforts for getting the amount. My son finally lost his mental balance on this account and he could not enjoy the marriage function too. But, ^{Baba's} Gurudev's miracle was there and every thing went on quite normally. I could not

get my G. P. F. advance and L. I. C. advance in time and marriage was performed very successfully. My son lost mental balance by the time the marriage was performed. He had to be given shock treatment for bringing him to normal state,

50. MY SON M. T. J. MEHER PRASAD GOT
AWAKENING BY AVATAR MEHER BABA.

As explained in the above para my son could not come to his normal consciousness even after shock treatment.

I gave him Master Prayer and repentance prayer given by Baba and also a Baba's photo and asked him to repeat the prayers every day before Baba and utter 14 times Baba's name and he would become alright. He followed scrupulously and got the devine help from Baba. One day night at about 12-00 mid night he phoned up to me and said that he got awakening from Avatar Meher Baba and with that he could get lot of mental strength and he could furnish all the business work piled up for the last so many days within one day and he got so much of mental relief and bliss. He also said that he got powers of healing and he was helping the needy people with the touch of healing Baba has given to him. I then advised him not to use the powers given by Avatar Meher Baba lest he may

be lost the tract of Spiritual path in that egoism. He followed my advice. My son Chy' Ravi Ram Kishor. got the help of Gurudev Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj

51. Once my son Chy Ravi Ram Kishore asked my

Guru Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj the process of concentration in Meditation. Sri Gurudev gave the process to him and advised him to first concentrate on 'Ohm' point keeping it at 'Bhrukuti' and looking through Bhrukuti. My son used to do practice as per his advice. He used to get jumbling of certain English words for some of which he was not knowing the meanings. He asked me the meaning of such words. I used to arrange such words in the proper way and a beautiful Baba's message was formed. I told him that he got Baba's grace and Baba was giving him such messages in meditation.

52. MY SON CHY M. T. J. MEHER PRASAD
GETTING HELP OF SRI BABA DURING
EXAMINATION TIMES

My wife Smt. Ammaji told my son Chy. M. T. J' Meher Prasad that he should also concentrate on Baba during meditation as was being practiced by my younger son Ravi Rama Kishore so that he would also get the help of Avatar MeherBaba. Accordingly he too practiced meditation as was given to my son Ravi Rama Krishore and got excellent help from Baba, He used to develop such

a concentration in meditation that whenever he wants to concentrate spontaneously he used to get the result and during the examinations, he used to get the help of Baba. As per his statement he was almost getting the answers to the questions in the examination hall as if he was reading the answer from the book. Thus an ordinary 2nd class Agricultural Graduate stood 2nd rank in R. B. S. College of Agro. University in M. Sc. (Ag). He should have got 1st rank but for the regional preferences one professor has developed in evaluation.

53. ILL HEALTH OF SRI M. CH. JAGANNADHAM NAIDU' 3RD SON AND THE HELP OF NAVAGRAHAS AND ANJANEYA SWAMY SOUGHT

My third son was suffering from some ailment and he was not able to push through his studies due to that ill health. Since Avatar Meher Baba warned that he should not pray him for material benefits, I did not seek baba's help. My wife once met Sri Vithal Sarma Anjaneyopasaka of Vidyuth Soudha, Hyderabad on the suggestion given by my friend Sri Bapi Raju. Dy. Executive Engineer, I&P., East Godavari District. Sri Sarma suggested that either my wife or myself should do Hanuman Chaleesa 11 times a day for 40 days and also do 9 times Pradakshina to the Navagrahas. I did accordingly for the benefit of my son. After ten days I saw Anjaneya Swamy in my vision twice during morning Pooja in my house and once during morning meditation in the house

of Sri Bapiraju, Dy. Executive Engineer. After 40 days of prayer my son Mr. M. Ch. Jagannadham Naidu became alright. Really it is an achievement. I did Hanuman Chaleesa for 50 times but Anjaneya Swamy appeared to me in a helpless condition in vision in the iron cage

As explained above ever since I got help from Hanuman and Navagrahas to my son, I used to repeat Hanuman Chaleesa whenever I was in trouble, since Baba clearly said that no one should approach him for personal wants. In fact I take Hanuman to be Baba's companion during this age also as he is Chy. and will be the companion for all the subsequent Avatars also as was clarified in Krishnavathar period. When my wife was on death bed in Vijaya Nursing Home, I did Hanuman Chaleesa for 50 times at a stretch. Meanwhile Hanuman appeared in my vision clearly but in the iron cage head lowering down as if it is a symptom of helpless condition. I thought that for my prayers he appeared but he did not get the clearance from Avatar Meher Baba for giving helping hand to my wife and the death is inevitable. My wife passed away and merged in Avatar Meher Baba as clarified by my Gurudev Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj. I therefore thought even Hanumanji also can not help if Avatar does not give clearance from that time onwards. I developed a theory that whatever is determined to me will be done and I need not bother for any material wants but resign to the will of God as Avatar Meher Baba often gave me instructions through His messages.

Before my wife Ammaji's merged with Meher Baba a peculiar incident happened, I heard her voice "ఏమండ" Immediately I was shocked as to how the dead body could speak (ఒడలు పులకరించినవి) I told my children that the soul of my wife would be with us for 3 days before it goes into eather and therefore asked my Children to pray her although so that she would bless them- They were all praying her' During night, my son Ravi Ram Kishore came to me crawling and kissed me I then woke up and asked him the reason for such act. He said he as not knowing anything, I thought that just before leaving for heaven she wanted to kiss me to show her gratitude and hence she entered into the sleeping body of my son, Ravi Ram Kishore came to me crawling and kissed me

54. BROTHER ANKALA RAO AND HIS FAMILY GOT A PECULIAR EXPERIENCE,

While I was working as Asst. Director of Agriculture, Dowleswaram I was staying with Bro. Ankala Rao a Meher Baba disciple, and also Meher Chaitanyaji's disciple. Once a person closely resubling me came to his home with bag and baggage and enquired about me. They thought that he was my brother and asked him to come and take rest there till I return from camp. But he said that he has got urgent work and took leave of them and went away, When they told me about this incidence I was astonished because I did not give their

house address to neither my brother, relations nor friends. It is a miracle and either Baba Himself or Sadguru Meher Chaitanyaji might have come in that form to give Darshan to that pious family,

55. SRI MEHER CHAITANYAJI MAHARAJ TIED A TURBAN TO ME DURING MY SLEEP COMING THERE INCOGNITI.

Once Sadguru Meher Chaitanyji Maharaj asked me to do Sankeerthan at Angara. After returning from Angara I was damtired and I was not maintaining good health that day and immediately retired to bed. Normally during winter season I used to wear a woollen mufler to my head to get rid off the cold breeze. I wanted to do so after getting up from bed but on that day till morning I did not get up from bed. Normally once or twice I use to get up in the night for calls of nature. Surprisingly when I got up from bed in the early hours I saw a turban tightly tied to my head. I asked the friends slept by my side whether they tied me that turban. The neighbours were Sri K. V, Suryanarayana, Principal of Junior College and his son Jagadish Swaroop, They said that they were not aware of the incident. I asked all the people slept with me whether they were aware of the incident, They said I was a stranger for them and how they dare enough to do such act. They further said that such incidents were not uncommon and that must be the act of Garudev. Sri Sadguru Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj who might have come there incognits and did that work. I thought I was very fortunate,

56. PROFESSOR SRI V. ARYA BECOMING MEHER BABA DISCIPLE

While I was prosecuting my studies for Post M. Sc. (Ag) Diploma Course in I. I. T.⁹ Kharagpur, my Professor Sri S.V. Arya once happened to see my letter received from Avatar Meher Baba since Baba's photo was there on the card. He asked me about Meher Baba. I said He was the Avatar of the Age. Since he was an Aryasamajee, the answer ~~was~~ appeared to him very pungent. He did not say any thing to me but asked me to give some Baba's Literature I gave him "God speaks" He read it and returned to me Slowly the God speaks acted on him as a Homeopath pill After several years he went to Amaravathi along with other disciples of Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh After returning from Amaravathi. having darshan of Baba's tomb, he got a message that he was appointed as Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Agricultural University⁹ Jabalpur His devotion to Baba was intensified and now he is a staunch disciple of Avatar Meher Baba He says even though he was having personal contact with Meher Baba lover at Kharagpur, mouth piece of Meher Baba, there was no occasion to discuss with him on Meher Baba, but it was through me he was brought into the fold of Baba, and Baba's ways are misterious. He further says he was my Guru in the Academic line but I was his Guru in the spiritual line

57) Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj appeared in dream on 27th early morning:

Sadguru Sri Meher Chaitanyaji Maharaj appeared at 6-15Am 27-7-88 He was seated on a small stool doing Penance, I asked a disciple of him standing nearby him whether Gurudev was available in Ashram. He "said, yes He is there right in front of you". I hesitated to ask him since he was doing penance. But he immediately got up and said. I am not doing meditation. I am here just waiting for you. From now onwards I will be after you giving guidance,

I came to know later that Sri Gurudev declared this point on 25th July 88. His birthday, that from now on words he would be helping his disciples in spiritual progress and hither to he could not concentrate on disciples but doing spiritual hierarchy work.



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