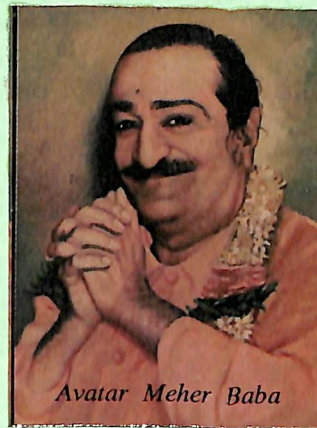


Meher Asramam Temple of Silence



Avatar Meher Baba

UNIVERSAL PRAYER*

O Parvardigar, the Preserver and Protector of All.
You are without Beginning and without End.
Non-dual, beyond comparison; and none can measure You.
You are without colour, without expression, without form, and without attributes.
You are unlimited and unfathomable, beyond imagination and conception; eternal and imperishable.
You are indivisible and none can see You but with eyes divine.
You always were, You always are, and You always will be.
You are everywhere, You are in everything; and You are also beyond everywhere; and beyond everything.
You are in the firmament and in the depths. You are manifest and unmanifest; on all planes, and beyond all planes.
You are in the three worlds, and also beyond the three worlds.
You are imperceptible and independent.
You are the Creator, the Lord of Lords, the Knower of all minds and hearts; You are Omnipotent and Omnipresent.
You are Knowledge Infinite, Power Infinite, and Bliss Infinite.
You are the Ocean of Knowledge. All-Knowing, Infinitely-Knowing; the Knower of the past, the present and the future; and You are Knowledge itself.
You are All merciful and eternally benevolent.
You are the Soul of souls, the One with infinite attributes;
You are the Trinity of Truth, Knowledge, and Bliss;

TEMPLE OF SILENCE



"I am always with you. Still I have been very happy for these few days that you have been with me.

You may feel that I am now going away but you should never find that I have gone away. It is for you to hold on to Me now and forever.

On My part, I and My Love will never leave you here or hereafter.

May you be aware of it deeper and deeper from day to day.

My Blessing to you all".

[Message delivered by Meher Baba at Meher Asramam in April 1947]

You are the Source of Truth; the Ocean of Love;
You are 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; Ahuramazda; God Almighty; and God the Beloved.
You are named Ezad; the only One worthy of worship.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE*

"We repent O God, Most, Merciful for all our sins, for every thought that was false or unjust or unclean, for every word spoken, that ought not to have been spoken, and for every deed done that ought not to have been done."

"We repent for every deed and word and thought inspired by selfishness, and for every deed and word and thought inspired by hatred."

"We repent most especially for every lustful thought, and every lustful action; for every lie; for all hypocrisy; for every promise given but not fulfilled and for all slander and backbiting."

"Most especially also, we repent for every action that has brought ruin to others, for every word and deed that has given others pain, and for every wish that pain should befall others."

"In your Unbounded Mercy, we ask you to forgive us. O God, for all these sins committed by us, and to forgive us for our constant failures to think and speak and act according to Your Will."

* Dictated by Baba

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Avatar Meher Baba

(Brief life sketch)

"When mankind becomes completely deaf to the Thunder of His Silence, God incarnates as Man".

"Age after age, when the wick of righteousness burns low, the Avatar comes yet once again to rekindle the Torch of Love and Truth".

Merwan Sheriar Irani, popularly known as Avatar Meher Baba (meaning Compassionate Father) was born in Poona on 25th February 1894 to Persian Parents of Zoroastrian faith. He was drawn to the Five Perfect Masters of the Age. - Hazrat Babajan of Poona, Sadguru Narayan Maharaj of Kedgaon, Hazrat Tajuddin Baba of Nagpur, Hazrat Saibaba of Shirdi and Sadguru Upasani Maharaj of Sakori.

In 1913-14 Merwan met Hazrat Babajan of Poona who made Him aware of His 'I am God State' by implanting Her Divine Kis on His forehead and she declared that the whole of humanity will be benefitted by Him.

In 1915 when Merwan met Sadguru Narayan Maharaj at Kedgaon, he garlanded Him and made Him sit on his throne. Later in the year Merwan met Hazrat Tajuddin Baba at Nagpur who caressed Him and remarked 'My Heavenly Rose'.

In December 1915 Merwan went to Shirdi to meet Hazrat Saibaba, who, on seeing Him, uttered loudly 'O Parvardigar' (meaning God Almighty, The Sustainer) in a deep voice three times and inwardly directed Him to Sadguru Upasani Maharaj.

Thereafter Merwan met Sadguru Upasani Maharaj at nearby Khandoba Temple. Maharaj flung a stone which hit Merwan at the same spot on the forehead where Babajan had kissed Him and gave Him Divine knowledge. Later he proclaimed Merwan as the Avatar of the Age.

Avatar Meher Baba began His Spiritual Mission in 1922 at Poona and disciples were readily drawn to Him. In January 1925 He decided to settle down in a place near Arangaon, a village six miles from Ahmednagar and people started calling the place Meherabad. His work in the initial period embraced running Free School, Free Hospital and Dispensary and Ashram for God - intoxicated Souls.

From 10th July 1925 Avatar Meher Baba observed complete silence and maintained it for 44 years till He dropped His body on 31st January 1969. His Messages and all works published under His Name and discourses were dictated by means of an English Alphabet Board and recorded by His close followers. After 7th October 1954 even the alphabet board was abandoned and He communicated only by gestures which were interpreted by His disciples.

Avatar Meher Baba made thirteen visits to the West (U.K., Europe, U.S.A and Australia). The first visit was in 1931 and last was in 1958. He travelled extensively throughout India and gave His Personal Touch to the thousands who flocked to Him during Public Darshan Programmes and thus elevated their consciousness.

An important part of Avatar Meher Baba's work was to personally contact 'Masts' - advanced pilgrims on the spiritual path who became God intoxicated from the direct awareness of God. He gave them a Spiritual Push in their Journey to God. This Phase of His work was unique to this Avataric Advent.

His work during these journeys even to the remotest parts of India and covered by train, bus, car, bullock cart and on foot, included also the care of lepers, washing the feet of thousands of poor and giving them grain, cloth or money.

Avatar Meher Baba declared:

"I am not come to establish any cult, society or organisation; nor even to establish a new religion. The religion that I shall give teaches the Knowledge of the One behind the many. The book that I shall make people read is the book of the heart that holds the key to the mystery of life. I shall bring about a happy blending of the head and the heart. I shall revitalize all religions and cults and bring them together like beads on one string".

His most frequent words to people were:

"Love God whole-heartedly. Dont worry, Be Happy"

and He demonstrated in Himself and encouraged in others this ever-present Selfless Love as the most natural Theme of everyday life.

Avatar Meher Baba dropped His Body on 31st January 1969 and the Holy Tomb-Shrine of the Avatar is at Meherabad, 8 kms from Ahmednagar in Maharashtra, on Dhond-Manmad Railway Line and is a Sacred Place of Pilgrimage for His followers all over the World.

Meher Asramam - Temple of Silence
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Avatar Meher Baba Declared

"Whenever I visit a place and stay there, for however short a time, its spiritual atmosphere is greatly elevated".

Meher Asramam is a Temple which was inaugurated by Avatar Meher Baba when he visited Madras in March 1930 and He gave Darshan at this place during His 3 days stay on March 1, 2 & 3. He also planted a Peepul Tree in Commemoration of His visit.

In February 1934, Avatar Meher Baba condescended to make a **Second visit** to this place and gave Darshan on Feb 17, 18 & 19. Baba lovers at Madras had also the rare privilege and Blessings of celebrating His 40th Birthday in His presence on February 18th 1934.

In April 1947, Avatar Meher Baba was pleased to visit this place again for the **Third time** and gave Darshan on April 2, 3, 4 & 5 1947, sitting on a raised platform under the Peepul Tree He had planted in March 1930.

Part of His farewell Message provides the guidelines for the importance of this place which He inaugurated in March 1930 and is sanctified by His Divine Presence.

"I am always with you, still I have been very happy for these few days you have been with Me. You may feel that I am going away but you should never find I have gone away. It is for you to hold on to Me now and for ever.

"On My Part I and My Love will never leave you here or hereafter."

"May you be aware of it deeper and deeper from day to day. My Blessings to you all".

During Avatar Meher Baba's 3 visits to Saidapet, Madras in March 1930, February 1934 & April 1947, He stayed for a total of 10 days at the residence of His disciple Mr.C.V.Sampath Iyengar (Madras Judicial Service), at 'Meher Bhavan', 26, Brahmin Street, Saidapet, Madras, lying just opposite to Meher Asramam and sanctified this place also by His Divine Presence and Grace.

Meher Asramam - Temple of Silence is a Unique place inaugurated by Avatar Meher Baba and dedicated to Him. The sacred place offers a rare opportunity to observe SILENCE as a mode of worship as Avatar Meher Baba's SILENCE is the Key note to this place. As per His exhortation the SPIRITUAL ATMOSPHERE OF MEHER ASRAMAM is greatly elevated due to ***His stay in the place for a total period of 10 days in 1930, 1934 & 1947.***

Meher Baba Pearls

How to Love God

To Love God in the most practical way is to love our fellow beings.

If we feel for others in the same way as we feel for our own dear ones, we love God.

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

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

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

If, instead of worrying over our own misfortunes, we think 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 Pearls

I love you

Do not worry about your weaknesses

Eventually they will go
even if they linger, love will one day consume them

Everything disappears in the Ocean of Love

Because I love you, you have a pool of love within you

When you feel wretched, when you fall in your weakness, have a dip in that pool of love.

Refresh yourself in that pool of my love within you

It is always there

Even if you wash your weaknesses every day in that pool, it will remain clear

Don't worry, Baba loves you, that is what really matters.

Avclar Meher Baba's most powerful Exhortations

BE TRUE TO YOUR DUTY

**I want you to make Me your constant companion.
Think of Me more than you think of your own self.
The more you think of Me, the more you will realize
My love for you.**

**Your duty is to keep Me constantly with you
throughout your thoughts, speech, and actions.**

**They do their duty who, sincere in their faith and
love, surrender to Me, guided by the implicit belief in
My divinity as Baba.**

**They too do their duty who speak ill of Me and
condemn Me through their writings urged by their
genuine conviction that Baba is a fraud.**

**But they are the hypocrites who, not knowing their
own minds, are constantly doubting; they are at
times, through false emotions, inclined to believe in
Me; and at other times to indulge in slanderous gossip
against Me.**

**No amount of slander can ever affect or change Me;
nor any amount of admiration and praise enhance or
glorify My Divinity.**

Baba is what He is.

**I was Baba; I am Baba; and shall for evermore
remain Baba.**

My blessings to you all.

Divine Silence and Speaking

**"For ages I have been giving in Silence
My Silent Message of Love.
You ask Me for a message from My Silence.
But silent are the words of My Silence.
Silent is love, and the lover loves My Silence,
And silently adores me in My Silence".**

**"When the tongue is silent, the mind speaks;
When the mind is silent, the heart sings;
When the heart stops singing, the soul begins to
experience its original Self.**

**In deep sleep the tongue, mind and heart are silent
and one is unconscious.**

**If one can go into deep sleep and remain awake,
one has it; one becomes what originally was and
eternally is -"GOD".**

LOVE

Love has to spring spontaneously from within, it is in no way amenable to any form of inner or outer force. Love and coercion can never go together; but while love cannot be forced upon anyone, it can be awakened through love itself. Love is essentially self-communicative; those who do not have it catch it from those who have it. Those who receive love from others cannot be its recipients without giving a response that, in itself, is the nature of love. True love is unconquerable and irresistible. It goes on gathering power and spreading itself until eventually it transforms everyone it touches. Humanity will attain a new mode of being and unhampered interplay of pure love from heart to heart.

AVATAR MEHER BABA - PEARLS

Life and Love are inseparable from each other; where there is life, there is Love. Love is a many splendoured thing.

In Love there is an active appreciation of the object of Love. To have loved one soul is like adding its life to your own. Your life is, as it were, multiplied and you virtually live in 2 centres. Love is the expression of the spirit and there is tranquility. In Love there is the feeling of unity and joy.

In Love the annexation of the other person to your individual life is out of the question and there is a free and creative outpouring that enlivens and replenishes the psychic being of the beloved, independent of any expectations for the self. Love leads to a spiritual incorporation of the beloved in the very being of the Lover.

In love the self offers itself to the beloved without any reservations but in that very act it finds that it has included the beloved in its own being.

Pure Love always gives, never asks and is the bloom of spiritual perfection.

Love expresses itself as a constituent of the harmonized whole where love and reason have been balanced and fused into an integral unity.

Love is essentially self communicative and true love is unconquerable and irresistible. It goes on gathering power and spreads until, eventually, it transforms every one it touches. Love can always be awakened through Love itself.

Husband and wife are co-sharers in the sacred bond of marriage. It is a bond of partnership for life, is a subline one, where each of the individuals is secure and safe and are fighting together the battle of life.

If the spiritual values of married life are inspired by lofty ideals, it can rise to a fellowship that not only calls forth increasing sacrifices from each other, but also becomes a medium for the 2 souls to offer their United Love and service to the whole of humanity.

The value of marriage lies in terms of mutual adjustment and the sense of Unity among the partners.

In the beginning of married life the Partners are drawn to each other by lust as well as love but with conscious and deliberate co-operation, they can, in course of time, gradually lessen the element of lust and increase the element of love. This process of sublimation gives place to deep love.

By mutual sharings of joys and sorrows the partners march on from one spiritual triumph to another, from deep love to ever deeper love, till the possessive and jealous love of the earlier periods is entirely replaced by a self giving and expansive love.

Through the intelligent handling of marriage the persons may traverse so much on the spiritual path that it only needs a touch of the Master to raise them to the sanctuary of eternal life.

AVATAR MEHER BABA - PEARLS

Sex in marriage is entirely different from sex outside marriage.

In marriage the Samskaras or mental impressions or imprints of Past Experience are much lighter and are capable of being removed easily.

Sex companionship should be accompanied by a sense of responsibility, love and spiritual idealism.

There is no doubt that immense spiritual possibilities are accessible through a married life and this depends upon the right attitude.

Marriage based on a mutual desire to serve and inspire grow continually in richness and beauty and is a benediction to all who know of them.

Married life makes upon both the partners demands of mutual adjustment and understanding and creates many problems beyond their expectations. The 2 souls linked together are called upon to tackle the whole complex problem of personality together.

When married life is thus brought into conformity with the divine plan for the evaluation of the individual it becomes a pure Blessing for the children that are the fruit of that marriage for they get the advantage of a spiritual atmosphere from the beginning of their earthly career.

DONT WORRY - BE HAPPY

Real happiness lies in making others happy.
The really happy are those who are contented with their lot.

It is always the outlook that counts not the object.
If in every day life we practice Love, Service and honesty, then renunciation is achieved without renouncing the World.

Do not run away from the World-run away from your own lower self.

Want Nothing-You will have everything.
Forgiveness is the best charity.

Selfishness leads to dissatisfaction and disappointments because desires are endless.

Do not try to conquer others - Conquer yourself and you have conquered the World.

Be Natural. Do not act outwardly what you are not inwardly. The greatest sin is hypocrisy.

Start learning to love God by beginning to love those whom you cannot.

To love God in the most practical way is to love our fellow beings and to help them lovingly.

If you are indifferent to your material responsibilities then you are indifferent to God.

Divinity is not devoid of humanity.

AVATAR MEHER BABA - PEARLS
Playing with Illusions

I appreciate the faith which has brought you here. I also appreciate your love and devotion. It has made Me very happy.

I know and understand the difficulties and problems, sufferings and expectations. Not only the individuals, but the whole world is in the throes of suffering. When suffering comes, it comes according to the divinely established law of karma. It must then be accepted with grace and fortitude. But it must be remembered that your actions are the cause of much of your suffering. Through wise action, it can be minimized. What humanity needs is spiritual wisdom; and for this, it must inevitably turn to the Perfect Masters and Avatars.

Suffering comes through ignorance or attachment to illusions. Most people play with illusions as children play with toys. If you get caught up in the ephemeral things of this world and cling to illusory values, suffering is inevitable. It is not easy for little children to give up their toys, for they become the victims of a habit which they cannot undo. In the same way, through millions of lives, you have got into the habit of playing with illusions; it is difficult for you to get disentangled from them.

For ages and ages, the *atma* (soul) has been seeing its own shadow and getting engrossed in the illusory world of forms. It gets addicted to the spectacle of its own creation and desires to see it through cycles and cycles of creation. When the soul turns inward and longs to have

self-knowledge, it has become spiritually minded. But even there, this habit of wanting to see some spectacle persists for several lives.

The soul wants to experience some miracles or spectacular phenomena, or in more advanced stages it wants to perform miracles and manipulate phenomena. Even spiritually advanced persons find it difficult to outgrow this habit of playing with illusions. Persistent attachment to miracles is only a further continuation of the habit of playing with illusions.

It is not miracles, but understanding, which can bring you true freedom. If you have firm faith and unfaltering love for the God-Man, your way to the abiding Truth is clear and safe. Then you have no time to waste in playing with things that do not matter. Be ye guided by Love and Truth. This is the simple way that leads to God. Not by endless manouver of alluring illusions, but by loyalty to the unchangeable Truth, can ye hope to be established in abiding Peace.

When I speak, it will be only one divine word; but it will be the word of words of the manifestation of Truth. This Word will have to be hearkened by the heart and not merely by the mind. It will go home to you and bring you the Awakening.

My love and Blessings.

Calendar of Important Events in the Advent of Avatar Meher Baba

- 25.2.1894** Sunday -5 A.M. **Birth of Merwan (Meher Baba)** at David Sasoon Hospital, Poona.
- 1911** Merwan matriculated from St.Vincent High School and was admitted in Deccan College, Poona.
- 1913** Hazrat Babajan gave Divine Kiss on Merwan's forehead which made Him experience the 'I am God State'. She declared that Merwan would shake the whole world and the whole of humanity will be benefitted by Him.
- April 1915** Merwan saw Sadguru Narayan Maharaj at Kedgaon. He garlanded Merwan and made Him sit on his diamond studded throne.
- 1915** Merwan met Hazrat Tajuddin Baba at Nagpur who caressed Merwan's cheeks and forehead with roses and remarked 'My rose, My heavenly rose'.
- Dec. 1915** Merwan went to Shirdi and met Saibaba who was going in a procession on his way back from 'Lendi'. Merwan stretched full length on the ground in front of Saibaba and those accompanying were astonished when Saibaba prostrated to Merwan in return. Saibaba also uttered 'Parvardigar' meaning-God Almighty, the Sustainer, Vishnu - in a deep voice 3 times and inwardly directed Merwan to go to Upasani Maharaj at Khandoba Temple.
- Dec. 1915** After meeting Saibaba Merwan went to nearby Khandoba Temple, where Sadguru Upasani Maharaj was staying. Maharaj flung a stone at

Merwan which hit Him on the forehead at the same spot where Babajan had implanted the Divine Kiss. This brought Merwan to the consciousness of His body.

- 15.10.1918** Sai Baba dropped His Body.
- 1919** Merwan visited Puri Jaganath Temple where His name was entered in the register as Jagat Narayan.
- 1920** Merwan was given the name Meher Baba - meaning Compassionate Father - by his disciple Sayyed Sahib.
- 1921** Sadguru Upasani Maharaj declared: 'I have given charge to Merwan. He is the holder of my key. He will move the world. Humanity at large will be benefitted at His hands'. He told Meher Baba's disciples 'Merwan is the Avatar. I have handed over the key to whatever I possess to Merwan.. Now hold his feet, not only with one hand but with both hands'.
- 1922** Meher Baba commenced His spiritual work with a group of His disciples. He referred to Himself as God conscious Master - Sadguru - Qutub - for the **first time** while going with disciples in a coastal streamer near Bombay.
- 21.5.1922** **First Foot Journey** - with 40 disciples - Poona to Bombay - till 27th May.
- 7.6.1922** Baba moved to 'Manzil-e-meem' - The House of the Master - with His disciples. Stayed till 19.4.1923.

- 15.10.1922 Baba stayed for 10 hours at Sakori. Mehera Mai saw Him for the **first time**.
- Feb. 1923 Motto of Manzil-e-meem given as '**Mastery in Servitue**'.
- 19.04.1923 Baba's **first visit** to **Ahmednagar** with 13 disciples. Stayed at Khushroo Quarters.
- 30.04.1923 Baba's **first visit** to **Happy Valley** - 14 miles from Ahmednagar - where Rama and Sita stayed during their exile.
- 04.05.1923 Baba put His Holy Feet, at Arangaon Village - **Meherabad** - for the **first time**.
- 25.05.1923 **First spiritual Tour** - with 13 disciples - Mathura, Karachi, Quetta etc.
- 01.07.1923 **Second Foot Journey** - Ahmedabad to Navsari -
181 miles - disciples repeated Gods Name all the time - ended on 6th July.
- 19.10.1923 **Third Foot Journey** - Baba left Bombay for Sakori on foot - ended on 1st November.
- 22.02.1924 Baba left India - **First visit to Persia** - returned in early March 1924.
- 16.03.1924 Baba wandered alone near Itarsi - only time He went alone.
- 23.04.1924 Baba proposed His **7 colour Flag** - representing 7 planes of consciousness.
- April 1924 Baba gave **One line Prayer** - to be recited by Mandali - 'Khuda, Paramatma, Allah, Ram, Yezdan, Hu'.
- 03.08.1924 Baba arrived at **Madras for First time** on His way to Nilgiris - stayed at Sheikh Siddique Choultry near Madras Central Station and left for Nilgiris on evening of 5th August.
- 08.08.1924 Baba arrived at Madras from Nilgiris in the morning and left for the Calcutta on 9th August at 8 P.M. by train.
- 12.08.1924 Calcutta - Baba visited Belur Math and stayed for some time in the room used by Sri **Ramakrishna Paramahansa**.
- 14.08.1924 **First recorded visit** of Baba to Rishikesh, Haridwar.
- 25.01.1925 Baba's **First long stay at Arangaon Village** - till 26.10.1926.
- 18.02.1925 Baba's 31st Birthday celebrated at Meherabad. Baba's parents participated in the celebrations.
- 21.03.1925 Meher charitable Dispensary and Hospital opened.
- 25.03.1925 Hazarad Babajan School opened.
- 10.07.1925 **Baba commenced His Divine Silence**.
- 13.07.1925 Baba commenced writing His Book in the Jhopdi at Meherabad - which is yet to be seen.

24.08.1925	Baba visited Ellora Caves and sat in one of the caves for 10 mintues.	05.04.1927	Hazrat Babajan Girl's School opened at Arangaon.
Aug. 1925	A large wooden sign board was erected with Meherabad painted on it.	01.05.1927	Meher Ashram Boarding School opened at Meherabad.
23.08.1925	Baba revealed one secret about His previous incarnation as Lord Jesus. 'When Jesus was crucified, He did not die on the Cross. He entered the state of Nirvikalpa Samadhi . On the third day He again became conscious of His body and He travelled secretly with some of His Apostles to India. This was Jesus's resurrection. Then He travelled further east to Rangoon where he remained for some time. He then went to Kashmir where He settled down. When His work was over He dropped His body at a place 'Harvan,' a village in Kashmir, where His apostles buried Him.	28.03.1928	Prem Ashram was formally opened at Meherabad Hill.
		01.04.1928	Hazrat Babajan visited Meherabad School.
		02.04.1928	Baba paid return visit to Babajan at Poona.
		01.01.1929	Meher Message - First Issue released (40 pages).
		10.07.1929	First recorded North Indian Bus tour till 28.02.1929 - Nasik, Gwalior, Agra, Delhi, Lahore, Srinagar etc.
10.11.1925	Villagers approched Baba with a request for rain. Baba ordered a pit to be dug and a Dhuni was lit and this was followed by heavy rains. From then onwards Dhuni was lit every month.	20.09.1929	Baba left India on Second visit to Persia - return on 12.11.1929.
11.01.1926	Baba Wrote His own Arti - which later came to be known as Gujarati Arti.	01.03.1930	Baba's First visit to Saidapet, Madras.
18.02.1926	Baba's 32nd Birthday was Celebrated in the presence of His Mother and Sister.	02.03.1930	Baba Opened Meher Asramam -Planted Peepul Tree in the premises - approved formation of Meher League and publication of Meher Gazette.
31.12.1926	Baba's last written discourse given	03.03.1930	Baba left Madras by Private Bus.
02.01.1927	Baba stopped writing completely and started conveying through English Newspaper letters and later on through an Alphabet Board.	15.05.1930	Baba's Seclusion at Tiger Valley, for 12 days till 26.05.1930.
		June 1930	First Issue of Meher Gazette - Published from Saidapet, Madras.

26.01.1931 Baba travelled for **First Time in a small private aeroplane** - hired by Sarosh at Deo Pali.

01.06.1931 Baba left India on **Third visit to Persia** - returned mid July 1931.

04.08.1931 Kurnool (in present Andhra Pradesh). Baba met Mr.C.V.Sampath Iyengar and family and stayed at his residence. Baba was having a beard for some time and He shaved off the same at Kurnool. He left on 8th August for Karachi.

29.08.1931 Baba left Bombay by S.S. Rajaputana on **First visit to West and U.S.A.** (U.K, Europe, Turkey, U.S.A.) - returned in January 1932. Mahathma Gandhi who was also travelling to U.K. in the same ship visited Baba in His cabin 3 times (8, 9 & 10th September).

21.09.1931 Hazrat Babajan dropped Body at Poona.

02.10.1931 Baba met Mahathma Gandhi at Kingsley Hall, London at 8.15 P.M. and had a long talk.

06.11.1931 Baba set foot for **First time** in American soil at Newyork.

13.12.1931 Baba visited Eiffel Tower, Paris.

24.03.1932 Baba left India by S.S. Conte Rosso-**Second Visit to West** (U.K., Europe, U.S.A., Japan, Singapore, Ceylon) - returned on 15th July 1932.

30.04.1932 Baba's Father Sheriarji passed away in Bombay.

24.05.1932 U.S.A. - Baba picked up a small pink flower gave it to His disciple Elizabeth Patterson and told her 'Always keep the flower and write down this date.

Some day you will know the meaning of it'. Baba met with a car accident in U.S.A. twenty years later, exactly on 24th May 1952, in a car driven by Elizabeth Patterson.

18.07.1932 Baba left India by S.S Kaisari Hind - **Third Visit to West** - Europe, Egypt- returned on 05.09.1932.

21.11.1932 Baba left India by S.S. Conte Vorde - **Fourth Visit to West** - Europe, U.K., Egypt, Ceylon - returned on 06.02.1933.

06.08.1932 Assissi - Baba stayed in Cave used by St.Francis.

13.09.1932 Baba met Dr.Ambedkar at Bombay and had a long conversation.

06.12.1932 Baba revealed to 'Kimco' - 'Mehera is My Radha' for **The first time**.

12.04.1933 Baba took His group to **Harvan Village** in Kashmir and pointing to a hill **He indicated the place where Christ's apostles buried His Body**. (During Baba's advent as Jesus Christ).

12.06.1933 Baba left India by S.S. Victoria - **Fifth Visit to West** - Europe - returned on 06.08.1933.

25.09.1933 Baba left India by S.S.Conte Verde-**Sixth Visit to West** - Europe, U.K. - returned on 14.11.1933.

29.10.1933 Baba watched bull fight at Hippodrome, Spain - Both the bulls were killed. Baba said 'they will reincarnate as human beings and rapidly advance on the Path because they were killed in My Presence'.

- 17.02.1934 **Babs's Second Visit to Saidapet, Madras.** He left on 19.02.1934.
- 18.02.1934 **Baba's 40th Birthday Celebrated in His Presence at Meher Asramam, Saidapet, Madras.**
- 23.05.1934 **Baba dictated 'The Theme of Creation'.**
- 09.06.1934 **Baba left India - S.S.Mongolia - Seventh Visit to West - Europe, U.K. - returned on 02.08.1934.**
- 15.11.1934 **Baba left India - S.S.Tuscania - Eight Visit to West - Europe, U.K., U.S.A., Ceylon - returned on 15.02.1935.**
- 15.02.1935 **Baba blessed Madras devotees who met Him at Madras Egmore and Central Station on His way back to Ahmednagar after His return from eight tour abroad.**
- Mid Oct'36 **Baba left India - Viceroy of India - Ninth Visit to West - U.K., Europe, Turkey - returned third week of November 1936.**
- 16.02.1936 **Baba's Forty Second Birthday** as per Parsi Calendar - Not celebrated anywhere as per His instructions. Baba was staying on that day at His disciple Mr.C.V.Sampath Iyengar's residence at Banaglore on a private visit to the family. On the same day **Upasani Maharaj** unexpectedly **visited Ahmednagar** after a lapse of nearly fifteen years **for the specific purpose of performing Arti and offering Prayers to Baba's photo at Khushroo Quarters.**
- 17.02.1937 **Baba's Forty Third Birthday** celebrated at Nasik. 10,000 poor people were given grains and

cloth and Baba touched the feet of all of them.

- June 1937 **Nasik Ashram** was closed.
- 31.07.1937 **Baba left India by Strathnover - Tenth Visit to West - Europe - returned on 20.11.1937.**
- 08.12.1938 **Chevrolet Blue Bus Tour** begins with 22 disciples - men and women and lasted till May 1939. Visited Sholapur, Hyderabad, Nagpur, Jabalpur, Bhopal, Jaipur, Pushkar, Ujjain, Mandla, Benares, Kanpur, Agra, Mathura, Delhi, Ajmer, Sarnath etc.
- 28.01.1939 **Baba visted Brindavan, Gokul, Mathura.** He visited all the places connected with Lord Krishna's activities.
- 06.02.1939 **Baba visted Delhi - Lakhsminarayan Temple and Tomb of Hazrat Nizamudin.**
- 17.12.1939 **Baba laid the Fundation Stone of Meher Baba Universal Spiritual Centre at Byramangala, near Bangalore.** The Diwan of Mysore, Sir Mirza Ismail, presided on the occasion. The site was 574 acres area and a 9 member Trust was formed to work out the Project.
- 05.01.1941 **Baba dictated 'The Seven Realities' message.**
- 17.10.1941 **Upasani Maharaj met Baba at Dahegaon after many years and this was their 'Last Meeting'.**
- 24.12.1941 **Upasani Maharaj dropped His Body.**
- 1941 **During 1941 Baba journeyed about 18,000 miles in India to contract God Intoxicated Souls.**

- 12.01.1942 Baba asked Papa Jessawala to light the **Dhuni** at Meherabad which was kept burning for 48 hours in memory of Upasani Maharaj.
- 1942 Baba journeyed about 15,000 miles in India to contact God Intoxicated Souls.
- 13.01.1942 Mohammed, 5th Plane Mast, was brought to Meherabad and he has stayed there since then.
- 25.02.1943 Baba's mother Shirin Mai passed away at Poona.
- Sept & Oct 1943 Calcutta - Terrible Famine - 1000 middle class people were fed and 10,000 chapatis were distributed to the needy by Baba, incognito.
- 1944 **Baba chose Pimpalgaon for His future work and named this place as Meherazad.**
- July 1944 **Myrtle Beach - U.S.A. - South Carolina - Meher Spiritual Centre -Property of Mr.Simeon Chapin, father of Elizabeth Patterson, comprising of about 500 acres adjacent to the Atlantic ocean was dedicated to Baba. Baba referred to this place as 'This is My Home in the West'.**
- 12.11.1944 Nagpur - Baba visited Ashram of Ramakrishna Paramahansa.
- 14.11.1944 Nagpur - Baba visited Theosophical Society - Message 'Dynamism of Love' given. Evening Darshan at Convocation Hall - Message 'Unity of all Life' given. Baba visited National College and gave message 'God and Love'.
- 22.05.1945 Special Meeting called by Baba.
- 23.05.1945 Baba conveyed what He felt about each one of the Mandali living near Him.
- 03.09.1945 Sadguru Narayan Maharaj dropped His Body at Bangalore.
- 16.04.1946 Baba left Ahmednagar to a place in U.P. on **Seclusion for six months.** This place was **Niranjanpur**, a small village in Dehradun, which was kept secret throughout.
- 02.04.1947 **Baba's Third Visit to Saidapet, Madras. Stay and Darshan at Meher Bhavan till 05.04.47. He gave Darshan at Meher Asramam also.** He also visited some Institutions and people
- 05.04.1947 Baba left Madras for Poona. Before leaving Saidpet, He permitted Late Mr.Sampath Iyengar's family members to perform **Pada Pooja with Milk and Honey.**
- 10.09.1947 **Meherazad - Baba commenced staying here with a small group of Mandali.**
- 17.10.1947 Baba gave Darshan for Parsis exclusively.
- 07.02.1948 Baba contacted Masts in Bombay after 26 years. He contacted a **family of Masts and Mastanis** consisting of two brothers and seven sisters.
- 27.08.1948 **Meherazad - Baba House - House warming function (Gokulashtami Day)**
- Later half of 1948 **Baba started dictating 'God Speaks' on alphabet Board to Dr.Ghani**
- 22.06.1949 Baba's 'Great Seclusion' for forty days till 31.07.1949 at Meherazad.

- 25.08.1949 Baba decided to take 4 women - **with Him as New Life Companions** - Mehera J Irani, Mani S Irani, Mehru R Irani and Dr.Goher R Irani
- 16.10.1949 **Baba Left for the New Life of Hopelessness and Helplessness** along with 16 men and 4 women companions selected by Him. (Men - Adi Sr, Donkin, Gustadji, Nilu, Dr.Ghani, Pendu, Patil, Vishnu, Murli, Anna Jakkal, Babadas, Daulat Singh, Kaka, Aga Baibul, Ali Akbar, Eruch)
- 24.11.1949 **Benares - Baba's first Biksha at Dr. Nath's House**
- 25.11.1949 Banares - Baba took Biksha from Dr.Khare at Dr.Nath's House
- 01.12.1949 Sarnath - Baba bowed to Sculpture of Budha.
- 13.04.1950 Manjri Mafi - Dehradun - 'Baba took bath with Ganges Water brought from Hardwar by Eruch.
- 16.10.1950 Mahabaleshwar - Baba gave 'Sermon on the Mount'. He offered opportunity to lovers to donate money (Rs.50 to Rs.500)
- 28.06.1951 Hyderabad - Jubilee Hills - Momentous meeting - 'Declaration' read by Dr.Ghani.
- 16.10.1951 Mano - Nash Work begins - Completed on 16.02.52
- 24.12.1951 **Soul Stirring Ceremony - List of 124 departed disciples who had loved Baba dearly read out at 9.00 A.M - Offering of Rs.124 to a Poor man.**
- 31.01.1952 Meherabad - Dhuni lighted at 7 P.M. Baba made Eruch write on a piece of paper that **rites, rituals, ceremonies of all religions of the world are hereby consumed in this flame.** When the Dhuni was lit at 7 P.M., **the paper was torn by Baba and put in the flames.**
- 26.02.1952 Baba admitted to Hospital for operation of piles and fissures
- 12.02.1952 **Baba declared it as His first Real Birthday.**
- 21.03.1952 Baba commenced Complicated Free Life which ended on 9.7.52 (Fiery Life)
- 18.04.1952 Baba left India by Air - **Eleventh Visit to West** - U.S.A, U.K., Switzerland - returned on 21.8.52
- 22.04.1952 **U.S.A - Myrtle Beach - Babas first visit to His centre - 1 month's stay till 21.5.52.**
- 21.05.1952 Baba left Myrtle Beach by Car to visit Ojai, California.
- 24.05.1952 **Baba met with car Accident in U.S.A. - seriously injured** - about 7 miles from Prague (Oklahoma) - Car was driven by Elizabeth Patterson.
- 10.07.1952 Baba commenced Full Free Life - ended on 14.11.52
- August 1952 Baba arrived at Bombay after U.S. Visit
- 07.11.1952 **Meherabad - 3 days Sahavas till 9.11.52 - 300 Baba Lovers attended.**
- 08.11.1952 **Meherabad - Baba gave 'Prayer of Repentance'**

- 09.11.1952 **Baba remembered His 3 Masters** - Babajan, Saibaba and Upasani Maharaj and reverentially bowed to them
- 14.11.1952 Baba issued a Charter 'Re-orienting Sufism'
- 15.11.1952 Baba commenced Fiery Free Life - till 7.9.53
- 18.11.1952 Hamirpur District - First Darshan Programme. From this day Baba gave Darshan to all, where ever He went.
- 12.12.1952 Khuldabad - Baba visited the Shrine of Zar Zari Baksh - Sadguru of Shirdi Saibaba in an earlier incarnation.
- 22.12.1952 Amravati - Baba visited Janata College and **unveiled the Portrait of Sri Ramana Maharishi.**
- 23.12.1952 **Baba performed Arti of his 'own photo** in Dr.C.D.Deshmukh's room.
- 17.01.1953 **First visit to Andhra Pradesh - Tadepalligudam - Public Darshan**
- 22.01.1953 Baba dipped His Hands in Godavari at Dowleshvaram.
- 27.01.1953 Eluru - Baba washed the feet of 56 lovers - everyone kept awake the whole night as per Baba's instructions.
- 19.06.1953 **Baba remembered with love His departed lovers. A list of 137 names was read out at 8 A.M at Dehradun**
- 13.08.1953 Dehradun - 'Universal Prayer' (Parvardigar Prayer) dictated by Baba and recited by all.
- 07.09.1953 **Dehradun - 'Highest of the High' Message given on Zoroaster's Birthday**
- 28.10.1953 Dehradun - Baba desired His lovers to keep awake from 12 Mid night to 10 A.M of 29th October and asked everyone to continuously repeat audibly any name of God.
- 10.12.1954 **Hamirpur District - Meherstan - at Mid Night Baba spelt out the words 'Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai' for the first time, declaring Himself as the Avatar in Public from that day onwards.**
- 19.02.1954 **Baba's Second Visit to Andhra Pradesh - till 6.3.1954.**
- 25.02.1954 **Tadepalligudam - Baba's 60th Birthday Celebrated - at Dr.Dhanpat Rao's place - Baba's Feet washed with Panchamirtham.**
- 29.09.1954 **Meherabad -Special Meeting of Lovers (29th and 30th).**
- 30.09.1954 Meherabad - 'Final Declaration' Message given.
- 07.10.1954 **Satara - Baba gave up the use of the Alphabet Board and started communicating by using hand gestures.**
- 06.11.1954 Pandharpur - Baba gave Darshan to about 70,000 people at Vithoba Temple in the presence of Saint Gadge Maharaj. He also visited the Leprosy Colony.
- 12.09.1954 **Ahmednagar - Wadia Park - Baba gave public Darshan to more than 70,000 people. There was Feast for 20,000 people The Message 'How to Love God' was given.**

07.11.1955 **Meherabad - Sahavas Programme commences - 4 groups - Gujarati, Telugu, Hindi, Marathi, till 3.12.1955.**

26.01.1956 Sakori - Baba gave Darshan to Godavari Mai and Kanyas at her request.

16.07.1956 Baba left Bombay by Air - **Twelfth Visit to West - U.K., U.S.A., and Australia.** (U.S.A. - 24th July to 7th August. Australia - 9th August to 14th August) returned to India on 17th August.

09.08.1956 Baba set foot on Australian soil for the first time. Left on 14th August.

02.12.1956 **Near Satara - Second Automobile Accident - at 5.15 P.M. - Baba was seriously injured - Eruch who was driving the car and Pendu and Vishnu were also hurt. Nilu died,**

12.02.1957 Baba arrived at Meherazad after hospitalisation and treatment after Satara accident.
His Birthday as per Gujarati Calendar. Baba desired that thence onwards His Birthday be celebrated only on 25th February each year.

18.04.1957 Sakori - Baba gave Darshan to Godavari Mai.

28.04.1957 Baba gave Darshan at Saint Mira School, Poona. He was received by Dada T.L.Vaswani.

08.09.1957 **Meherazad - Baba called for a meeting of His intimate lovers.**

16.02.1958 **Meherabad - Baba held Sahavas for His Easter Lovers till 26.02.58. Hindi and Marathi group - First five days. Telugu and Gujarati group - next five days. For both Men and Women.**

25.02.1958 **Meherabad - Baba's Birthday was celebrated here after 20 years.**

16.05.1958 Baba left India by Air for U.S.A. and Australia - **Thirteenth Visit to West - stay in U.S.A. 17.05.58 to 31.05.58. Stay in Australia - 02.06.58 to 07.06.58.**

02.06.1958 **Baba reached Australia - Brisbane - went to Avatar's Abode, Woombye in Queensland. Sydney on 06.06.58. Left on 07.06.58.**

13.03.1959 Baba gave Darshan to 1400 students of St.Joseph's High School, Wadala, Bombay. He then visited an Industrial Home for the blind and embraced each blind man.

25.08.1959 **Baba gave the following Prayer for His Lovers: 'Beloved God Help us to love you more and more.....Hold fast to Baba's Daaman till the very end'.**

05.06.1960 Guruprasad, Poona - Baba gave Darshan to more than 10,000 people who had come from all parts of India.

15.03.1961 Guruprasad, Poona - Baba was on strict Seclusion. Stayed till first week of August.

09.08.1962 Baba called on Gulmai (His Spiritual Mother) at Khushroo quarters at Ahmednagar.

21.10.1962 **Baba inaugurated Avatar Meher Baba Ahmednagar Centre at 9.A.M.**

01.11.1962 **Poona: East - West gathering and Darshan till 05.11.62. 5000 Lovers attended. Message 'My dear workers' given.**

April 63 to June 1963 Guruprasad, Poona. Baba permitted His Eastern Lovers to have Darshan on April 14,21,28: May 5,12, 19, 26: June 2, 9,16. Between 3 P.M. and 6.P.M.

23.12.1963 **Meherazad - All Women's Day** - 300 Lovers attended. Mehera Mai's Birthday celebrated.

April 64 to June 1964 Guruprasad, Poona - Baba in Seclusion -Did not give Darshan.

01.05.1964 **Baba inaugurated Avatar Meher Baba Hall at Poona.**

01.05.1965 Poona - Baba gave Darshan at Poona Centre - Nearly 4000 people attended.

01.05.65 to 06.05.1965 **Guruprasad, Poona: Last Public Darshan** Baba gave Darshan to all Lovers and no one was allowed to touch or embrace Him. Each one was permitted to put his head on His Feet once only.

1966 Baba was in complete Seclusion.

1967 Baba was in complete Seclusion.,

30.07.1968 Baba declared **'My work is done. It is completed 100% to My satisfaction. The result of the work will also be 100% and will manifest from end of September.'**

13.10.1968 Last Meeting of Baba Lovers called by Him

Nov. 1968 A circular issued that inspite of Baba's Health, He would be giving Darshan from 10th April 1969 to 10th June 1969 and a detailed programme, datewise, was worked out giving the various dates to various groups of Baba Lovers.

1st Dec to 10th Dec 68 **For Centenary Celebration of Sasoon General Hospital, Poona**, The organising Secretary asked for a message and Baba gave the following:
'I give My Blessings to the Administrative, Medical and Worker staff of this hospital, in which, I, the Deliverer of the World, was Delivered to the World'.

15.12.1968 First Blood Transfusion given to Baba by Dr.Grant - Group AB1.

19.12.1968 Second Blood Transfusion given to Baba by Dr.Grant.

22.12.1968 **Last Function attended by Baba at Meherazad - Wedding of His nephew Dara with Amrit, Daughter of Shatrugan Kumar, in His presence.**

14.01.1969 Meherazad - Baba never left His room after this date.

31.01.1969 **Meherazad - Avatar Meher Baba dropped His Body at 12.15 P.M.**

Kept at Crypt - Tomb - Meherabad Hill for Darshan from Evening.

01.02.1969 **Darshan at Crypt Tomb - Meherabad till 07.02.1969.**

07.02.1969 **Beloved Baba was interred on His Zoroastrian Birthday - at 12.15 P.M. - Crypt Tomb - Meherabad Hill, Ahmednagar, Maharastra.**

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Avatar Meher Baba - Birth Date 25 February 1894

Chart No. 299-300 from Bhrgu – Samhita

The person born under the planetary effects as delineated in this chart would be very happy in life, the supporter of a family and the doer of great and good deeds.

Besides, he would attain to Yogavastha – the higher consciousness of the Yoga state.

The Ruler of the Rising sign being Saturn and in the ninth House in its exaltation, denotes that this person would become a great Yogi.

Venus situated in the Rising sign indicates that the person would be very illustrious and would attain to glory and fame all over the world.

Again, the Ascendant being in trine aspect with Jupiter, his devotion would be deep and intense and with his blessings he would do good to others.

Mars in the twelfth House would create a desire for renunciation and he would be separated from his family. He would accidentally feel conscious that the world is unreal and life an illusion and having a distaste for all things mundane would feel tired of the worldly life and renounce all.

Jupiter being in trine aspect with the Ascendant would indicate that his word would be prophetic and must be fulfilled. He would always carry out whatever he thinks of and determines and wouldn't leave undone any plan or project that he undertakes. So he would think out and plan big projects for the welfare of humanity and world-wide in their beneficial aspects and would successfully carry these all out.

Mars being in the twelfth, there is a likelihood of some quarrels during life, but after he leaves his corporeal body, he would be acclaimed and worshipped as a Great Being (Master).

He would be born in a good family. His childhood would be quite peculiar; that is, his characteristics and inclinations would be strangely wonderful.

His whole life would be changed between the age of 25 to 30 and after 3 years the transformation would be phenomenal.

This person would be pure and good at heart.

He would be indifferent to food and drink and wouldn't care if he had his meals or not.

Although apparently he is in a human body, internally he would be full of the Divine element in him, which would only be known to those who come in contact with him.

His fame would spread far and wide, even in foreign countries and nations where people would be deeply and well impressed.

Many will witness and experience miracles at his hands.

He would attain to glory and power and would be esteemed even amongst the great personalities in the world.

He would attain to fame and glory even greater than his Guru.

The enemy who would come to disturb and defeat him would find himself defeated and would look to him with reverence.

Anyone coming under his gaze or influence would be captivated and charmed for his power of attraction and personality are marvellous.

He would be eternally happy. He would always think of and do good to all. Would never harbour ill-feelings or do harm to any, for he has no malice.

Money would come to him in abundance. But he will spend and utilize it all to good purpose – for the welfare of humanity.

He would establish Ashrams even in foreign countries and people over there would worship him.

The general tendency and state of his health would be quite peculiar – quite alright and well one moment, weak and unwell at the very next moment. But this soul would be quite indifferent to all conditions of health, happiness, misery or suffering – considering alike.

By nature, he would be very firm and indomitable of purpose. Would never leave things half done.

Why is he born? What is his life – purpose? For the uplift of his own community and country, the spirit of God entered into his body and incarnated in human form for His great work.

The Sun being exalted and in the second House, the person could accomplish whatever he wishes. If he wishes good for others good would surely be done, and evil too if he ever wishes. But he would never wish or do evil to any and would do good even to his enemies.

He would be indifferent to all the amounts of money he would receive and spend. **This soul has to do much good work in the world and he would do it both ways, externally as well as internally.**

When he observes silence, the power of his penance would increase and when he would break his silence and commence speaking, it would create an upheaval, not only in India but all over the world. And he would break his silence only for the great beneficial work for the world and for the uplift of humanity.

His coming in Divine contact with his Master is also miraculous and just as a piece of stone would turn into gold by coming in contact with the philosopher's stone, his Master's name and fame would increase immensely through coming in contact with him.

His power of attraction would be magnetic and wonderful and one who comes unto him would not go away uninfluenced.

Whosoever comes in his contact becomes a devotee and coming into contact with him, one would derive as much benefit as by coming in contact with a saintly person, or by having gone to a sacred place of pilgrimage. Even Sadhus and Saints would desire his contact.

In short, this soul would do some great work. Being born to carry out the will and work of God on earth, he would be the doer of deeds that would benefit the whole world.

This illustrious soul will not only prove to be the Saviour of his own family, but will be the medium of salvation for all who come in contact with him.

Yearly Aspects

Age :

1 – 17 – Happy years in family and social conditions; Education good; intellect sharp; Progress in studies. Happy with brothers; Miraculous Divine experience while studying;

18 – 23 - Higher spiritual experiences of planes and absolute indifference and aloofness from life and things mundane;

24 – 30 – Beginning of fame. Will be publicly known to people;

31 – 40 – Change in physical conditions. Fast, silence and solitude. Would find some great inner purpose or motive for observing silence. In spite of his silence he would go on doing his wonderful work.

(The great sage, Bhṛigu Rishi, says here that while writing this particular life chart he himself was in a trance – Samadhi and was blissfully happy).

46 – 50 – Failing health his energy would be tremendous to such an extent that he would see, instruct and satisfy thousands during a day, working spontaneously from morning to evening. His biography will be written in the West.

51 – 53 - New project for the welfare of humanity. His miracles will create enmity, but he wouldn't care, for he feels no enmity or ill feeling for any.

54 – 63 – Great and well known personages in the world will come to him. Will attain to great glory and accomplish great work. Splendid years. His great work for humanity will continue.

64 – Critical year (danger to life).

65 – 78 – His good work would go on increasing, spreading far and wide. His personal activities as an Avatāric Ātma (Incarnation of an Avatar) will cease.

(An astrologer in Bombay, Govind Janardan Borkar, possessed a copy of this work Bhṛigu – Samhita and gave this reading from it to one of Avatar Meher Baba's devotees who on his own initiative submitted his master's birth date but did not reveal the name of the person to whom it belonged).

him now, he is the Ocean; because, one day when lots of people throng to see him, you may never get the opportunity of meeting him; so take your chance now."

GOKHALE BABA, a Sixth Plane *Mast* of Ismailpur, October, 1941, when Baba visited him for the last time, looked lovingly at Baba and said, "God has come."

KHALA MASI, a high *Mastani* of Seoni, March, 1939, was brought to Jubbulpore, and told Baba, "You are the Ocean, give me a few drops from it to drink."

MAULANA SHAMSUDDIN ULEMA, an Adept Pilgrim of Moradabad, February, 1942, was contacted at night, and was roused from sleep to see Baba. When he gazed at Baba he said, "In the darkness of the night I see the Light of God."

MIAN SAHEB, a very advanced *Mast* of Ajanta, November, 1944, embraced Baba when he came, and weeping aloud, cried out: "*Kbud be kbud azad budi; kbud gireftar amadi*," a Persian couplet which, translated freely, means, "You became free, and then allowed yourself to be bound." This is a reference to Baba who, having become One with God, came back to the world of his own free will, for the sake of mankind.

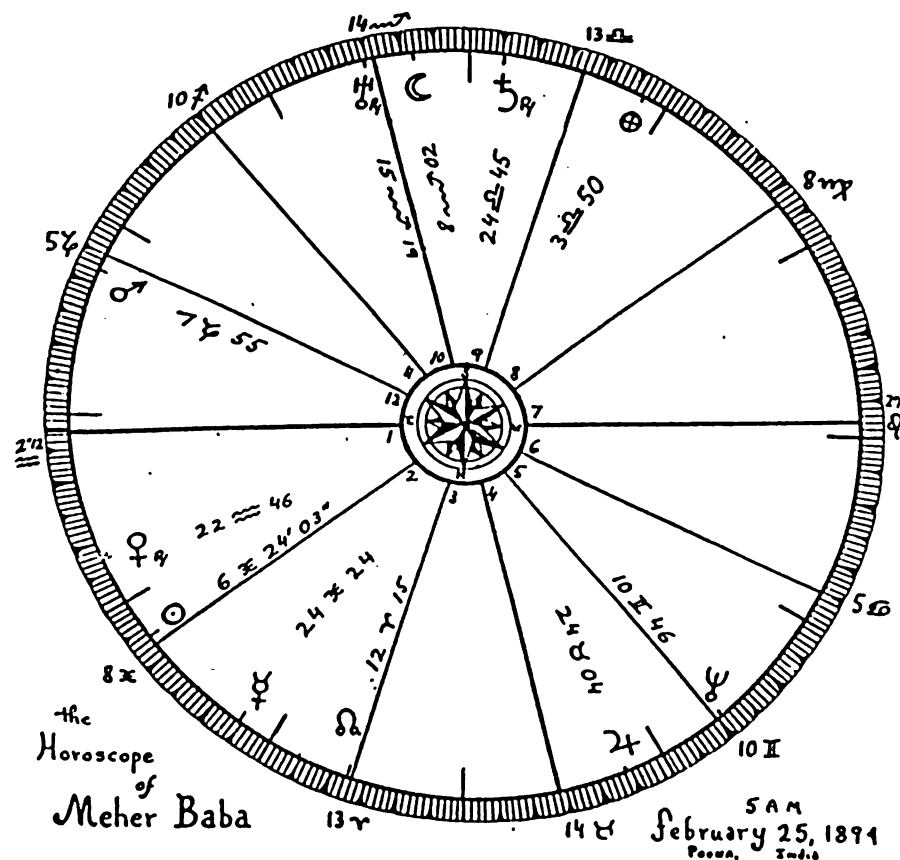
MOHAMMED, another one of the "five favorites," always called Baba "Dada." He has said many things about Baba, of which the most striking are: "Dada is God." "Dada is Master." "Everything depends on Dada's will." "Because Dada is there the world is there." "Dada is the Master of mercy."

PIR FAZL SHAH, an Adept Pilgrim of Kotah, October, 1946, told Baba: "No one, until you came, has touched my heart with the arrow of Divine Love. You have the power to destroy and flood the whole world. No one fully knows the limits of your greatness; you are the spiritual Authority of the time, and if I were to die I would take another body to be close to you."

A MAST OF THE FIFTH PLANE, May, 1946, was brought to Baba's house, and when he reached the gate, he said, "We have come to the garden of Gulistan (Paradise)." Baba came out of the house and he gazed at Baba's face, laughed with tears of joy in his eyes, and embraced Baba. Pointing to Baba, he then said to those standing by, "Look at this man's face and forehead, they shine as if the sun were there, can't you recognize who He is?"

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"Magician of the Soul"



Mr. Z. S. Mason, a well-known New York astrologer (at 789 Lexington Avenue, N.Y.C.), was given Meher Baba's Birth Date, without his name or other identifying material; from which he cast the above chart and gave this remarkable interpretation of Baba's Life and Mission for the upliftment of humanity in the New Awakening. He is, indeed, the "Aquarian Avatar," so long predicted by the MAGI of our times.

"This is the horoscope of a practicing occultist. Aquarius, the sign of metaphysics, is rising; it is the eleventh Sign of the Zodiac, showing the advanced state of his reincarnation. This Sign is

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ruled by Uranus and Saturn. Uranus is in the 10th House, that of the profession and of destiny. Saturn is in the 9th House, that of God, of higher thinking, religion and philosophy. Both these Planets are retrograde, showing that material and worldly interests are not desired, but that the mind and spirituality will be the destiny for this life: the Sun and the Moon are in Watery Signs in Trine to each other (harmony between his first and second nature, or between his soul and will of realization). The Sun is in Pisces, the Twelfth Sign, the ultimate of the possibility of reincarnation. The Moon is in the 9th House, where Saturn is also placed. The old astrologers said that a destiny can be powerful only if, by birth, the Planets are either in their own Signs or in Exaltation. Here, in this chart, we have Saturn exalted (pure), and Mars, which rules the destiny in this horoscope, is in exaltation also, the latter is the dispositor of the Moon and Uranus.

"The cusp of the Tenth House (the destiny) is in Scorpio, the strongest Sign, called the sign of the Magician, but not the magician of the hands; it is the Sign of the Magician of the Soul, or that of somebody who makes Magic with the soul of others. We have a confirmation of this in our horoscope; it is given by the Moon in Scorpio, the Sign where the Moon is in the fall. It is hard to understand the meaning of the Moon in Scorpio, but it seems that this Planet here is much more important for the realization of psychic phenomena, and, very often, we find the same in charts of psychiatrists, occultists, and, in general, by people having a magic power over others.

"Mars, the ruler of Scorpio, is in the 12th House, called the Occult House. People who have the ruler of destiny in the 12th House will have seclusion in their destiny—willingly or forced. In this chart, Mars is very well aspected by the Sun and the Moon; also Mars is in exaltation (purity), showing that it will be his free choice that he lives sometimes in seclusion. Mars in Capricorn is the strongest expression of the will for realization. This combination shows that the seclusion has a purpose: that of practicing the occult. This is not the chart of a dreamer, but of one who has the power of occult realization. There is another indication of the very-high standing of this personality: in the first House, Venus is rising in the Sign of Aquarius, as so often is found in the chart of occultists. Venus here is retrograde: this person is not interested in the love of only some people, he is not interested in physical love, as indicated by Venus in Aquarius (ruled by Saturn), and Saturn in Libra is ruled by Venus; each in the House of the other, called a

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"reciprocal reception" in terms of astrology. Venus and Saturn are in Trine, the best possible aspect. This Venus is not a "low" Venus. The native is not a man who goes for little things; he is not a charlatan; according to this chart he has a very high spiritual standing.

"This horoscope gives the following information about his financial possibilities. It shows that he will have money, mostly received from others, which often comes in the form of important gifts, as the Sun is in the House of Money. The Sun rules the 7th House, the House of Followers. He has important followers. Pisces is very prolific, showing a great number of followers, but Pisces also shows that they are occult followers, and not followers of worldly interests. The ruler of Pisces, Neptune, in the House of Love, shows that the gifts are given with love. There we have another "reciprocal reception" between Neptune and Mercury; Mercury in the House of Money confirms that he gets his money not only from his followers but from the sale of spiritual works. Once more Pisces shows that the works are more than one, and that the subject must be of occult and spiritual love. People read these writings with great pleasure.

"It would be possible that he heals people—that is, masses rather than one; in general, he must have magical power and is using it for unusual attainments. The whole horoscope is unusual in its beauty, seriousness, by his exaltation for God and by the exaltation of his will to realize God. Saturn rules Mars here; he has an unusual destiny and it is not a simple one—it is extraordinary. He must eventually be important not only abroad, but in his own country. Jupiter partly rules the Sign of Pisces, meaning that he will not only be unusual in the outer world, but also in his own home. The end of life will be in important surroundings, as Jupiter is in the 4th House, the House of the End. In general, it seems to me the horoscope is too important to be that of a healer only; this man thinks about himself as an occultist. As a soul he is much superior to the average, and an unusual reincarnation. This is shown by the Sun and Moon in this chart. This person has a mystic soul, but he would not go in for simple healing.

"In general, he must be a tall man, not very big, but strong, with sharp eyes, deep voice. I would say, dark eyes, maybe dark brown.

"The health is good, although Uranus and Mars in this chart could show some accidents or operation. Didn't he die already? Did he have an accident and die in it? Was the accident in line with his profession? Were his feet or legs hurt? He was not by himself when he had the accident; others were involved.

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"Children of Saturn have a long life. Venus rising also denotes something favorable. He dies under Mercury. Mercury is very bad in this horoscope, good for the occult and bad for the health. Mercury is ruled by Jupiter and Neptune. Neptune gives mostly unusual death causes which cannot be clearly diagnosed. No physician will find the clear cause of this man's death. Could he be murdered?—No. The planet of death, Mercury, is in a very good aspect with Jupiter, from the fourth House, showing that he dies a natural death in his home, but as already said, the true cause will not be found. His open enemies cannot cause his death, unknown enemies also cannot come into consideration. It would be an unknown sickness.

"I see no bad traces of character. He must have an absolutely pure life. He is living a sexless life and is absolutely perfect as horoscope, from the occult standpoint. His soul and will are pure, in perfect harmony."

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QUESTION: "What is Destiny, Luck, Fate, etc.?"

ANSWER BY BABA: "Destiny means the Divine Will guiding the lines of sin and virtue (resulting in suffering and happiness) experienced by the Soul from the beginning of its evolution till its end in Realization.

"Fate or Luck or Fortune is the means or process of spending the impressions the Soul gathers while passing through innumerable evolutionary stages, in other words, the Law of Karma; or the automatic forming of Luck or Fate in the next life, according to the *sanskaras* gathered in this life. The impressions of every life build the Fate of the life coming after. As a simile, suppose every Soul has to bear a burden of 700 tons (i.e., a certain amount of suffering and happiness which every soul has to pass through) from the beginning of its evolution till the end in Realization. But as the burden of these '700 tons' varies in kind and form, the impressions of the lives vary too, and the Fate of every new life is formed according to the impressions gathered in the last life. Thus, the experiencing by the Soul of the impressions of the past life means—Fate. Thus the Soul has to pass through a certain number of lives and forms; but as the experiences of every life vary, so do the Fates also vary. Hence, Destiny is One (for every man), but Fate, Luck or Fortune, is different."

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Dissertation on Love

by Meher Baba

Given early morning before breakfast on May 28, 1937, at the Nasik Retreat, India. The notes were taken down by Countess Nadine Tolstoy.

What is Love? To give and never to ask. What leads to this Love? Grace. What leads to this Grace? Grace is not cheaply bought. It is gained by being always ready to serve and reluctant to be served. There are many points which lead to this Grace:

Wishing well for others at the cost of one's self.

Never backbiting.

Tolerance supreme.

Trying not to worry. Trying not to worry is almost impossible—so try!

Thinking more of the good points in others and less of their bad points.

What leads to this Grace? Doing all the above. If you do one of these things perfectly, the rest must follow. Then Grace descends. Have Love—and when you have Love, the union with the Beloved is certain.

When Christ said, "Love your neighbor," he did not mean *fall in love* with your neighbor.

When you love, you give; when you fall in love, you want. Love Me in any way you like, but love Me. It is all the same. Love Me. I am pure, the Source of purity, so I consume all weaknesses in My fire of Love. Give your sins, weaknesses, virtues, all to Me—but give. I would not mind even one falling in love with Me—I can purify; but when you fall in love with anybody else, you cannot call it love. Love is pure as God. It gives and never asks; that needs Grace.

Yogis in the Himalayas, with their long eyelashes and long beards, meditating, sitting in *Samadhi*, they too, have not this Love . . . it is so precious. The mother dies for her child—supreme sacrifice, yet it is not Love. Heroes die for their country, but that is not Love.

Love! You know when you have Love. You cannot understand theoretically, you have to experience it.

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God Speaks - Avatar Meher Baba
(The Theme of Creation and its Purpose)
(Extracts)

All souls (atmas) were, are and will be in the Over-Soul (*Paramatma*).

Souls (*atmas*) are all One.

All souls are infinite and eternal. They are formless.

All souls are One; there is no difference in souls or in their being and existence as souls.

There is a difference in the consciousness of souls;
there is a difference in the planes of consciousness of souls;
there is a difference in the experience of souls and thus there is a difference in the state of souls.

If, now, all souls are in the Over-Soul and are all One, then why is there any difference in the consciousness, in the planes, in the experiences and in the states?

The cause of this difference is that the souls have different and diverse impressions (*sanskaras*)

As soon as the consciousness of the soul associates with the most-first human-form the **evolution of consciousness is full and complete.**

To achieve complete development of consciousness in the human form, the evolutionary process had to take seven major leaps, viz., from stone to metal, from metal to vegetable, from vegetable to worm, from worm to fish, from fish to bird, from bird to animal and finally from animal to the human being, each possessing different characteristics.

The Divine Theme

A soul becomes perfect after passing through evolution, reincarnation and the process of realization. To gain full

consciousness, it gets increasing *sanskaras* in the process of evolution, till in the human form, it gets full consciousness as well as all the gross *sanskaras*.

In the process of reincarnation, this soul retains its full consciousness and exchanges (i.e. alternately experiences) the diverse *sanskaras* in itself; and in the process of realization, this soul retains its full consciousness, but its *sanskaras* become fainter and fainter till they all disappear and only consciousness remains. While becoming faint, gross *sanskaras* become subtle *sanskaras*, subtle *sanskaras* become mental *sanskaras*; and finally they all disappear.

Up to the human form, the winding process of *sanskaras* becomes stronger in the process of evolution. In the human form, in the process of reincarnation, the winding retains its full strength; but in the process of realization, the *sanskaras* gradually unwind themselves, till in the God-state, they are completely unwound.

God, the Over-Soul, alone is real. Nothing exists but God. The different souls are in the Over-Soul and one with it. The processes of evolution, reincarnation and realization are all necessary in order to enable the soul to gain self-consciousness. In the process of winding, *sanskaras* become instrumental for the evolution of consciousness though they also give *sanskritic* bindings; and in the process of unwinding, *sanskritic* attachments are annihilated, though the consciousness which has been gained is fully retained.

In the process of the winding of *sanskaras*, the soul goes through seven stages of **descent** (Evolution of Consciousness-from the Stone form to the Human form) and in the process of unwinding, the soul goes through seven stages of **ascent** (Involution of Consciousness-from the first plane to the seventh plane of God Realization). But the phenomena of descent as well as ascent are both illusory. The soul is everywhere and indivisibly infinite; and it does not move or descend or ascend.

The souls of all men and women, of all nationalities, castes and creeds, are really one; and their experiences of good and evil, of fighting and helping, of waging wars and living in peace are all a part of illusion and delusion, because all these experiences are gained through bodies and minds, which in themselves are nothing.

Involution of Consciousness

Full consciousness, which is complete as soon as the first human form is taken, gradually withdraws, plane after plane. This involution of consciousness (which consciousness is already complete) begins for the first time when the hard-set gross impressions become thinned out. Consciousness thus experiences the first plane. As the impressions get thinned out still more the consciousness withdraws (involves) more and experiences the second plane, and so forth until the seventh plane is attained.

Withdrawal of consciousness means that at first the consciousness which was complete was focussed on impressions and far from being focussed on Self. Later on, in the process of involution, as the impressions thin out more and more gradually, with the help of diverse experiences of opposites, the consciousness also concurrently shifts its focus gradually towards Self. In the seventh plane the consciousness is no longer impressioned consciousness and this naturally results in the consciousness focussing upon its Self. This means that the consciousness identifies itself with Self as all impressions have vanished.

Real Birth and Real Death

There is one real birth and one real death. You are born once and you really die only once.

What is the real birth?

It is the birth of a drop in the ocean of Reality. What is meant by the birth of a drop in the ocean of Reality? It is the advent of individuality, born of indivisibility through a glimmer of the first most-finite consciousness, which transfixed cognizance of limitation into the Unlimited.

What is meant by the real death?

It is consciousness getting free from all limitations. Freedom from all limitations is real death. It is really the death of all limitations. It is liberation. In between the real birth and the real death, there is no such reality as the so-called births and deaths.

What really happens in the intermediate stage known as births and deaths is that the limitations of consciousness gradually wear off until the consciousness is free from all limitations. Ultimately consciousness, totally free from all limitations, experiences the unlimited Reality eternally. Real dying is equal to real living. Therefore I stress:
Die for God and you will live as God.

You are first a child. Then you grow old and drop the body, but you never die and never were born. In the East, Vedantists believe in reincarnation and in a number of births and deaths until one attains Godhood. The Muslims believe in one birth only and one death only. The Christians and the Zoroastrians hold the same belief. All are right. But Jesus, Buddha, Muhammad, Zoroaster, all meant what I mean by real birth and real death. I say you are born once and die once.

All the so-called births and deaths are only sleeps and wakings. The difference between sleep and death is that after you sleep you awake and find yourself in the same body; but after death you awake in a different body. You never die. Only the blessed ones die and become one with God.

The apparent gap between the death and the birth of a human being is that period in which the gross-conscious soul, in its association with its fully developed subtle and mental bodies, has experiences of the predominant counterpart of the opposite impressions gathered by the recently dissociated humanform. This state of the soul, in the apparent gap between death and birth, is generally called hell or heaven and this process of intermittent association and dissociation of consciousness of the conscious soul in human-form, now fully conscious, is termed the '**Reincarnation Process**'.

In order to loosen the bindings through the opposite experiences of the duality of Illusion, i.e. pain and pleasure, good and bad, man and woman, strong and weak etc., on his own, man has to remain conscious of multifarious experiences for eighty-four lakhs of times (reincarnation in human form) through something like fifty crores of sleeps of death (including pre human forms) yet invariably, on account of the all-pervading grace of God, man becomes subtle and mental conscious and is thus able to cut short more or less the stalemate of recurring physical births and death.

Man is **born** once with the **birth of mind** and man **dies** once with the **annihilation of the mind**. Birth of mind involves the process of evolution, reincarnation and involution. Death of mind is **Realization of the Self**.

The Spiritual Hierarchy

In each cycle of time, which ranges from 700 to 1400 years, there are eleven ages of 65 to 125 years each. From the beginning to the end of each cycle, there are altogether 55 Perfect Masters and that means each age has only five (5) Perfect Masters. In the last, the eleventh age of each cycle, the Avatar (Saheb-e-Zaman) is also present. Besides the 55 Perfect Masters and the Avatar there are also 56 Perfect ones (Majzoobs-e-Kamil) in each cycle. These Majzoobs, who experience the state of fana-sillah (I am God), are the 'sleeping'

or 'inactive' partners in the conduct of the divine sport (lila) of Creation.

There are 7000 members in the **functioning Spiritual hierarchy** for a particular age in and between the seven spiritual planes as follows:

In the first plane and also between 1st and 2nd, between 2nd and 3rd, between 3rd and 4th, between 4th and 5th, between 5th and 6th and between 6th and 7th.....	5,600
In the second plane.....	666
In the third plane.....	558
In the fourth plane.....	56
In the fifth plane.....	56
In the sixth plane.....	56
In the seventh plane (i.e., Majzoobs in the body)	3
Perfect Masters (Sadgurus)	5
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	7,000

The Avatar, in the eleventh age of each cycle, brings the number to..... 7,001

There are always, at all times and in all ages, **fifty-six God-realized souls or Shiv-Atmas in human form on earth**; and out of these fifty-six **only eight have public recognition** and function as active members of the **functioning Spiritual Hierarchy**, consisting of 7,000 members, who do the assigned spiritual duties on various planes of consciousness according to their spiritual advancement or perfection.

The remaining forty-eight God-realized ones are not amongst the functioning Spiritual Hierarchy of 7,000 members. They remain aloof and people are not cognizant of their divinity, though all forty-eight have the same experience and enjoy the

same divine state of "I am God" as the other eight. These forty-eight are, as it were, on the waiting list ready to help in any spiritual contingency cropping up through one or more of the functioning members dropping the body.

Out of the eight God-realized souls who are at the head of the functioning Spiritual Hierarchy of 7,000 members, **five are Perfect Masters** who, besides having a wide public recognition, have a duty to perform in the rendering of Spiritual service and benefit to the whole of mankind. **The remaining three are Majzooobs** who, in spite of having achieved Godhood and remaining in the physical body, have no spiritual duty to perform towards mankind. Yet they are the source of spiritual benefit to all who come into contact with them.

So it could be said that whereas the five Perfect Masters render spiritual service to humanity as a whole, the **few** who come into contact with and serve the three Majzooobs draw Spiritual benefit from them, while the forty-eight God-realized ones keep aloof from recognition and function, until a gap is created in the functioning hierarchy by one or more of the eight God-realized ones dropping the physical body.

The Avatar and the Sadguru

'Sadguru' means that man has become God. Therefore, when man has **become** God he can no longer be man and if he has to live as man he has to act, behave or appear like a man by spontaneously putting into action, that is, demonstrating all the natural tendencies of man.

Being a Perfect Master, the Sadguru enacts the part (or plays the role, or lives through the role) so perfectly on all levels and in all planes that, under all circumstances and in all other respects, he **appears** to ordinary human beings as if he were a man amongst men of the gross world. He also **appears** as if he were one of the men in the subtle planes for those who are in the subtle planes and to those who are in the mental planes

he appears as if he were one of them.

The Sadguru is simultaneously on the level of the lowest and of the highest. On one hand he is established in infinity (Reality) and on the other hand he is the master of Illusion. Thus the Sadguru has under his sway the two extremes and reconciliation between the two extremes could only be established and maintained throughout all intermediary stages and states by the Sadguru **acting** on all planes and on all levels simultaneously.

In the case of the **Avatar**, the story is quite different. All the difference is contained in the fact that **Sadguru means man becoming God**, while **Avatar means God becoming man**. It is very difficult to grasp the entire meaning of the word 'Avatar'. For mankind it is easy and simple to declare that the **Avatar is God** and that it means that **God becomes man**. But this is not all that the word 'Avatar' means or conveys.

It would be more appropriate to say that the Avatar is God and that God becomes man for all mankind and simultaneously God also becomes a sparrow for all sparrows in Creation, an ant for all ants in Creation, a pig for all pigs in Creation, a particle of dust for all dusts in Creation, a particle of air for all airs in Creation, etc., for each and everything that is in Creation.

When the five Sadgurus effect the presentation of the Divinity of God into Illusion, this Divinity pervades the Illusion in effect and presents itself in innumerable varieties of forms gross, subtle and mental. Consequently in Avatavic periods God mingles with mankind as man and with the world of ants as an ant, etc. But the man of the world cannot perceive this and hence simply says that God has become man and remains satisfied with this understanding in his own world of mankind.

Whatever be the understanding of man, the fact remains that the **Avatar becomes** and the **Sadguru acts**.

The Avatar never takes on the karma of individuals but His Godhood functions universally.

The Advent of the Avatar is brought about by the then the existing and functioning five Perfect Masters at the appropriate time of the Avataric Period, individually and conjointly.

The Avatar is always One and the same because God is always One and the same, the eternal, indivisible, infinite One who manifests Himself in the form of man as the Avatar, as the Messiah, as the Prophet, as the Buddha, as the Ancient One, as the Highest of the High. This eternally One and the same Avatar is made to repeat His manifestation from time to time, in different cycles, adopting different names and different human-forms, in different places, to reveal Truth in different garbs and different languages, in order to raise humanity from the pit of ignorance and help free it from the bondage of delusions.

God cannot be explained, He cannot be argued about, He cannot be theorized, nor can He be discussed and understood. God can only be lived.

Nevertheless, all that is said here and explained about God to appease the intellectual convulsions of the mind of man, still lacks many more words and further explanations because the TRUTH is that the Reality must be realized and the divinity of God must be attained and lived.

To **understand** the infinite, eternal Reality is **not** the GOAL of individualized beings in the Illusion of Creation, because the Reality can never be understood; it is to be **realized** by conscious experience.

Therefore, the GOAL is to realize the Reality and attain the "I am God" state in human form.

In the eternity of Existence there is no time. There is no past and no future; only the **everlasting present**. In eternity nothing has ever happened and nothing will ever happen. Everything is happening in the unending Now.

Existence is God, whereas, life is illusion.

Existence is Reality; whereas, life is imagination.

Existence is everlasting; whereas, life is ephemeral.

Existence is unchangeable; whereas, life is ever-changing.

Existence is freedom; whereas, life is a binding.

Existence is indivisible; whereas, life is multiple.

Existence is imperceptible; whereas, life is deceptive.

Existence is independent; whereas, life is dependent upon mind, energy and gross forms.

Existence is; whereas, life appears to be.

Existence, therefore, is not life.

God is everywhere and **does** everything

God is within us and **knows** everything

God is without us and **sees** everything

God is beyond is and **IS** everything

God alone **IS**.

Evolution of Consciousness - Characteristics of the Different Kingdoms

To achieve complete development of consciousness in the human form, the evolutionary process had to take seven major leaps viz. from stone to metal, from metal to vegetable, from vegetable to worm, from worm to fish, from fish to bird, from bird to animal and finally from animal to the human being, each possessing different characteristics.

Characteristics of the Kingdom of Stones and the Kingdom of Metals

In the stone-forms and metal-forms, the soul has its initial experiences of the gross world. The kingdom of metals, like the kingdom of stones, is inorganic and solid. Both kingdoms include within their range a rich variety of species. In the solid states of stones and metals, life and energy are dormant. Therefore they are regarded as inanimate. The stone-forms and metal-forms cannot move about by themselves i.e. they have no voluntary motion. For this reason the consciousness, which associates itself with these forms, tends to assert itself through a recumbent, horizontal position (rather than through an erect position or vertical, upright stand) in the gross world.

Characteristics of the Vegetable Kingdom

In the vegetable kingdom, consciousness realizes itself as half animate and half inanimate. The increased consciousness of the vegetable-form asserts its existence in the gross world through an upright or erect stand. The vegetable-forms have to take the help of some other things such as earth or rock for maintaining an erect position. They can neither stand by themselves nor move voluntarily from place to place since they are rooted in one spot.

Characteristics of the Kingdom of Worms

In worm-consciousness the soul gathers experiences of voluntary movement. It experiences itself as animate. In its travail to gain more and further consciousness, the worm-conscious soul experiences itself in the gross world, first as an invertebrate and later as a vertebrate and goes on creeping in diverse species of worms. Voluntary movements are made by crawling by means of pairs of legs, sometimes by multiple pairs of legs and sometimes by pairs of legs and pairs of wings. Worms may have surfaces that are hairy, smooth, silky, rough or scaly. The worm goes through a struggle for existence and survival and is endowed with sensation and life. Sometimes it is an amphibian, i.e., it has not only voluntary movement on earth, but has also mobility in water. For the purpose of this explanation, the worm form includes all worms, insects, reptiles and amphibia, of their species. Even when they have legs and wings, they have tendency to crawl and they are distinct from birds and from quadruped animals. The worm-form is recumbent, has no up-right or erect stand and is prone to lie prostrate.

Characteristics of the Kingdom of Fish

The fish-conscious soul identifies itself with varied species of fish and experiences the gross world as a living creature in water (a vertebrate endowed with life and sensation and voluntary motion) and has fins. It goes through a struggle for sustenance and survival. The fish-conscious soul does not assert its existence in the gross world through an erect stand, but experiences itself as recumbent, never holding its head high and erect.

Characteristics of the Kingdom of Birds

The bird-form enriches (enlightens) consciousness with new experiences since, as a feathered vertebrate, it is capable of flying in the air and with the help of its two legs, of maintaining an erect stand in the gross world.

Characteristics of the Kingdom of Animals

The animal-form brings to consciousness further expansion, since it can yield new experiences through the greater varieties existing in the kingdom of animals. Endowed with life, sensation and power of voluntary locomotion, quadruped animals have to face a struggle for existence and survival. They are sometimes herbivorous and sometimes carnivorous. Animal consciousness does not assert its existence in the gross world through erect or upright posture, but has a tendency to look downwards with drooping head. Apes, however, are the most evolved type of animals and they tend to stand erect like human beings.

Characteristics of the Kingdom of Human Beings

In the human-form the evolving consciousness of the soul attains its full development. The process of evolution of consciousness has its terminus in the human form. Here consciousness is full and complete.

When a human being is born, it can only lie prostrate and it continues to experience this state for a fairly long period. But it soon expresses a tendency first to sit erect and then to stand erect. The fully evolved human consciousness of the soul eventually asserts its existence in the gross world through an upright position.

The Ascending Soul

"I died as mineral and became a plant,

I died as plant and rose to animal,

I died as animal and I was man.

Why should I fear? When was I less by dying?

Yet, once more, I shall die as man, to soar

With angels blessed; but even from angelhood

I must pass on; all except God doth perish.

When I have sacrificed my angel soul,

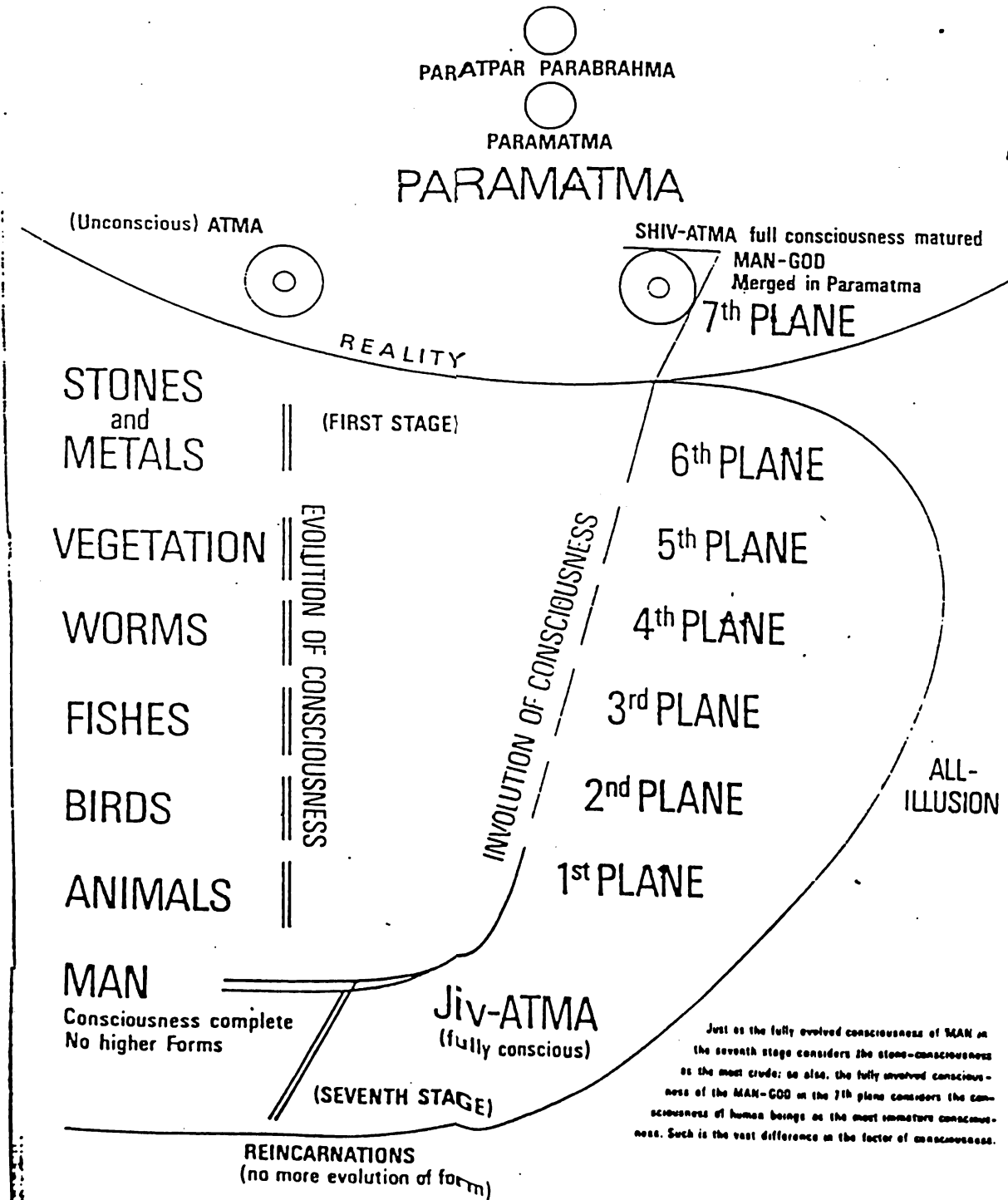
I shall become what no mind e'er conceived.

Oh, Let me not exist! For Non-existence

Proclaims in organ tones, "To Him we shall return!"

- Rumi

EVOLUTION AND INVOLUTION

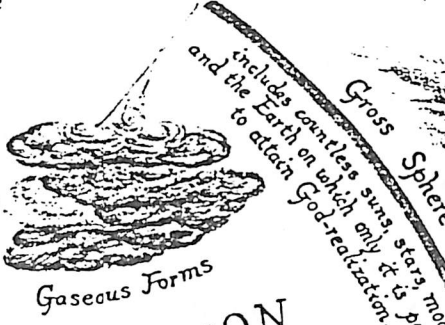


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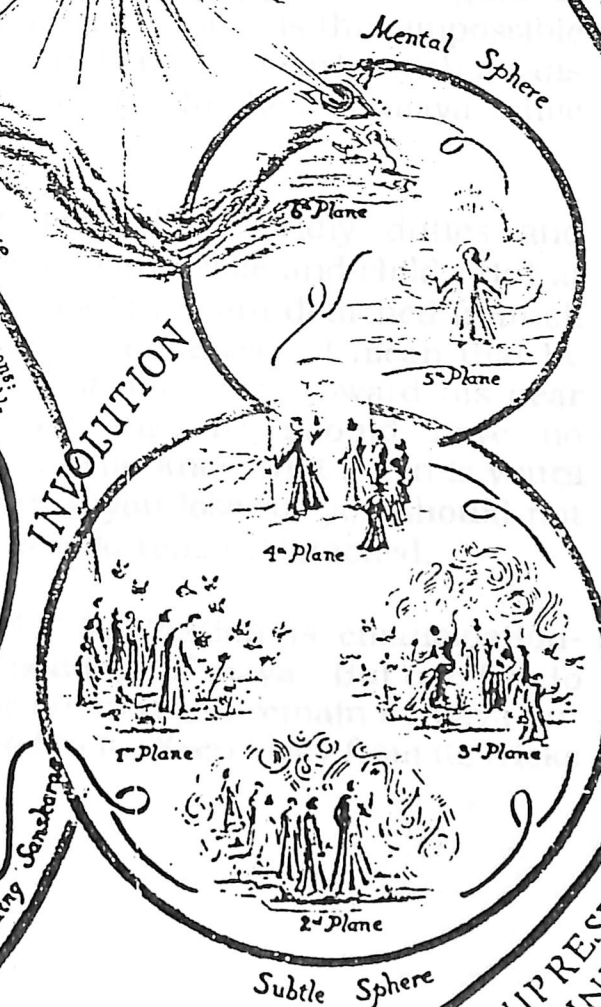


EVOLUTION

REINCARNATION



INVOLUTION



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BEYOND STATE of GOD

God's realization
of Himself as Infinite

TO KNOW
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AS

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Message on Maya (At Madras -February 1934)

It is like this: If a person wants to take the pearl from the bottom of the ocean, then he should not shout at the pearl to come up while he sits on the beach. If he really wants the pearl, he should try his hardest to plunge to the bottom of the ocean to get it.

Now, say that the water of the ocean is maya and the pearl is God. According to spiritual law, it is then essential that the diver not get wet nor even touch one drop of water while diving. This means it is possible for him to dive and obtain the pearl, but it is impossible for him to not touch even a drop of water in the effort. This impossible aspect of spiritual things really makes the diver worthy of the price.

In order to not touch water, the diver must put on a full diving suit; and after putting on an air tank, he can dive down. Only then will he be able to follow the rule of bringing up the pearl and without getting wet.

To compare the above with spirituality, take the water of the ocean as Maya, the pearl as God, the diver as the seeker, the dividing suit as love, or the willingness to renounce the world, and the man on the beach or boat in charge of the air compressor as the Sadguru. Without the help of the Sadguru to manipulate the air compressor, it is thus impossible for one to dive down and take the pearl, which means to free oneself from the clutches of maya while remaining in maya.

A man may discharge his worldly duties and maintain a household with a wife and child. But at the same time, he should remain detached from all this, come what may. This does not mean that he should be neglectful of his duties toward his near and dear ones, but that he should have no attachments to it all. You know that a pen is yours and you use it. But if you lose it, you should not care about it; you should remain detached.

The meaning of God-Realization is emancipation-Freedom from the bondage of maya. But one has to be in maya to come out of it. So remain in maya but do not get enmeshed in it. Keep away from its tricks and snares.

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MESSAGE BY THE MASTER
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As already explained to all my bhaktas, I am leaving this place to-day to retire into mountains in seclusion. My going to the mountains this time is concerned with a great work that is universal, and is the stepping stone to the future manifestation.

The actual spot is decided long since, but is not known to anyone as yet, nor will it be known to any until I am there. I take only two of the mandali with me. All others are given different duties in Ashrams in Meherabad, Ahmednagar, Nasik, Poona, Bombay and so on. Those of you who are in the world have your duties already assigned to you, towards the dear ones of your families and also towards humanity and each of you has to do that duty cheerfully, facing everything that comes boldly and calmly, never trying to shirk or avoid it with any erroneous ideas of 'renunciation' or with a desire to go to the mountains. God, Truth or ultimate Reality-whatever one may term it is not to be found only in mountains or caves. True religion or spirituality is in the proper performance of one's duties toward's one's own and also towards others in a spirit of selfless service and universal brotherhood, facing all the vicissitudes in

life boldly and cheerfully. With Love as the guiding force, all this is easily possible.

The very idea of a long separation is so painful to those who love, and I know how keenly the dear devotees will feel. But love is always like that. It unites in separation. The more the separation, the deeper it grows. It is through tests of separation keenly felt that hearts throbbing with Love are brought closer.

This retiring in seclusion, as explained above, is for the great work for humanity and work must be done. Let none feel sad or despondent, but feel always in harmony and love towards all.

Remember I am always with you and will ever help you internally in your efforts to face and bear everything that comes calmly during the trying period that is ahead.

My Love and Blessings to the dear bhaktas.

(Signed) M.S IRANI

Shri Meher Baba's 43rd Birthday Message (Feb.1937)

The incident of birth is common to all life on earth. Unlike other living creatures which are born insignificantly, live an involuntary life and die an uncertain death, physical birth of human beings connotes an important and if they are extra circumspect about it, perhaps a final stage of their evolutionary progress. Hereonwards they are no longer automatons but masters of their destiny which they can shape and mould according to will. And this means, that human beings, having passed through all the travails of lower, evolutionary processes should insist upon the reward thereof, which is 'Spiritual Birth' in this very life and not rest content with a promise in the hereafter.

No sooner one recoils on himself and is eagerly anxious to elicit replies to interrogative introspection "Whither and Whence", surely such a one may be said to have had 'Spiritual Birth'. This poise of mind once gained, it automatically and unknowingly brings about a readjustment of material surroundings and the man finds himself in harmony and at peace with the world. Conservatism, intolerance, pride and selfishness will be shed off. Everything will put on a new meaning and assume a purpose. Sinner and Saint will appear to be waves differing in size and magnitude, on the surface of the same ocean, a natural outcome of forces in the universe, governed by time and causation. The Saint has neither the

pride of place, nor the sinner the stigma of eternal degradation. Nobody is utterly lost and nobody need despair.

My panacea to the worried world is the effort on its part to get an answer to questions 'Whither and Whence'. The knowledge that all have the same beginning and the same end, with life on earth a happy interlude, will go a long way in making the Brotherhood of Man a reality on earth, and this in turn will strike at the root of narrow communalism and rigid nationalism, which mean wars and economic exploitation. I bless you all for the realization of this, the aim of life.

SELFLESS SERVICE

(Message given by Beloved Master to His Eastern and Western disciples accompanying Him to Europe, on board the S.S."Strathnaver" - 7th August 1937).

God as God alone is not consciously man, and man as man alone, is not consciously God. The God-man is consciously both God and man; so the God-man is both the Lord and the Servant of the universe --- Lord in the state of helping all souls towards reality, servant, as consciously bearing the burden of all. To serve Him who serves all is serving the universe.

Selfless service and love are twin divine qualities. Only the one who loves can serve.

Serve your Beloved God-man and you are serving your own self in every other self.

The service He exacts is for your own spiritual benefit; but this service must be spontaneous, willing, whole-hearted, unconditional and not expecting any reward. His services is an ordeal which tries body, mind and spirit; or else wherein would the perfection of serving lie if it were to be easy and at one's convenience. The body suffers, the mind is tormented but the spirit of the selfless server of the Master experiences the bliss of satisfaction.

Only the one who has can renounce. King's giving up his everything and becoming a beggar, is his true renunciation; and so only the one who without any question and regardless of consequences, serves the God-man, really serves; otherwise it would be just like paid labour.

Shri Baba on His Silence
(10th July 1937)

I have not taken a vow of Silence nor am I observing silence on the basis of a "Tapa" (penance). Had it been so, I would have ended the silence today, which is the beginning of its 13th year. However, it does not necessarily mean that I am not going to speak very soon. I might speak during this 13th year as I like the number 13. And there are favourable signs too. Ahmednagar, which is proverbially dry and had no rain this year, has begun to have a steady and

continuous downpour since 12 O'clock last night, after the expiry of the period of 12 years of my silence. But it is only drizzling, hence it is also a sign of danger. That is why I have today put on a new Red coat. One of you may die-may be X, may be Y, but the one who dies will realise God before giving up the gross body.

MASTER'S WARNING
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Just as the diver's uniform enables him to be left untouched by water, Divine Love enables the aspirant to dive deep into the sea of Maya and yet be left untouched by it. The chief props and agents of Maya are Kama, Krodh and lobh (lust, anger and greed). Unless and until you subjugate them it is impossible for you to enter upon the path that leads to union with God.

AVATAR

God-realized Masters always do exist on the physical as well as on other planes, but are not always known and seen physically. After cycles of years when spirituality reaches its lowest ebb and materialism is at its highest points and at those critical periods when there is chaos and misery everywhere, the impersonal aspect of Divinity assumes personality, and the world sees the physical manifestation of an Avatar or Prophet. It is the same Divine personality

who manifested as an Avatar in the past times in the different physical bodies and under different names. These Avatars and Prophets, after completing their mission of giving a great spiritual push to humanity, give up the physical body and assume once more the original, impersonal aspect of divinity. But even in their impersonal aspect, they always remain self-conscious of their divinity.

Shri Meher Baba's 44th Birth Day Message
(February 1938)

Do nothing even to please Me or the world, against the dictates of your own conscience. Unhesitatingly do what you think to be right and proper, despite the opposition of the world. Let your mind be as firm as a rock that resists strong blasts of wind from all sides. I am for all.

Questions and Answers
(Meher Gazette November - December 1933)

1. Q.-What is Sri Baba's opinion concerning the ritual or ceremonial observances of religion?

A. - Dogmas, creeds and conventional ideas of 'heaven' and 'hell' and of 'Sin' are perversions of Truth and confuse and bewilder the mind.

Rituals and ceremonies, instituted by the priest-ridden churches, have concentrated on outward forms and have ignored the essentials of spiritual life. The elementary virtues-Love, obedience, humility and sincerity are represented by allegorical statues and the way to Eternal Life is forgotten in their sumptuous and magnificent temples. Man seeks life and is given a stone.

India is, at the moment, ridden with caste prejudices, innumerable cults and ceremonies, which ignore and contradict the spirit of their religious teachings. And this in a country, which has wonderful spiritual traditions, stretching back thousands of Years!

2. Q.- What way of approach does Sri Meher Baba recommend for those who aspire to Perfection?

A.- All ways: Divine Love; the various Yogas: Religion: Science: Art: Household duties. Up to a certain point, all paths are useful.

At a certain point, the usefulness of each ceases. At that point, the aid of a Perfect Master is needed, if further progress is to be made.

3. Q- Which is the right process to attain 'wider consciousness'?

A.- No general rule or process can be laid down for the attainment of the Ultimate Reality, or as you term it, 'the wider consciousness'.

Every individual has got to work out his or her own salvation and for the matter of that, he himself has to create and choose the 'path', which is mostly determined and expressed by the total effect or momentum of impressions (called 'Samskaras' in Sanskrit) acquired in previous life. The panacea the world hears about, the pseudo religious for the guidance of humanity, do not go far towards solving the problem. As time goes on, the Founder, the One who supplied the motive force, is thrown and relegated more and more into the background of time and obscurity, the aftermath of his manifestation, usually a religion or an organisation, gradually, loses its glamour and attractiveness. Finally, a mental revolt against the old order of things arises and with it is felt a thirst for the Way, the Truth and the Life. The demand has to be met and will be met.

4. Q- What discipline or qualification is necessary to enter the Path?

A.- To say that 'decent living' is the only requisite for attaining 'wider consciousness' is but giving one side of the picture. What you are to-day is the result of your 'decent' or 'indecent' living as well. Occult, religious and spiritual training serves merely as means to an end and is the threshold to entering the Path.

But the moment one has the fortune to contact a 'Perfect Master' no such disciplinary process is necessary. The only requirement is complete surrender to his supreme will, perseverance, love, courage and trust in him.

5. Q - What relation will Sri Baba's 'speaking' have to the transformation of human consciousness, which has been predicted and why has He been silent for eight years?

A. - Humanity, as at present constituted, uses three vehicles for the experiences of three states of consciousness. These three vehicles are:-

(i) The Mental Body, in which thoughts arise as the result of impressions from past experiences. These thoughts may remain latent in the mental body as seeds, or they may be expressed. If they are expressed, they take first the form of desires and pass first through.

(ii) The subtle body or desire body, which is

composed of the five psychic senses. They may rest there, as in the case of dreams or unfulfilled desires, or they may be further expressed through.

(iii) The Physical body, with its five physical senses.

The three states of consciousness, corresponding to the three vehicles mentioned above are:-

(i) Unconsciousness, as in deep dreamless sleep.

(ii) Sub-consciousness, as in dreamless or obscure, unformed unfulfilled desires:

(iii) Waking consciousness, as in active daily life.

The process by which thought passes from mental through the subtle into physical expression, may be called 'the expression of human will'.

In order that thought may be expressed effectively, all three of the vehicles used in its expression must be perfectly clear and the interaction between them must be harmonious. The 'head' and the 'heart' must be united: intellect and feeling must be balanced: material expression must be understood as dependent on spiritual realization. The God-man neither thinks nor desires. Through Him the Divine Will flows inevitably into perfect manifestation, passing directly from the spiritual body (which, in the

ordinary human being is not developed) into physical expression. For Him, the super-consciousness is the normal state of consciousness. From Him there flows constantly Infinite Love, Wisdom, Joy, Peace and Power.

In order to convey thought to others, man uses speech or writing, or some other physical means of expression; or in some cases as in telepathy thought is transmitted and received through and by the subtle body.

The God-man does not convey thought but Truth, which He either awakens in the individual, whom He is helping, through deep inner experience, or which He transmits directly from the super-conscious to the conscious, from the spiritual to the physical, by means of either the physical eye, the physical touch or "the spoken word".

When He speaks Truth is more powerfully manifested than when He uses either sight or touch to convey it. For that reason, Avatars usually observe a period of silence lasting for several years, breaking it to speak only when they wish to manifest the Truth to the entire Universe.

So when Sri Meher Baba speaks He will manifest the Divine Will and a world-wide transformation of consciousness will result.

Highest Consciousness

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So much has been said and written about the "Highest Consciousness" and God-realization that people are bewildered as to the right process and immediate possibility of attainment. The philosophical mind wading laboriously through such literature, only ends by learning a few intellectual gymnastics. The highest state of Consciousness is latent in all. The son of God is in every man, but requires to be manifested. The method of attaining this great consciousness must be very practical and must be adapted to the existing mental and material conditions of the world.

Rituals and ceremonies instituted by the priest-ridden churches have made the process of attainment too dry and that accounts for the lack of interest felt all over the world towards religious things in general. India in spite of its high state of spirituality, at the

present moment is very caste-ridden because of the enforcement by various cults of a plethora of rituals and ceremonies, which maintain the form but kill the spirit. Forms and ceremonies instead of diminishing the Ego, strengthen it. The stronger the Ego, the more aggressive it becomes. In the anxiety to become conscious of a separate self through thinking thoughts such as "I am in the right", "I am the favoured one", "I only have the right to live" one

becomes destructive. The furious race for armaments by the Christian world, evincing an utter disregard for the commandment of Jesus that If one cheek is smitten, the other should be offered, shows clearly what I mean by the Ego. In the evolutionary ascent from the mineral, vegetable and animal life, the latent mind gradually expands and develops till full consciousness is reached in the human form. To create this very consciousness, the universe emanated from the Infinite Ocean of Knowledge and Bliss, i.e., God the Absolute. In the human form, however, a difficulty is confronted to remove which, Prophets and spiritual Masters have periodically visited this earthly plane. Besides full consciousness in the human form, as a result of previous conditions of life, the Ego, the I is evolved.

The Ego is composed of fulfilled and unfulfilled desires, and creates the illusion of feeling finite, weak and unhappy. Henceforth the soul can only progress through the gradual suppression of this finite Ego and its transformation into the Divine Ego, The One Infinite Self, but retaining in full the consciousness of the human form. When man realises this state of Divine Consciousness he finds himself in every one and sees all phenomena as forms of his own real self. The best and also the easiest process of overcoming the ego and attaining that Divine Consciousness is to develop love and render selfless service to humanity in whatever circumstances we are placed. All ethics and religious practices ultimately lead to this. The more we live for others and less for ourselves, the

more the low desires are eliminated and this in turn reacts upon the ego, suppressing and transforming it proportionately. The ego persists to the end. Not till all the six out of the seven principal stages on the path, culminating in the God-conscious state are traversed, is the ego completely eliminated, to appear again on the 7th plane as the "Divine I", the state of Christ-consciousness to which Jesus referred when he said "I and my Father are one" and which corresponds to the State of Living in the Infinite and finite at one and the same time.

The above is the normal procedure for one who works in his own initiative without having come across a living Master. With the help of a Perfect Master the whole affair however is greatly simplified.

Complete surrender to the Divine will of the Perfect One and an unflinching readiness to carry out his orders rapidly achieve a result not possible even by rigidly practising all the ethics of the world for a thousand years. The extraordinary results achieved by a Perfect Master are due to the fact, that being one with the Universal Mind, he is present in the mind of every human being and can therefore give just the particular help needed to awaken the highest consciousness latent in every individual. Perfection however in order to achieve the greatest result on the material plane, must possess a human touch and a keen sense of humour.

I eternally enjoy the Christ state of consciousness and when I speak, which I intend doing in the near future, I shall manifest my true self.

Besides giving a general spiritual push to the whole world, I shall lead all those who come to me towards Light and Truth. This in short is my mission in this world.

The ability to perform miracles does not necessarily connote high spirituality. Anyone who has reached the Christ-consciousness can perform them. People must not come to me merely for help in their physical infirmities or for material purposes. I shall perform miracles when the time and the situation demand and not to satisfy mere idle curiosity. Spiritual healing is by far the greatest healing and this is what I intend to give. The highest is latent in everyone but has to be manifested.

I am not come to establish any cult, society or organisation, nor even to establish a new Religion. The Religion I shall give teaches the knowledge of the one behind the many. The book that I shall make people read, is the book of the heart, which holds the key to the mystery of life. As for ritual, I shall teach humanity to discriminate, express and live rather than utter it. I shall bring about a happy blending of the head and heart.

Societies and organisations have never succeeded in bringing truth nearer. Realization of Truth is solely the concern of the individual. Every being is a point from which a start could be made towards the limitless ocean of Love, Bliss, Knowledge and Goodness already within him. No spiritual Master brings religion to the world in the form which it eventually assumes. His very presence is a blessing and radiates spirituality. He imparts it to others by personal contact.

The so-called religions are an effort to commemorate the association with a great spiritual Master and to preserve his atmosphere and influence. It is like an archaeological department trying to preserve things which only resuscitate the past. The living spirit being absent, religions or organisations gradually lose their glamour. The result is a mental revolt against the established order. Something more substantial and practical is required which expresses the life of the spirit. There exists at the moment a universal dissatisfaction and an indescribable longing for something, that will end the chaos and misery that is holding the world in its grip. I will satisfy this craving and lead the world to real happiness and peace by making people look more deeply into things hitherto.

As a rule Masters help individually according to the temperament and fitness of the aspirant, but this being an Avataric period, (which means the end of the previous cycle and the beginning of a new one)

my spiritual help to humanity will be both individual and collective. The period of Junction of the old and new cycles usually connotes life and meaning into the old order of things. Besides imparting the highest state of spirituality to a select few, he gives a general spiritual push to the whole world.

The west looks at things only from the standpoint of reason or logic and is sceptical about things which baffle the intellect.

Intellect is the lowest form of understanding and is developed by reading, hearing, reasoning and logic. These processes create an illusion of real knowledge. The highest state of understanding is permanent illumination through which one experiences and sees things as they are. In this state one feels in harmony with everyone and everything and realizes divinity in every phase of life and is able to impart happiness to others. Here one attends to all duties and material affairs and yet feels mentally detached from the world. This is true renunciation. The last and highest state of understanding is the merging of the Soul into the limitless ocean of Infinite Bliss, Knowledge and Power. One who has himself attained this Freedom, can make thousands perfect like himself. I intend bringing about a great spiritual revival in the near future, utilising the tremendous amount of energy possessed by America for the purpose. Such a spiritual outpouring that I visualise usually takes place at the beginning or end of a cycle and only a perfect one who has reached the Christ

State of Consciousness can make such a universal appeal. My work will embrace everything. It will permeate every phase of life. Perfection would fall far short of the ideal if I were to accept one thing and eschew another. The general spiritual push that I shall give to the whole world, will automatically adjust problems such as politics, economics and sex, though these are not directly connected with the original theme. New values and significance will be attached to things which appear to baffle solution at the moment.

The benefits that shall accrue to different nations and countries when I bring about the spiritual upheaval, will be largely determined by the amount of energy each one possesses. The greater the energy however misapplied, the greater the response; the Master merely diverts the current into the right channels. It will be one of my greatest miracles to bring together and blend the realistic West with the idealistic East and the West at the zenith of its material and intellectual attainment and the East at the height of its spiritual Manifestation in the shape of a perfect Master, will meet without shaming or looking down upon each other. I repeat, materialism and spirituality must go hand in hand. The balance of head and heart must be maintained, (the head for discrimination, the heart for feeling), whereby it is possible to realize Infinite consciousness in Art, Science, Nature and in every phase of life.

I have become one with the Infinite source of everything. This is the state of Christ-consciousness. If people call me Messiah, Saviour or Redeemer, it does not affect me.

Terms and names do not matter -what really matters is the state of Christ consciousness that I eternally enjoy and towards which I shall lead all who come to me. When I speak, my original message will be delivered to the world and it will have to be accepted.

Meher Baba on Birth Control

"The use of physical means for preventing the birth of children without mental control is spiritually disastrous for an aspirant. But it is permissible for an aspirant to use, in increasing degree, mental control along with the physical means, if he considers that he cannot undertake the responsibility of children and if he does not in any way slacken his attempts at mental control and sublimation and if he sincerely uses the physical means provisionally and intends to give them up as soon as possible?.

"Birth-control must be essentially self-control (mental control) and nothing else. There should be no second aid to it. And physical means, under no circumstances, considerations or conditions, would be advisable".

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What is Love ?

Just as the one Paramatman has four states, so the one Love has four aspects. Irrespective of the four divisions and sub-divisions from the magnetic to the Divine, all is Love. The divisions and sub-divisions are but different aspects of the one all-pervading love. This necessarily means that every one has love and that love is everywhere.

The fourth aspect: All inanimate things have love in its fourth aspects. The lowest aspect of love may be termed natural love. In some cases it is perceptible; in others it is imperceptible. For instance, in a magnet the lowest form of love, which has the power of attraction, is clearly visible. This lowest aspect of love cannot be sub-divided. It is only magnetic.

The third aspect: There is love in all insects, birds, beasts and in fact, in every creature that lives on earth, but the characteristics of love in them is carnal, simply and purely. This is the third aspect of love and is termed animal love.

Carnal love simply aims at satisfying personal desires and passions. For instance, if a hungry tiger spots a deer, what happens? Love for the deer takes possession of the ferocious animal. How to get hold of that deer becomes the temporary object of his life. This is love, but what a

low form of love! Just as a lover is all restless and thinks only of reaching the beloved, so the tiger in this case, too is very restless and remains so until he catches hold of the deer and becomes one with it. Like human lover, the tiger leaves no stone unturned to succeed in his aim.

The Second aspect: As inanimate things have love it goes without saying the human beings have love too. In human beings love is in a higher aspect in comparison with that in inanimate objects and animals. This is a love in its second aspect and is termed human love. But this human love has four sub divisions: carnal love, which is the lowest; greedy love; selfish love; and selfless love which is the highest aspect of human love. The four sub aspects of human love may be described as follows:-

Carnal human love: All beings have more or less of this kind of love. We have already seen that the object of carnal love is to gratify desires and passions. In human beings it manifests itself in the same way as in the mute creation. When one becomes hungry and thinks of a cake, love for the cake arises in one at once. In such circumstances if one actually catches sight of a cake what will be the result? The love for the cake in that one will be intensified. Like a lover one will become impatient and will be eager to catch hold of that cake and become one with it. The same can be said of any vulgar desire in the man, -his restlessness for its fulfilment and his satisfaction after becoming one with the desired object. This is also love, but, mind you, the lowest form of love, in the human being.

The greedy human love: This form of love is imbued with desires for revenge, publicity, money. Think of a usurer and his love of money. Until he succeeds in collecting just as much money as his ambition claims, he can enjoy neither sleep nor food. His beloved is money. His passion for money is generally termed avarice, but it is love in a lower form.

The condition of a fame-craving man is the same as that of an avaricious man. You may call him ambitious, but it cannot be gainsaid that he is in love with publicity. And what an ardent lover he is! He will give garden-parties to officials; he will lavish gifts upon pressmen to boom him and of course, he will do such public service as will bring him great fame. One more example: Suppose A calls B bad names without any adequate reason. What will B suddenly get in his head or heart? Anger. Yes, but anger is reversed love and nothing else. The hand of B will feel the same twitches and twinges that a restless lover feels to become one with the most unguarded portion of the person of A. And only when the fists of B have become one with the neck of A will B become satisfied.

Both the above aspects of human love require a beloved in the gross form. The object must be tangible. Hence these two sub-aspects of human love are connected directly with gross objects.

Selfish and selfless human love: These two aspects of human love differ from the two preceding ones in one respect. Unlike the carnal and greedy love, the selfish, as well as the selfless, human love pertain to the mind and therefore it matters little whether the beloved is a gross or a mental object. Consider the love of a father for his son. The father loves the son and is devoid of vulgar desires of

eating or beating the boy. But suppose he loves the boy with this idea, that the boy, when he grows up, will work and earn money for him and thus be a support to him in his old age. Now, if the boy grows into an idle, pleasure loving and troublesome youth the father will most probably turn him out of the house. True he loves the boy, but his love is essentially selfish. The father is in love, not so much with the son, as with the hope of gain through the son.

Now take the example of a mother's love for her child. It is generally seen that the mother's love for her child remains the same whatever happens, even if the child does not rise to her expectations. This is the selfless love, but not the highest since the mother loves her own child. There is self in her love. The highest human love is that which is devoid of all hopes, interests, desires and expectations; in other words, that which is perfectly selfless and disinterested. And such love is found only in those whom we call heroes and heroines. Unless a person is spiritually minded he or she cannot be possessed of this aspect of love.

It will be seen from the above that natural love, animal love and human love with its four sub-divisions, are but different aspects of the all pervading love. Be it noted that all the sub-aspects of human love can be created and controlled by the Jivatman in him.

The first aspect: It must be borne in mind that the highest human love is not the highest absolute love - the divine love is the highest aspect of the all pervading love. One who gets divine love gets God. The divine love itself is a mighty Ocean. It enables the Jivatman to become Paramatman. The divine love is beyond reason and

intellect and so beyond creation. Nobody can create this highest aspect of love in himself, unlike the other lower aspects of love. The divine love is given and not created. It is a gift from the Paramatman in the Shivatman state to the Jivatman. The divine love may be defined as the love for Paramatman by which a Jivatman becomes in the end one with Paramatman.

There are three kinds of certainties-Yakin-regarding existence of God. They are-

- a. Intellectual certainty = *ilmul Yakin*.
- b. Sighted certainty = *ainool Yakin*
- c. Realized certainty = *haque Yakin*

The most that philosophy or intellectual gymnastics and shariat (religious rites and dogmas) can achieve is *ilmul Yakin*. They may make one intellectually certain about the existence of God, but it is only the love for God, the divine love, that enables one to find Him, and see Him actually and finally to become one with Him. One gets the sighted certainty (*ainool Yakin*) by seeing God, and the realized certainty (*haque Yakin*) by becoming one with Him.

For the purpose of illustration regard God as water and the longing for water as love; and philosophy or Shariat, as a water-divining rod. With the help of a water divining rod one may become aware of the existence of water, though one may not actually see it. This is certainty without seeing and knowledge without experiencing. If one has no longing for the water one will certainly remain

satisfied with this intellectual certainty only. But if one longs for water one will zealously undergo all the troubles of getting it till one gets it. Needless to say that, after seeing it, the longing for drinking it will become intense and this intense longing will drive one to drink it.

There are millions who believe in God but do not care even to see Him. They are satisfied with merely *ilmul Yakin* (intellectual Certainty). But those who are really spiritually-minded cannot be satisfied with this intellectual certainty, which is, after all, shallow. It is far better to be spiritually restless than to be thus satisfied. One must yearn, not only after *ainool Yakin* (Sighted certainty), but also *haque Yakin* (realized certainty), for God can be seen and realized.

By following the divine path (*tariquet*) one can see God and thereby get the sighted certainty. The realized certainty is got by realizing or becoming one with God. Only a few out of millions see God, and fewer realize him. One's spiritual progress can never be steady and certain without the divine love. It is the real side of religion and the only element which reveals or unfolds the emotionality of the spiritual path(*tariquet*). Unless and until one is possessed of it, one can never feel ecstasy, one can never behold illuminations and visions relating to the different states of the spiritual path.

The divine love knows no law. It is above all rules and regulations, above dogmas and rituals. Nothing can bind it and can set bounds to it. It is fire, an infinite fire, in itself and those who burn in it become purified. The tortures of the separation from and longing for, the union with the beloved sooner or later blaze up and thereby wipe out all *sanskaras*, good as well as bad, of the divine

lover. It is for this reason that one who is endowed with divine love, which, be it remembered, is a God-sent grace, or a gift from a Sadguru, becomes restless. The trinkets of the world cannot tempt the true divine lover.

A worldly-minded man can have no idea of the spiritual agonies of the divine lover. Imagine a man lying on the sands of the Sahara in the scorching sun and longing for water to moisten his parched-up lips and slake his thirst. If you can properly imagine the depth of his longing for just a drop of water when he is on the point of breathing his last owing to thirst, you will get a faint idea of the longing of the divine lover for the unification with the Almighty. Bear it in mind that only the divine love can bring about the annihilation of the Consciousness of the separate self which gives self-realization.

It goes without saying that the divine love is the only true aspect of love. The other aspects of love may be said to be more or less inverse. They must be done away with if one desires to be possessed of the divine love. In other words, the renunciation of desires is a condition precedent to the gift of divine love.

Love as love, considered absolutely, is passive, but in its divine aspect it is fully active. Angels have love but not in its divine aspect and so they cannot realize Paramatman.

Rightly has it been said 'Angels have love but no pain or restlessness of the divine love'.

Just a word about the two sub-branches of the divine love, the primal and the final. The primal is the beginning and the final is the endless end of the divine love. The one is the spark and the other is the flame.

The course of the river of love is long, but the goal can surely be reached.

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Prohibition (April 1933 Issue)

I recommend education, not coercion, to introduce reforms. Changes affecting the will of the people can never be brought about by legislation alone. The consciousness of the people must be transformed. They must be made to want something better than what they have. No one has as yet, however, gone to the root of the prohibition question. The problem is not whether prohibition should be maintained or modified or discontinued. People will continue to drink under any of those circumstances. The real problem is why they drink and what would satisfy them instead of liquor.

There is no question but they those who drink habitually do in order to experience release. They want something that will lift them out of their crystallization of thought and action, and free them, if only for the moment, for original expression. The fact that this method of obtaining release may not be the best one does not concern them. They know no other as yet. If they could be made to realise that the liberation that they seek could be more easily and more completely attained by the control of thought and desire they would certainly practise that control instead of drinking. I will teach many how to free themselves from drink'.

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I very much appreciate this idea of coming together of the representatives of different faiths, which in fact, are based but on one and the same principle-faith itself. The medium, the surroundings and the settings maybe different. It may be formed of images or imagination: it may be based on the intellectual conviction or an emotional impression, yet the central jewel of a faith is just the same. There are no two kinds of faiths. Faith is the last thing to be labelled. The only question could be of a strong faith or a weak faith. Some hold it to the point of forms and ceremonies only and some, going beyond this, stick to the kernel eschewing the crust, either believing in one Impersonal Infinite existence or believing in one's own Master. So it is only a question of degree. Unless and until there is complete Realization, which is the goal of all Faiths, faith is faith after all, call it blind or call it otherwise. Once God is realized, there is no question of faith at all, just as there is no question of faith for a man to believe that he is man; because one then, having transcended the boundaries of faith, feels onself identified with the Infinite and finds the One self-manifested everywhere. Please convey my blessings to all".

Disappointment and Remedy
(To Mr.N. a devotee on 15.11.1933)

You say you don't like to live. You feel tired of this life and this body. Unwelcome thoughts, bad thoughts, disturb you and make you unhappy. But life is thoughts, not body. The body is there when you are asleep. You then don't feel the need to end your life. The moment you are awake, you begin to think again. In truth, nobody is satisfied with his lot. Nobody feels completely happy in this world. You know the great position and wealth of XX. Yet when he saw Me, he told Me he was a very unhappy man! Why should you be unhappy? You are neither too tall, nor too fat. You are quite healthy. You can read, you can write. Think of the poor creatures, the paralysed, the lepers and the disabled. The paralytic or the leper knows that he is progressing towards a sure death and is likely to die in a worse state than he is in. Yet, there are thousands like these dragging on their days silently. Why not compare your lot with the dumb, illiterate millions in the country? You are most fortunate. You live with and move in the surroundings of a Master. What is there in the Himalayas and the Jungles? Did you not see the picture "Tarzan" depicting the jungle life, full of strife and struggles? In spite of getting bad thoughts, you do not indulge in bad actions; therefore what higher

life can you 'live than this? It is good to have bad thoughts so long as you do not interpret them into actions, as thereby you get an opportunity to exercise control. If no thoughts assail you, what is difference between you and the stone which has no thoughts at all? Cease the mental tension. Train your mind to pass over thoughts. Don't countenance them until such time that you can surrender the mind itself. No one is doing it. When the mind is surrendered, there is no question of happiness or unhappiness. Because of the thoughts the past lives' sanskaras (impressions) are spent away. They come and go. Mind them not. It is like the wound-up alarm clock. It will ring at the appointed time, but only as long as the winding is there. Let it ring and run its course; but take care not to wind it again by indulging into actions.

Still, if you want to die, die in my 'Naad' (Infatuation) by getting hold of Me firmly. That is salvation. That is real dying. Worldly death is not the thing. However, nobody has so far 'captured' Me. If one really gets Me, I try to free Myself. But so far I have had no opportunity of freeing Myself. On the contrary, it is I who have been trying to catch hold of you people.

Remember this much that the whole world is nothing but a Zero, and everything connected with it is without sum and substance. Mind is the Universe. Mind is the man, the woman, the beast.

Shri Meher Baba's 40th Birthday Message(18.2.34)

The reason of my coming here all the way from one end of the country to the other to participate personally in your celebrations is your Love that has irresistably drawn me to you. Love is a mighty force. It not only enables one to put the ideal of selfless service into practice, but would transform one into God. With Love one can follow any of the Yogas most suitable to his or her temperament. It will enable an aspirant to follow the rigid principles underlying the spiritual path and where and when necessary makes him turn his back to the worldly pleasures for the sake of union with the Beloved. Wherever there is Love there is Oneness, and there can be no question of any particular religion or caste or system, superiority or inferiority, and touchability or untouchability. That these distinctions are not real has been proved in a way by the recent earthquake tragedy. The earthquake in Bihar was simply a manifestation of one of the laws of nature. And that disaster spared none rich or poor, high or low, belonging to this religion or that. It was not divine wrath. It is an eye opener to the fact that where God and His laws are concerned there is no question of caste, creed or country.

But to realize this natural equality permanently one has to submit to the greatest law of God, which is Love. It holds the key to all problems in as much as under this law the Infinite is realized completely for all times in every walk of life, be it science, art, religion, or beauty. May the world realize this highest aspect of Divinity more and more."

AVATAR MEHER BABA PEARLS

I have come to sow the Seed of Love in your hearts.

Do not be absent from My Presence in your hearts.

My Grace is eternally flowing.

If in every day life you practice Love, Service and Honesty, then renunciation is achieved without renouncing the world.

Do not run away from the world – run away from your own lower self.

Do not shirk your material responsibilities . If you are indifferent to your material responsibilities, then you are indifferent to God.

Want nothing – you will have everything.

People suffer because they are not satisfied and want more and more. Selfishness leads to dis-satisfaction and disappointment because desires are endless.

I do not change your destiny but I give you the inner strength to face the battle of life.

I do not perform any miracles; but My Spiritual Status is so High, that if anyone, anywhere, in any difficulty, at any time **Remembers Me With All His Heart**, then the difficulty will be immediately solved. This is certain.

God does not abandon those who Trust Him.

When My Lovers one pointedly call on Me, I dare not ignore them.
To hear My Name is enough. I do the rest.

Repeating My Name is itself a Prayer and repeating My Name whole-heartedly is the Greatest Prayer that one can offer spontaneously for which no Time or Place is required.

Repeat the Name of the Almighty mentally without moving the tongue or lips and the eyes should ever be closed.

No intermediary is necessary because you have direct access to the Avatar.

Do not be angry but be pleased with him who backbites you for he thereby renders service to you by diminishing the load of your Sanskaras. Also pity him for he makes his load of Sanskaras more burdensome.

Not thinking ill of others is itself a spontaneous Prayer. Prayer is a spontaneous outflow of Praise for the Beloved and not a mechanical repetition of Japa, Mantra etc.

Do not Criticise. The habit of criticising our fellow beings is a bad one and at the back of it lies self-righteousness, conceit and a false sense of superiority. It also indicates envy or a desire for retaliation.

If My Silence cannot speak, what avail words?

My **Message** can be only given the way it should be given by the life you live, without your speaking even a word.

Those who truly Love me are My Centers.

Everything happens by the will of God and is necessary.

I am to each what each feels I am. I am in you all. I am everywhere.

I am the **only companion** who is with you from the very beginning and will remain with you till the very end.

I am the **only Friend** who will not let you down.

Let the thoughts of Anger, Lust and Greed come and go freely without putting them into words and deeds. Then the related impressions in your mind begin to wear out and become less harmful. When you feel angry or have lustful thoughts **Remember Baba at Once. Let My Name Serve as a Net around you.**

Do not Worry Be Happy.

Worry is unnecessary. Necessary worry is not good but unnecessary worry is madness. Do everything but do not worry. Worrying binds. When one is beyond worrying, one is happy.

Do not worry. Worry accumulates and grows in strength and becomes a habit long after the original cause has ceased to be.

Think of me more and more and all your worries will disappear into the nothing they really are. My Divine Will works out to awaken you to this.

Your only Worry should be that you never forget God.

If you do not ask Me, whom else will you ask and who will give you. ASK Me again and again but do not expect an answer. I will do what is good for you.

However, after I drop My Body, if you were to ask Me for anything at My TOMB, your request will be granted. **Remember this.** But one who ask for My Love is the chosen one.

You can rely on Me and leave it to Me but do not make it conditional.

You cannot blame anyone for your condition. Whatever you want to be that you become and which is governed by the Law of Karma – Cause and effect.

However if you want to blame anyone, blame Me, for everything in the Universe has come out of Me and so. I am the only one who can be blamed.

Accept whatever God gives with firm Faith in His Love and Grace. Then you will find Peace and Strength.

Uninvited suffering is a Blessing in disguise. God Loves most those who suffer most.

In order to be infinitely merciful, I have to be infinitely Cruel.
Those whom I Love most I destroy. I have to be Cruel to be Kind.
My real Mercy lies in making mince-meat out of you.

Because I Love you so much, I harass you so much. This harassment is My Prasad for you and is My Grace. It is My real mercy which descends on a very very few select few. Those are My Friends. They are My Lovers to whom I give the Gift of Sorrow and Distress. This Gift is only for My Beloved Children. We, Masters, can give a world of gold, happiness and prosperity to others by our Blessings. But this Rare Gift of Privations, Troubles and Sufferings is destined only for a few.

Remember that I Love Most those whose hearts I pierce and who though their hearts are wounded, stay with Me and stick to Me through thick and thin. Were I to use My Dagger on outsiders, they would not dare to approach Me. I keep them happy with presents and encouragement so that they may be in My Contact and gradually be fit to bow down to Me in the Real Sense. For My Friends – I kill them and It is My Highest Mercy on them. **My Mercy and Grace are your troubles and harassment.**

Every heart that Loves Me is My Ashram. Take Me with you – I am within. When you keep talking I conceal Myself. When you keep Silent I reveal Myself. God is shy of strangers – your age – old desires and millions of wants. A moment of ones Life passed with a Sadguru is more valuable than thousands of years of Tapa or Japa. If anyone Loves anybody, that Love ultimately comes to Me, because I am there.

To come to me means experiencing Me as I am – No more bondage of births and deaths.

Sorrow at the death of a loved one is a form of selfishness. The selfishness of not being able to satisfy their minds in the absence of the sight of their dear ones makes them weep, not so much the death itself.

When any human being drops the physical body, the Jeevatma is stationed in the Astral World for 40 to 72 hours before entering the Hell or Heaven state. Those closely connected with the Avatar or Sadguru do not enter heaven or hell but take birth almost immediately.

After death, the Soul takes 4 days to break its ties from the Gross Body. Prayers offered for the four days after the death of a person help the Soul to break its ties. Crying and wailing after the death of a person has a contrary effect on the departed Soul and its severance of its earthly ties is all the more difficult. Once the human form is gained, the Soul can never pass back into any of the lower forms.

Universal Prayer and Prayer of Repentance: - The most important thing is My participation in the Prayers. After I drop My Body, Whosoever recites these Prayers, will be helped because of My participation now. When any one repeats these Prayer I am there with them. My Presence is there.

Avatar Meher Baba Pearls

I am the Creator. I am the Sustainer. I provide you with everything. I am Perfection Personified. I have everything except your imperfections. All I need are your Imperfections. Offer Me your imperfections so that you will be free of them and I, as the In-dweller in you, will be receiving them.

If you want to be free, free you are, but you do not really want to be free and therefore you continue to feel yourself bound. You want to lead a Perfect Life of Love and Service. When you **Really** have that want, you will not need to worry how to lead the Life – you will live it.

If you worry about yourself, God does not worry about you. If you stop worrying, God has to begin to worry about you. **Leave your worries to Him and be happy and cheerful.**

I have come to remind all people that they should live on earth as the Children of One Father until My Grace Awakens them to the realisation that they are all One without a second and all the divisions and conflicts and hatred are but a shadow play of their own imagination.

When I, the Ancient One, embrace you, I am awakening something which gradually grows within you. It is the seed of Love I sow. It will take its own time to flower and fructify.

The more you receive **My Sahavas** and receive **My Love with open heart**, you begin to understand Me more and more. Leave all your doubts and remember well that whatever I do is for the best. It is the Divine Response filled with Love Divine.

Be content with your lot, rich or poor, happy or miserable. Understand that God has designed it for your own good and **be resigned to His Will.**

Spirituality is the undoing of what you have been doing since ages.

Spiritual progress is not a process of accumulation from without, it is an unfolding from within

Spirituality is not cowardice to give in. If you cannot Love at least have the courage to give in.

Spirituality does not mean renunciation of worldly activities. It means the internal renunciation of mundane desires.

The most difficult thing in Spiritual Life is to be Perfectly Human.

In trifles take no risk, in business take a few risks ; in Spirituality take every risk.

In the Spiritual Life there is no room for compromise.

When a man is Spiritually prepared, he is completely desireless and is full of impersonal Love.

The best worker is one who is able to evoke Love for Baba in Others.

If you want to Love Me, you should not create confusion among yourselves. Start learning to Love God by loving those whom you cannot Love.

Face your problems bravely. I am with you.

Avatar Meher Baba Pearls

Whenever I visit a place and stay there for however short a time, its Spiritual Atmosphere becomes greatly elevated.

About Myrle Beach, USA:- Ages ago this was a place where I moved about and stayed. The combination of the Lake, the Ocean and the Woods give it a unique atmosphere. I never leave, Remember, because this is My Home.

At Muttra, Gokul, Vrindavan (28.11.1939) When I see these places, I remember My old habitats. They are like my old well remembered haunts. Here was I when I used to play with the Gopis and steal milk and curds. Here I played My Flute and here My Radha would come running to Me. Now I have brought My new gopis with me and now Mehera is My Radha.

Switzerland (July 1934): - I have drawn a Circle around the Country so that it will not be involved in the coming war (World War II).

Meherabad :- Baba put His Holy Feet for 1st Time at Arangaon – Meherabad in the year 1923.

This place is the most important one. It is the best place for those on the Spiritual Path. In the future Meherabad will be like Jerusalem. For My Spiritual work it is the best place. It will always be the Center of My Work.

At Ceylon (29.01.1933) – The Ashrams which I have founded in Devonshire, Newyork, Nasik, Ahmednagar, and Madras are open to all.

September 1939 – My Work which began from Poona and Ahmednagar and covering Bombay, Madras, South India and North India, has now reached the West.

09.05.1940 – I want to open 12 centres throughout India before I speak. Of these 6 have already been established at Meherabad, Nasik, Toka, Madras, Byramangala and Mandla. For the remaining 6, different places in India are still to be selected.

Byramangala (near Bangalore) – Baba visited this place for the first time on 13.08.1939. Foundation Day was on 17.12.1939. Baba last visited this place in Oct 1954.

Nasik (18.02.1932) – You will never be able to understand My Universal Work, during this period of **My Avatarhood**, I had to cleanse the world completely. This over-hauling will last a thousand years. During **My Avatarhood** the greatest work will be achieved – the union of the East and the West. I am the **Universal Avatar and not an Avatar for the East or West** individually as in previous Advents. I belong to the whole universe.

08.04.1932 U.S.A. – I intend bringing together all the Religions and Cults like beads on one string and revitalise them for individual and collective needs. This is My Mission in the West. The Peace and Harmony that I shall talk of and that will settle on the face of the world is not far off.

Avatar Meher Baba Pearls

Always say 'All is well and Beautiful. I will be Happy'.
Say to yourself 'I am meant to happy to make others happy'.
Life is so beautiful and meant to be happy.
It is always the outlook that counts and not the object.
I will help you.

Do not see My Blessings which is always with you, but long for the day when My Grace will descend on all who Love Me. Most Blessed are they who do not even long for My Grace but simply seek to do My Will.

Life is a game of Hide and Seek, where the seeker seeks until he finds that he himself is the Sought.

**Mind stopped is God. Mind working is man. Mind slowed down is Mast.
Mind working fast is Mad.**

Man is born once with the Birth of the Mind and man dies once with the annihilation of the Mind. Birth of the Mind involves the Process of Evolution, Reincarnation and Involution. **Death of Mind is the realisation of the Self.**

Of the 3 worlds in the Gross sphere which are inhabited by human beings, ours, This Earth, is the one wherein man is the highest Spiritually. Man on this earth possesses in his personality equal degrees of head and heart, (50% head) and (50% heart). Man in the other 2 worlds possess 100% head and 75% head and 25% heart respectively.

Man in the course of his reincarnation is born in any of the 3 worlds but must finally take form and reincarnate in this Earth to fulfill his Divine Destiny which is **God Realisation**. In the Gross sphere the Earth is the last and nearest stepping stone to the path. The 2 other worlds are most close to the earth in the pattern of habitation. Although there are 18000 worlds with life these 2 worlds and the Earth are akin to one another in the pattern of human life.

My next Advent will be after 700 years when all the 5 Perfect Masters will be men.

Creation is really a mighty joke but the laugh is at My own expense and now the jest is proving a burden on My chest.

It is I who have cancer, for you all around Me and the whole world are My cancerous growth and I suffer continuously.
I am so Infinite that I Myself cannot fathom My infinity.

Unless a snake is killed by a human being it remains always a snake (28.3.1938)

Remember that whosoever forms a Friendship with Me, loses everything, even the Self. Come only with longing to give Me your all – body, mind and possession with all the attachments.

I am the One so many seek but so few find.

All worship eventually comes to Me. I am the Ocean of Purity.

Those who wait for Me, never wait in Vain. Hold on to My Daaman and wait for My call.

Avatar Meher Baba Pearls

To obey Me is the best Religious Act that you can perform and by doing so you will free yourself from all the bondages of the customs and rites of Religion.

13.07.1925 Meherabad - Baba commenced the mysterious work of Writing **The Book** in the Jhopdi.

The Discourses of Mine are nothing compared to what I have written in My Book at Meherabad. Its 300 pages cover only short points and when they are fully amplified and re-written, the points will comprise several large volumes. It is full of secrets which no Previous Saint, Prophet or Avatar has ever divulged. This Book has not been read by anyone and no one is aware where it is.

The Best time for **Meditation** is between 3 am and 5 a.m. There is a connection between the Sun and the Universe and in order to Meditate, one must cross the Solar planes. In order to give push to the devotees, Sadgurus especially stand in front of these Planes and the Universe between 3 and 5 a.m.

Last Spoken Message (09.07.1925) : - Think of others more than of yourselves. Use up your bodies for the same. This is absolutely necessary if you want to realise God.

July 1925 : When the Mandali asked Baba how He will teach when He observed silence from 10.07.1925 Baba stated 'I have come **not to Teach but to Awaken**'.

No sooner you begin to Love those whom you cannot love, you begin to Love Me as I should be Loved.

23.04.1924 : - **Baba proposed 7 colour flag** representing the 7 planes of Consciousness. He specified that Red should be at the bottom and Sky Blue should be at the top of the flag. The Colours were Blue, Orange, Green, Yellow, Purple, Turquoise, Red.

When one completely depends on Me and leaves things to Me, I see that the reverses from the head gradually give way. Your own weakness open your way and lead you to rise above them. They all have to come out once and the sooner the better.

The trouble with you is that you do not leave everything entirely to Me.

Hold fast to My Daaman so that I will take you where I go as otherwise you will be lost.

I am the Emperor : But if you go after the guards and servants of the Palace (Saints and Sadhus), it is sheer folly on your part.
Shut the Tap of your mind and end all worries. Open the Tap of your Heart and release Love.

I am the Purest of the Pure. I can purify the worst sinners.

I am a Thief. If I do not steal your heart, how will you remember Me.

Avatar Meher Baba Pearls

In the last cycle I came down 5329 times.

The Avatar has a circle of 120 and this is formed of 10 concentric rings patterned in a very definite way.

The ring close to Him is made up of His 12 (plus 2 Appendages). These 12 play out the Divine Drama during His Life and within 100 years get God Realisation and never come back to earth again.

Their places are filled by the 12 from the next outlying ring of His circle and repeat the drama in His next Avatarship.

Gradually the Souls from the farthest circle move up to the first circle and gradually a few evolving Souls work their way from the general masses of people into the farthest circle.

All the 14 members of the Avataric inner circle realise God by the Grace of the Avatar during the same Avataric period.

Baba said that the 2 women who act as Appendages to His Inner Circle represent, Devotion and Service. In this incarnation Mehera represents Devotion and Mani represents Service. Mehera plays the same role to Me that the Virgin Mary played to Jesus. Martha represented Service.

The source of Eternal Bless is the self in all and the cause of perpetual misery is the selfishness of all. As long as satisfaction is derived through selfish pursuits, misery will always exist.

Only because of the Infinite Love and Mercy of God can man learn to realise, through the lessons of misery on earth, that inherent in him is the source of Infinite Bliss and that all suffering is his labour of love to unveil his own Infinite Self.

Do not Seek and You will Find: Do not seek material pleasure and you will find the Spiritual Treasure for which there are 3 ways.

1. To earn it yourself by self denial.
2. To receive it as a Spontaneous Gift from God given to His Lover whose self has been effaced in the intensity of his longing for the Beloved.
3. To inherit it directly from the Perfect Master who bequeaths it to those who remain completely resigned to His will.

Silence: The state which transcends speech and thought is Mouna, it is meditation without mental activity. Subjugation of the mind is meditation. Deep meditation is Eternal Speech.

In the Material World every pie of money counts: In the Subtle World every ounce of energy counts and in the Mental World every force of thought counts. In the Beyond state only God counts and in the realm of the God Man everything counts as nothing and nothing counts as everything. Love makes the Formless and Infinite become enformed and finite as the God. Man among men.

Avatar Meher Baba Pearls

Sunday

1. I belong to no religion. Every religion belongs to Me. My personal religion is My being the Ancient Infinite One and the religion I impart to all is Love for God, which is the Truth of all religion.
2. If we Love God honestly, we become one with Him. Never before has dishonesty and hypocrisy prevailed in this world as today. If the least hypocrisy creeps into our thoughts, words and deeds God who is the innermost Self in us all keeps Himself hidden.
3. To Love God in the most practical way is to love our fellow beings.
4. If we feel for others in the same way as we feel for our dear ones, we are Loving God.
5. If instead of seeing faults in others, we look within ourselves, we are Loving God.
6. If instead of robbing others to help ourselves, we rob ourselves to help others, we are Loving God.
7. If we suffer in the suffering of others and feel happy in the happiness of others we are Loving God.
8. If instead of worrying over our own misfortunes we think of ourselves more fortunate than many others, we are Loving God.
9. If we endure our lot with patience and contentment, accepting it as His Will, we are Loving God.
10. 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.
11. To Love God as He ought to be loved, we must live for God and die for God, knowing that the goal of all life is to Love God and find Him as our own self.
12. God is absolutely independent. The only way to approach Him is through Love. constant repetition of His Name and invocation of His Mercy.
13. Mercy is God's nature
14. Bliss is God's original state.
15. Power is God's existence.
16. Knowledge is God's duty.

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Monday.

17. The infinite state of God gets lost in the infinite jumble of infinite contradictions.
18. To know God in His infinite contradictions is to become conscious of His consciousness in His Unconsciousness.
19. To achieve the God state , do absolutely nothing while doing everything.
20. To find God you must find yourself lost to yourself.
21. To be infinitely conscious, you must consciously lose conscious of yourself.
22. Space is the gulf between Imagination and Reality. Evolution of consciousness fills this gulf.
23. Time is the interval between your first imagination and your very last imagination.
24. Where imagination ends God is and Godhood begins. .
25. Imagination is an eternal mimicry of Reality effecting the shadow-play of Illusion.

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Tuesday.

26. God is not anything comprehensible. He is Reality- Consciousness, Absolute Consciousness-Infinite Consciousness.
27. Realization of God is absolute consciousness minus consciousness of Imagination. Godhood is Absolute Consciousness plus consciousness of imagination being imagination.
28. To be ever present with God, never be absent from Him.
29. Do not desire union with God but long for union till you go beyond longing for union and long only for the will and pleasure of Beloved God.
30. Mind may die. Maya may die. Body dies and dies. But hope and thirst never die. Thus has said Kabir.
31. Complete forgetfulness of self is to even forget that you have forgotten.
32. Complete remembrance of God, honesty in action, making no one unhappy, being the cause of happiness in others and no submission to low, selfish, lustful desires, while living a normal worldly life, can lead one to the Path of Realization. But complete obedience to the God-Man brings one directly to God
33. The more you try to understand God, you understand Him less and less. How can He, who is beyond explanation ,be expressed? His being infinitely simple has rendered Him infinitely difficult. The Secret is that you have to become what you are.
34. God does not listen to the language of the tongue, which constitutes Japs, Zikra, Mantras and Devotional songs. He does not listen to the language of the mind, which constitutes meditation, concentration and thoughts about God. He listens only to the language of the heart which constitutes Love. So love God and be free in this very life.

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35. If you were to ask Me why I do not talk, I would say perhaps for three reasons. Firstly I feel that through you all I am eternally talking. Secondly, to relieve the boredom of talking incessantly through your forms, I keep silence in My personal physical Form. Thirdly, because all talk in itself is idle talk. Lectures, messages, statements, discourse of any kind, spiritual or otherwise, imparted through utterances or writings, are just idle talk when not acted upon or lived upto.
36. Our very Life should be such as to be God's Message of Truth in the world. In our everyday life of worldly duties, if Love-Service-Honesty is manifested, renunciation is achieved without renouncing the world.
37. The whole of life is like playing a game of hide and seek in which you have to find your Real Self. I give you My blessings for the success of this, which will make you realize life as all-time play.
38. *Children are innocent and free from vain egoism. Children can have no low desires.* After becoming free from all childishness, when a man really becomes child-like, he can Realize God.
39. In the Material World every pie of money counts. In the Subtle World every ounce of energy counts. In the Mental World every force of thought counts. In the Beyond State only God counts and in the Realm of God-Man Everything counts as Nothing and Nothing counts as Everything.
40. If instead of mechanically performing ceremonies and rituals because of age-old customs, people were to serve their fellow beings with the selflessness of Love, taking God to be equally residing in one and all and knowing that by so serving others they are serving Me, My work will have been fulfilled.
41. God alone is Real and all else is false. So you must try to Love God, who is within us all and to gain this Love you should try to be honest in your Thoughts, Words and Actions.
42. It is not what the world thinks of us that matters but what God knows about us that matters.
43. Unless we are stripped of all egoistic tendencies and desires and unless our Soul attains its Original Naked State, we cannot embrace God the Beloved, who is eternally Naked in His Infinity.

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Avatar Meher Baba Pearls

Thursday.

44. I have come not to Teach but to Awaken. Understand therefore that I lay down no precepts.
45. Because man has been deaf to the principles and precepts laid down in the past, in this present Avataric Form, I observe Silence. You have asked for and been given enough words, it is now time to live them.
46. To get nearer and nearer to God, you have to get farther and farther away from "I", "My", "Me" and "Mine". You have not to renounce anything but your own self.
47. I repeat, I lay down no precepts. When I release the Tide of Truth, which I have come to give men's daily lives, will be living precepts. The words I have not spoken will come to life in them.
48. I veil Myself from man by his own curtain of ignorance and manifest My Glory to a few. My present Avataric Form is the last incarnation of this Cycle of Time and hence My Manifestation will be the greatest.
49. I am the Divine Beloved who loves you more than you can love yourself. The breaking of My Silence will help you to help yourself in knowing your Real Self.
50. I say with Divine Authority that I am in you all and if you honestly Love God, you will find Him everywhere. Remember, if you cannot Love God and cannot lead saintly lives, then at least do not make a show of Love and Saintliness, because the worst scoundrels are better than hypocritical saints.
51. It is now high time that universal suffering should hasten humanity to the turning point in its spiritual history.
52. It is now high time that the very agonies of our times should become a means for the bringing of real understanding of human relationship.
53. The balanced progress of humanity can be assured if Science and Religion proceed hand in hand.

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Avatar Meher Baba Pearls.

Friday.

54. The coming civilization of the New Humanity will not be ensouled by dry intellectual doctrines but by living spiritual experiences.
55. If two persons have headaches, they can use the intellect to discuss their mutual experience. But if one of them has never had a headache, no amount of intellectual explanation will ever tell him what a headache is.
56. Intellectual explanation can never be a substitute for spiritual experience.
57. Unlearn all you have learned intellectually. Not remember the past, forget the present and not think of the future.
58. Renounce everything and everyone including your own Self.
59. Escape from all that is illusory and take refuge in Reality.
60. Burn all your desires and longings and kindle the one and only desire and longing ---Union with the Beloved.
61. To have My Real Darshan is to find Me.
62. The way to find Me is to find your abode in Me.
63. The only one and sure way to find your abode in Me is to Love Me.
64. To Love Me as I Love you, you must become the recipient of My Grace.
65. To receive My Grace, you must obey Me whole-heartedly, with the firm foundation of unshakable Faith in Me.
66. And you can only obey Me spontaneously, as I want, when you completely surrender yourself to Me so that My wish becomes your law and My Love sustains your being.
67. Age after age, many aspire for such a surrender but only very few really attempt to surrender themselves to Me completely as I want.
68. He who succeeds ultimately not only finds Me but also becomes Me and realizes the Goal of Life.
69. My being in your midst today would serve its purpose even if one from among this multitude has understood what I want I want you all to know.

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70. To be worthy of the Divine gift to Love, let all your thoughts, words and deeds controlled by the Constant remembrance of God.

71. All talk about the Path and the Goal is as a lantern carried by a blind man. A blind man needs a staff in his hands; the seeker needs his hand in the God-Man.

72. All that frightens and confuses you and grips you with despair is your own shadow. When the Sun of Love manifests in its glory and faces are turned towards that Radiance, all shadows will have disappeared and even the memory of them will have vanished.

73. A post to stand erect and firm must have its both ends sunk well into the ground. Likewise, My lover needs to have the base of his faith deeply embedded in Divinity if he would remain steadfast in his Love.

74. Births and deaths are illusory phenomena. One really dies when one is born to live as God, the Eternal, who is beyond both birth and death.

75. Love makes the Formless and Infinite become enformed and finite as the God-Man among men.

76. Take My advice and accept **GOD SPEAKS** as the final authority. Nothing of its kind has been recorded before.

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WHY SHOULD MISERY PERPETUALLY EXIST ON EARTH IN SPITE OF

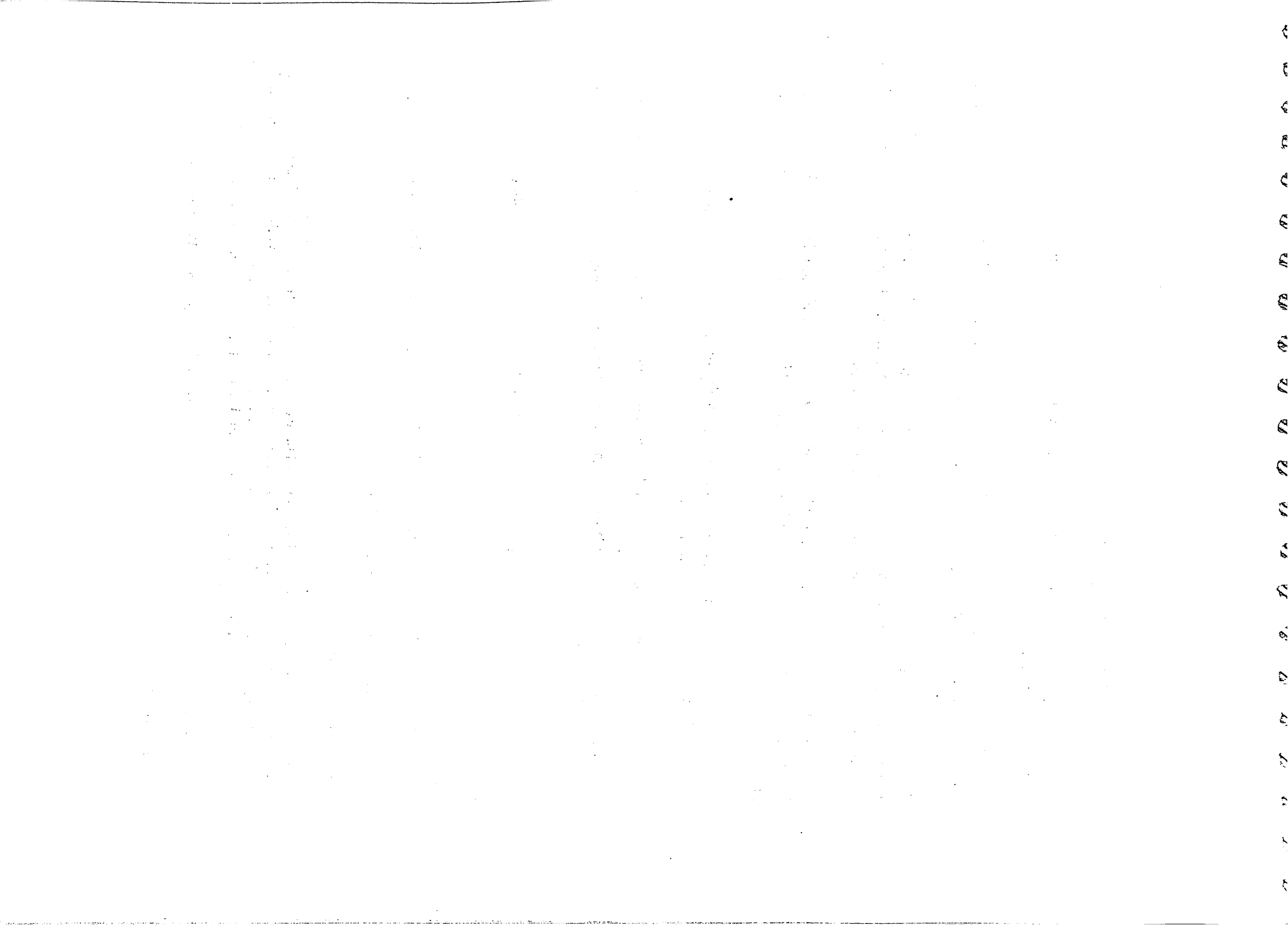
God's INFINITE LOVE AND MERCY?

Avatar Meher Baba says :

“ The source of Eternal Bliss is the Self in all and the cause of perpetual misery is the Selfishness of all. As long as satisfaction is derived through selfish pursuits, misery will always exist. Only because of the Infinite Love and Mercy of God can man learn to realize, through the lesson of misery on Earth, that inherent in him is the source of Infinite Bliss and that all suffering is his labour of Love to unveil his own Infinite Self “

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Disturbing Thoughts

In ordinary thinking, the flow of trains of thought is common; but when the mind sets itself to meditation, there is usually a tendency towards irrelevant thoughts. This is a habit of the mind and the aspirant should not be disturbed by the appearance of contrary thoughts which had hitherto not made their appearance. Meditation includes bringing the subconscious contents of the mind to the forefront of consciousness. The aspirant must be prepared for disturbing thoughts and should exercise patience with the confidence that these disturbances will be overcome.

The important condition of attaining success in meditation is to adopt the right technique in respect of disturbing thoughts. It is useless to waste psychic energy by direct effort to repress them. Such an attempt leads to further attention to the disturbing thoughts which feed upon the attention given to them and get strengthened. It is better ignore them and return to the object of meditation without attaching undue importance to disturbing factors. By recognising the irrelevance of disturbing thoughts, it becomes possible to let them die through neglect, keeping the mind upon the object of meditation.

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Spirituality is a positive attitude to life

Renunciation of desires does not mean ascetism or negative attitude to life. Negation of life would make man inhuman. Divinity is not devoid of humanity. Spirituality makes man more human. It is a positive release of the good, noble and beautiful in man and contributes to what is gracious and lovely in the environment. It does not require renunciation of worldly activities or the avoiding of duties and responsibilities. It requires only that while engaging in worldly activities or discharging the responsibilities arising from the place and position of the individual, the inner spirit should be free from the burden of desires. Perfection consists in remaining free from the entanglements of duality. Such freedom is the essential requirement of unhindered *creativity*. *This freedom cannot be attained by running away from life for fear of entanglement with it. This would mean denial of life.*

Perfection does not consist in shrinking from the dual expressions of nature. To attempt to escape from entanglement implies fear of life but spiritually consists in meeting life without being overpowered by the opposites.

The free spirit asserts its dominion over all illusion, however attractive or powerful. Without avoiding contact with the different aspects of life, a perfect man functions with complete detachment in the midst of intense activity.

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Byramangala Foundation Laying Ceremony - 17th December 1939 **Extracts from Lord Meher Vol.VII (Pages 2480 – 2482)**

On Sunday, December 17th, 1939, the foundation-laying ceremony for Meher Baba's Universal Spiritual Center was held.

About four thousand persons participated, including the Governor of Mysore and other important government officials. The program began at 4.30 P.M., when the head of the reception committee, Papa Jessawala, garlanded Baba on His arrival. Baba came in Elizabeth's car with Kaka, Jal Kerawala, Norina and Nadine. Baba was dressed in a sadra and brick-red coat. In the Master's Honor, Syed Rasul Arif recited a poem in Urdu and Sampath Aiyangar delivered a speech. Ghani Munsiff then spoke, explaining the significance of the seven – metal shovel which Baba would use to break the ground. Baba then proceeded to break the ground and lay the foundation. Sitting on a special stone seat, which was to be kept as a cornerstone of the future building, Baba rose and scooped a little earth with the special shovel, as acclamations in His praise rent the air. Baba struck the earth seven times and sat back on His special seat. The following message from Him was then read out by Sampath Aiyangar.

"The world is at war today. It has engulfed all departments of life – political, economic, social and religious. The instinct of self-preservation, enhanced by fear and uncertainty of the future, is aggressively active in the guise of various pseudonyms and catchwords. Exclusiveness is parading as nationalism; self-interest is known as economics; fanaticism is synonymous with religion; libertinism is looked upon as social and moral freedom; and exploitation is termed politics. This instinct of self-preservation is legitimate and natural in the lower order of life, in the lower scale of evolution. But, when it expresses itself through man, it makes of himself nothing more than a *talking animal*, and, as such, he is yet a long way from deserving the title, "*The Best of Creation*". Is it anybody's fault if one finds oneself on the right side of things or the wrong side of things? No! Every human being has come to serve and achieve a definite purpose, and by playing His part to perfection, he automatically works out His own salvation. There is this difference, however. In the divine scheme of things, individuals or a people who, instead of progressing higher and onward, are about to lapse into bestiality, it is only *suffering* that rehabilitates them. Spiritual Masters achieve for humanity the same resurrection, much more easily and less painfully not by preaching, but by translating into fulfillment the too familiar words, self-denial and brotherhood of man, which have their very beginning in love and whose ultimate end is love. The time for such a universal awakening is looming larger in the near future. To meet this awakening time the scheme of a Universal Spiritual Center is founded today. Mysore will surely realize, at no distant date in the future, its singular good fortune in possessing, among many progressive features, the spiritual capital of the world as well. I bless everyone of you, participants and non-participants, in the greatest scheme of spiritual regeneration, the foundation of which you have witnessed today. This scheme of a Universal Spiritual Center symbolizes the character of My divine mission on earth. I bless you".

Speeches were then delivered by V.T.Lakshmi Aiyangar and M.Chakravarthi Iyengar. The program terminated amid loud cheers of Meher Baba's "Jai" – Victory to Meher Baba! As Baba left, fireworks lit the evening sky.

AVATAR MEHER BABA PEARLS

Age after age. When the wick of Righteousness burns low **The Avatar comes yet once again** to rekindle the Torch of Love and Truth. Rings the Avatar call '**Come all unto Me**'.

I was Rama, I was Krishna, I was Christ, I was Zoroaster, I was this one, I was that one, and **now I am Meher Baba**. In the Form of Flesh and Blood, I am the **Same Ancient One**, who alone is eternally worshipped and ignored, ever remembered and forgotten and whose Future Advent is anticipated with great fervour and longing.

I do not perform any miracles, **but My Spiritual Status is So High**, that if anyone, anywhere, in any difficulty at any Time, Remembers Me whole-heartedly with All his heart, then the difficulty will be immediately solved. This is certain. **God does not abandon those who Trust Him.**

If you do not ask Me, whom else will you ask and who will give you. **ASK ME** again and again **but do not expect an answer. I will do what is good for you.** However after I drop My Body, if you were to ask Me for anything at **MY TOMB**, your request will be granted. Remember this. **But one who asks for My Love is the chosen one.** You can rely on Me and leave if to Me but do not make it conditional

While bowing down at My Tomb, I want you all to remember two things:

1. To Love Me whole-heartedly. Love does not mean the outward expression. You should love Me in such a way that you forget yourself in Me, the Beloved.
2. To give happiness to others at the cost of your own happiness and comfort.

Repeating My Name itself is a Prayer and repeating My Name whole-heartedly is the Greatest Prayer that one can Offer spontaneously for which no Time or place is required.

Remember Me whole-heartedly and continuously while attending to your worldly duties. **This is the Best form of meditation and is the most natural and spontaneous.**

Let My Name serve as a Net around you.

Think of me more and more and all your worries will disappear into the nothing they really are. My Divine will works out to awaken you to this. Face your problems bravely. I am with you.

Remember me after starting and finishing any work. Say 'Baba, it is you and not I who am doing'. This gradually minimises the strength of the ego and eventually destroys it. Do not forget **I am the cause and the effect.**

Universal Prayer and Prayer of Repentance: - The most important thing is **My Participation in the Prayers.** After I drop My Body, whoever recites these Prayers will be helped because of My Participation now. When any one repeats these Prayers I am there with them. **My Presence is there.**

You cannot blame anyone for your condition. Whatever you want to be that you become and which is governed by the Law of Karma - Cause and Effect. Accept whatever God gives with Firm Faith in His Love and Grace. Then you will find Peace and strength.

Be content with your lot, rich or poor, happy or miserable. Understand that God has designed it for your own good and be resigned to His Will.

I do not change your Destiny but I give you Inner Strength to face the Battle of Life.

Always say 'All is well and beautiful. I will be happy'.
Say to yourself. 'I am meant to be happy to make others happy'.

What nothing and you will have everything.

If in everyday Life you practice **Love, Service and Honesty**, then renunciation is achieved without renouncing the world.

It is always the Outlook the Counts and not the object. **I will help you.**
Have Faith in Me - Supreme Faith. I am always with you, directing you as My own vehicle. You are an instrument in My Divine Orchestra.

Worry is unnecessary. Necessary worry is not good but unnecessary worry is madness.

If you worry about yourself God does not worry about you. **If you stop worrying God has to begin to worry about you. Leave your worries to Him and be Cheerful and Happy.**

Do not worry be Happy. Your only worry should be that you never forget God.

I am the Power House. The Power House will never fail provided one is careful about the connections with it.

The Highest of the High

Message given by Avatar Meher Baba
(at Dehra Dun on 7th September 1953)

Consciously or unconsciously, directly or indirectly, each and every creature, each and every human being - in one form or the other - strives to assert individuality. But when eventually man consciously experiences that he is Infinite, Eternal and Indivisible, then he is fully conscious of his individuality as God, and as such, experiences **Infinite Knowledge, Infinite Power and Infinite Bliss**. Thus Man becomes God and is recognised as a Perfect Master, Sadguru or Gurb. **To worship this Man is to worship God.**

When God manifests on earth in the form of man and reveals His Divinity to mankind, He is recognized as the **Avatar** - the Messiah, the Prophet. **Thus God becomes Man.**

And so Infinite God, age after age, throughout all cycles, wills through His Infinite Mercy, to effect His presence amidst mankind by stooping down to human level in the human form, but His physical presence amidst mankind not being apprehended, He is looked upon as an ordinary man of the world. When He asserts, however, His Divinity on earth by proclaiming Himself, the Avatar of the Age, He is worshipped by some who accept Him as God; and glorified by a few who know Him as God on Earth.

But it invariably falls to the lot of the rest of humanity to condemn Him, while He is physically in their midst.

Thus it is that God as man, proclaiming Himself as the Avatar, suffers Himself to be persecuted and tortured, to be humiliated and condemned by humanity for whose sake His Infinite Love has made Him stoop so low, in order that humanity, by its very Infinite Eternal state act of condemning God's manifestation in the form of Avatar should, however indirectly, assert the existence of God in His Infinite Eternal state.

The Avatar is always One and the Same, because God is always One and the Same, the Eternal, Indivisible, Infinite One, who manifests Himself in the form of man as the Avatar, as the Messiah, as the Prophet, as the Ancient One-the Highest of the High. This Eternally One and the Same Avatar repeats His manifestation from time to time, in different cycles, adopting different human forms and different names, in different places, to reveal Truth in different garbs and different languages, in order to raise humanity from the pit of ignorance and help free it from the bondage of delusions.

In the world there are countless Sadhus, Mahatmas, Mahapurushas, Saints, Yogis and Wals, though the number of genuine ones is very, very limited. The few genuine ones are, according to their spiritual status, in a category of their own, which is neither on a level with the ordinary human being nor on a level with the state of the Highest of the High.

I am neither a Mahatma nor a Mahapurusha, neither a Sadhu nor a Saint, neither a Yogi nor a Wali. Those who approach Me with the desire to gain wealth or to retain their possessions, those who seek through Me relief from distress and suffering, those who ask My help to fulfil and satisfy mundane desires, to them I once again declare that, as I am not a Sadhu, a Saint or a Mahatma, Mahapurusha or Yogi, to seek these things through Me is but to court utter disappointment, though only apparently; for eventually this disappointment is itself invariably instrumental in bringing about the complete transformation of mundane wants and desires.

The Sadhus, Saints, Yogis, Walis and such others who are on the via media, can and do perform miracles and satisfy the transient material needs of individuals, who approach them for help and relief.

The question therefore arises that if I am not a Sadhu, not a Saint, not a Yogi, not a Mahapurusha or a Wali, then what am I? The natural assumption would be that I am either just an ordinary human being, or **I am the Highest of the High**. But one thing I say definitely and that is, that I can never be included amongst those having the intermediary status of these real Sadhus, Saints, Yogis and such others.

Now, if I am just an ordinary man, my capabilities and powers are limited - I am no better or different from an ordinary human being. If people take Me as such, then they should not expect any supernatural help from Me in the form of miracles or spiritual guidance; and to approach Me to fulfil their desires would also be absolutely futile.

On the other hand, if I am beyond the level of an ordinary human being and much beyond the level of saints and yogis, then I must be **the Highest of the High**. In which case, to judge Me with mundane desires would not only be the height, of folly, but sheer ignorance as well, because no amount of intellectual gymnastics could ever understand My way or judge My Infinite State.

If I am the Highest of the High, My will is law, My wish governs the law and My Love sustains the Universe. Whatever your apparent calamities and transient sufferings, they are but the outcome of My Love for the ultimate good. Therefore, to approach Me for deliverance from your predicaments, to expect Me to satisfy your worldly desires, would be asking Me to do the impossible-to undo what I have already ordained.

If you truly and in all faith accept your **Baba as the Highest of the High**, it behoves you to lay down your life at His feet, rather than to crave the fulfilment of your desires. Not your one life, but your millions of lives would be but a small sacrifice to place at the feet of One such as Baba, who is **the Highest of the High**, for Baba's unbounded love is the only sure and unfailing guide to lead you safely through the innumerable blind alleys of your transient life.

They cannot obligate Me who, surrendering their all-body, mind, possessions - which perforce they must discard one day, surrender with a motive; surrender because they understand that to gain the everlasting treasure of Bliss, they must relinquish ephemeral possessions. This desire for greater gain is still clinging behind their surrender and as such, the surrender cannot be complete.

Know you all that if I am the Highest of the High, My role demands that I strip you of all your possessions and wants, consume all your desires and make you desirous rather than satisfy your desires. Sadhus, Saints, Yogis and Wallis can give you what you want; but I take away your wants and free you from attachments and liberate you from the bondage of ignorance. I am the One to take, not the One to give what you want or as you want.

Mere intellectuals can never understand Me through their intellect. If I am the Highest of the High, it becomes impossible for the intellect to gauge Me nor is it possible for My ways to be fathomed by the limited human mind.

I am not to be attained by those who, loving Me, stand reverentially by, in rapt admiration. I am not for those who ridicule Me and point at Me with contempt. To have a crowd of tens of millions flocking around Me is not what I am for. I am for the selected few, who scattered amongst the crowd, silently and unostentatiously surrender their all body, mind and possessions to Me. I am still more for those, who, after surrendering their all, never give another thought to their surrender. They are all Mine who are prepared to renounce even the very thought of their renunciation and who, keeping constant vigil in the midst of intense activity, await their turn to lay down their lives for the cause of Truth at a glance or sign from Me. Those who have indomitable courage to face willingly and cheerfully the worst calamities, who have unshakable faith in Me, eager to fulfil My slightest wish at the cost of their happiness and comfort, they, indeed, truly love Me.

From my point of view, far blessed is the atheist who confidently discharges his worldly responsibilities accepting them as his honourable duty, than the man who presumes he is a devout believer in God, yet shirks the responsibilities apportioned to him through Divine Law and runs after Sadhus, Saints and Yogis, seeking relief from the suffering which ultimately would have pronounced his eternal liberation.

To have one eye glued on the enchanting pleasures of the flesh and with the other, expect to see a spark of Eternal Bliss is not only impossible but the height of hypocrisy.

I cannot expect you to understand all at once what I want you to know. It is for Me to awaken you from time to time throughout the ages, sowing the seed in your limited minds, which must in due course and with proper heed and care on your part, germinate, flourish and bear the fruit of that True Knowledge which is inherently yours to gain.

If, on the other hand, led by your ignorance, you persist in going your own way, none can stop you in your choice of progress; for that, too is progress which, however slow and painful, eventually and after innumerable incarnations, is bound to make you realize that which I want you to know now. Pay heed and strive for Freedom by experiencing ignorance in its true perspective. Be honest with yourself and God. One may fool the world and one's neighbours; but one can never escape from the knowledge of the Omniscient - such is the Divine Law.

I declare to all of you who approach Me and to those of you who desire to approach Me accepting Me as the Highest of the High, that you must never come with the desire in your heart which craves for wealth and worldly gain, but only with the fervent longing to give your all body, mind and possessions with all their attachments. Seek Me not to extricate you from your predicaments, but find Me in

order to surrender yourself whole heartedly to My will. Cling to Me, through thick and thin, sacrificing your own happiness and comforts at My feet. Let My happiness be your cheer and My comforts your rest. Do not ask Me to bless you with a good job; but desire to serve Me more diligently and honestly without expectation of reward. Never beg of Me to save your life or the lives of your dear ones, but beg of Me to accept you and permit you to lay down your life for Me. Never expect Me to cure you of your bodily afflictions but beseech Me to cure you of your ignorance. Never stretch out your hands to receive anything from Me, but hold them high in praise of Me whom you have approached as **the Highest of the High**.

If I am the Highest of the High, nothing is then impossible to Me and though I do not perform miracles to satisfy individual needs, the satisfaction of which would result in entangling the individual more and more into the net of ephemeral existence yet time and again at certain periods I manifest the Infinite Power in the form of miracles, but only for the spiritual upliftment and benefit of humanity and all creatures.

However, miraculous experiences have often been experienced by individuals who love Me and have unswerving faith in Me and these have been attributed to My nazar or Grace on them. But I want all to know that it does not befit My lovers to attribute such individual miraculous experiences to **My state of the Highest of the High**. **If I am the Highest of the High, I am above these illusory plays of Maya in the course of the Divine Law**. Therefore, whatever miraculous experiences are experienced by My lovers who recognize Me as such, or by those who love Me unknowingly through other channels, they are but the **outcome of their own firm faith in Me**. Their unshakable faith often superseding the course of the play of Maya gives them those experiences which they call miracles.

Such experiences derived through firm Faith eventually do good and do not entangle the individuals who experience them into further and greater bindings of Illusion.

If I am the Highest of the High, then a wish of My Universal Will is sufficient to give, in an instant, God Realization to one and all and thus free every creature in creation from the shackles of ignorance; but blessed is Knowledge that is gained through the experience of ignorance in accordance with the Divine Law. This Knowledge is made possible for you to attain in the midst of ignorance by the **guidance of Perfect Master and surrenderance to the Highest of the High**.

AVATAR MEHER BABA - PEARLS

The Real Darshan

I am happy to be in your midst

It is the deep love of some of My lovers in Dehra Dun that has drawn you all together today to have My darshan.

But to have My real darshan is not easy.

To see Me at close quarters, to do obeisance to Me, to offer Me fruits and flowers, to bow down to Me and then to return to your homes can never mean that you have had My *darshan*.

Having seen Me with your eyes you have still not seen Me as I am. You have not had even a glimpse of My true Being in spite of your having gone through the conventions of so-called darshan.

To have My real darshan is to find Me.

The way to find me is to find your abode in Me.

And the only one and sure way to find your abode in Me is to love Me.

To love Me as I love you, you must become the recipient of My grace. Only My grace can bestow the gift of divine love.

To receive My grace, you must obey Me wholeheartedly with the firm foundation of unshakeable faith in Me.

And you can only obey Me spontaneously as I want when you completely surrender yourselves to Me so that MY wish becomes your law and My love sustains your being.

Age after age, many aspire for such a surrender;

but only very few really attempt to surrender themselves to Me completely as I want.

He who succeeds ultimately not only finds Me, but becomes Me and realizes the aim of life.

My being in your midst today would serve its purpose even if one from this multitude has understood what I want you all to know.

I give My blessings to you.

Avatar Meher Baba Pearls

If you ever come across any savage animal or if you find yourself in a perilous situation, cry out My Name loudly, I will then save you.

At moments of danger, you should loudly cry out My Name, so loud that the sound of My Name falls on the creature's ears, which will make it as meek as a lamb.

Before inanimate objects, during any serious mishap or accident such as car-crash, train wreck, you will be saved by remembering Me with full faith from the bottom of your heart.

Let your desire be only to find Real Bliss, to find Truth and to find God.

Constantly have this longing and you will achieve it.

Every morning, very early, spare only five minutes for this. Seek a place, aloof and alone and try to meditate thinking 'God is One'. He is every where and there is nothing but Him.

Do this for only five minutes daily. I will see that you experience something.

Real worship is within- inside the heart and not in the outward muttering of words. To enter the spiritual path, one has to go beyond religious ceremonies. One cannot grasp the truth through the intellect. All the disorders of the world are due to the mind. He who conquers it conquers everything and is a real hero.

Over the ages you have collected a mixture of good and bad sanskaras. All sanskaras must be eradicated in the mind so that they may not reproduce again. Only a Sadguru can root them out completely. To stop the creation of new sankaras and to destroy the past ones, have the company and the sahavas of a Guru who is Realised. A Guru who is God Conscious is like a live furnace, burning away everything, good, bad, past, present and future-all the sanskars.

Avatar Meher Baba Pearls

State after Death

A person dies when his Sanskaras are exhausted – spent in full. After a person dies his Sanskaras snap the mind's connection with the gross body and at that time he receives such a shock that he forgets every incident of his past life. Even though the gross body drops the mind the subtle body remains full of Sanskaras.

For the next 40 to 72 hours after death the attention of the Sanskaras is centered mostly on the place where the body is kept. After that there is no connection between the dead person and that place. Within the next 8-10 days, the spirit of the dead person experiences the subtle state of either heaven or hell according to his Sanskaras.

After a person dies, many people perform rites and ceremonies for a long time but all these are useless. No ritual or ceremony is necessary after 10 days.

However the best rites would be to feed either dogs or crows near the body because they have the subtle side and can see the spirit of the dead person. Crows and dogs are not subtle conscious but they have the subtle faculties of perception and therefore draw towards themselves the Sanskaras of the dead person.

Suppose a person dies, his great number of good Sanskaras take him to the subtle state – Heaven. There he experiences without a physical body the results of the good Sanskaras of his past life. Similarly if he has a great number of bad Sanskaras, they take him to the subtle state – Hell and he experiences these Sanskaras without a body. In both cases the grossness of either good or bad Sanskaras is wiped out either in heaven or in hell and still the faint stain of these Sanskaras remain in the mind and these are subtle impressions.

Sanskaras remain connected with the environment where a person dies for 2-3 days after death. Although they are disconnected from the environment after 2-3 days, they are not spent either in hell or heaven 10-12 days after death.

When any human being drops the physical body, the Jeevathma is stationed in the Astral World for 40 to 72 hours before entering the Hell or Heaven State. Those closely connected in the Avatar or Sadguru do not enter heaven or hell but take birth almost immediately.

Avatar Meher Baba Pearls

After death the Soul takes 4 days to break its ties from the Gross Body. Prayers offered for the 4 days after the death of a person help the Soul to break its ties. Crying and wailing after the death of a person has a contrary effect on the departed Soul and its severance of its earthly ties is all the more difficult.

The apparent gap between the death & the birth of a human being is that period in which the gross conscious Soul in its association with its fully developed subtle and mental bodies has experience of the predominant counter part of the opposite impressions gathered by the recently dissociated human form. This state of the Soul, in the apparent gap between death and birth, is generally called Hell or Heaven and this process of intermittent association and dissolution of consciousness of the Conscious Soul in Human form, now fully conscious, is termed the Reincarnation Process. The subjective states of Intensified suffering and joy are called Hell & Heaven and are states of the mind and should not be looked upon as places.

Sorrow at the death of a loved one is a form of selfishness; the selfishness of not being able to satisfy their minds in the absence of the sight of their Dear Ones makes them weep, not so much the death itself.

To achieve complete development of consciousness in the human form, the evolutionary process had to take 7 major leaps viz from Stone to Metal, from Metal to Vegetable, from Vegetable to Worm, from Worm to Fish, from Fish to Bird, from Bird to Animal and finally from Animal to the Human Being and is possessing different characteristics.

The passing of the formless Soul through 84 lakhs forms in each stage of development - Stone, Metal, Vegetable, Worm, Fish, Bird and Animal - to reach the form of the Human Being is most significant because the human form is the form of the Infinite Mind. The Sankaric experiences of 50 crores different forms makes up the gross consciousness of the Human Being.

On attaining the Human form the process of reincarnation begins. The Drop Soul takes numerous human forms one by one & these forms are exactly 84 lakhs in number. In the process of reincarnation, the Soul may take a male or female form and it may belong to any nationality creed or religion.

The wheel of births and deaths ceaselessly turns. You are born as a male or female; rich, poor; brilliant dull; healthy weak; black white; of different nationalities, different creeds, in accordance with your inherent and imperative needs to have that richness of experience which helps to transcend all forms of duality.

Avatar Meher Baba Pearls

Of the 3 worlds in the Gross sphere which are inhabited by human beings, ours, The Earth, is the one where Man is the Highest Spiritually. Man on this earth possess in his personality equal degrees of Head and Heart (50% Head and 50% Heart). Man in the other 2 words possess 100% head and 75% Head and 25% Heart respectively.

Man in the course of his reincarnation is born in any of the 3 worlds but must finally take form and reincarnate in this Earth to fulfill his Divine Destiny, which is God Realization . In the Gross Sphere, the Earth is the last and nearest stepping stone to the Path. The other 2 worlds are most close to the Earth in the pattern of habitation. Although there are 18000 worlds with life, these 2 worlds of the Earth are akin to one another in the pattern of human life.

Man is born once with the birth of the Mind man dies once with the annihilation of the Mind. Birth of Mind involves the process of Evolution, Reincarnation and Involution. **Death of Mind is Realization of the Self.**

All the so called Births and Deaths are only Sleeps. The different between Sleep and Death is that after you sleep you awake and find yourself in the same body but after Death you awake in a different body. You never die. Only the Blessed Ones die and become one with God. There is one Real Birth and one Real Death. You are born once and you really die only once.

If a person dies by a sudden accident before the time of natural death, he immediately takes birth again and completes the remaining time of his past life, after which he dies again. Some live for 1,2,3,4, 5 etc. years and after finishing the remaining period of their past life, they take another body according to the Sankaras of the life which ended suddenly by accidental death. That is why some children die – some in a few days or few months or after a few years.

Generally children upto age of 7, do not incur Sankaras. The life upto 7 is passed through according to and depending upon the push of the Sankaras in their previous life. They are happy or miserable in accordance with the past being smooth or violent.

Once the human form is gained, the Soul can never pass back into any of the lower forms.

In the chains of Birth and Death each opposite sex changes, simultaneously i.e Male becomes Female and Female becomes Male. 2 Souls reincarnate together, changing their sex a number of life times until they drift apart at that certain point nearest to Realization.

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When the individual is ready for reincarnation he is automatically drawn by his future Parents by Sankaric Links. The Parents act as a magnet due to their previous connection with the reincarnating individual. Occasionally, the strongest Sankaric or Karmic Link which the reincarnating individual has with incarnate individuals is not with the Parents but with a Brother or Sister. It is this link that determines the family in which he takes birth. If the Sankaric Status of the individual is precipitating him towards incarnation, his taking on a body is not postponed merely because Parents or not available to provide a suitable previous link. It is then possible through the intervention of the Masters to make infinite adjustments through mutual exchanges.

If you marry, you incur 7 more births and it is for this reason Saints and Realized Master advise their devotees to an unmarried life. These 7 births go on multiplying – $7 \times 7 = 49$ $49 \times 7 = 343$ $343 \times 7 = 2401$ 2401×7 and so on. How many former husbands and wives you have left in your past lives and how many new ones you will come into contact in the future. None of the past husbands or wives do you remember nor will you know of those to come. No 2 Souls united in Wedlock can be Realized together simultaneously – never does it happen.

A man who commits suicide cuts short the period of His life and prevents the working out of his Sankaras. The disincarnate Soul remains subject to their propelling force even after the gross body has been discarded. Ghosts or Spirits are without a body and in that bodiless state he has to remain as long as the Sankaras of his previous birth last. There after he takes another birth. Ghosts are miserable and have desires like any of us. They try to come into contact with human beings to fulfil their desires. The Ghosts have Subtle and Mental bodies and when stretched out, their Subtle body stretches out in all directions, upsides and sideways and they can enlarge or shrink.

Human form is the gift of God to man to Consciously experience his Infinite Absolute State of Existence. The Human Being is essentially one of the several aspects of God. Male and Female are the two sides of the same One Aspect of God.

*I died as mineral and Became a Plant,
I died as plant and rose to animal,
I died as animal and I was man.*

Why should I fear? When was I less by dying?

Yet, once more, I shall die as man, to soar

With angels blessed; but even from angelhood

I must pass on; all except God doth perish.

When I have sacrificed my angel soul,

I shall become what no mind e'er conceived.

Oh, Let me not exist! For Non-existence

Proclaims in organ tones, "To Him we shall return!"

One who dies for God lives for ever. Real living is dying for God

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The moral order of the Universe is sustained through the systematic connection between Cause and Effect on the world of values. The law of Karma might be said to be an expression of justice or a reflection of the Unity of life in the world of duality and knows no exceptions concessions or preferences.

Births and deaths are gateways in the stream of life as it advances from one type of existence to another. Both are equally necessary in the greater life of the Soul. Sorrow at the death of a loved one is only a form of Selfishness.

In successive incarnations there is not only a thread of continuity and identity but there is an uninterrupted reign of the law of Cause and Effect, through the persistence and operation of the Law of Karma. The actions of the past lives determine the conditions and circumstances of the present life and the actions of the present life have their share in determining the conditions and circumstances of future lives.

The wheel of births and deaths ceaselessly turns. You are born as a male, as a female; rich, poor, brilliant, dull, healthy, weak; black, white, of different nationalities, of different creeds in accordance with your inherent and imperative needs to have that richness of experience which helps transcend all forms of duality.

The passing of the formless Soul through 84 lakhs forms in each stage of development – Stone, Metal, Vegetable, Worm, Fish, Bird, and Animal – to reach the form of the Human Being is most significant because the human form is the form of the Infinite Mind.

Sanskaras are impressions which are left on the Soul as memories from former lives and which determine one's desires and actions in the present life time.

The Sanksharic experiences of 50 crores different forms make up the gross consciousness of a human being.

The drama of the continued life of the individual Soul has many acts. The actors disappear from the Stage of Earth only to reappear again in new capacities and new contexts. The Avatar or Sadguru having Universal Mind, literally embodies Universal Life. It is through Him that you become free from karma.

