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"WE ARE ALL ONE IN GOD'S LOVE."

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AVATAR MEHER BABA

His 72nd BIRTHDAY—25th Feb. 1966

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God is God and man is man-
And ever the twain shall be
Excepting when God comes on earth
His handiwork to see;

And man awakens to the truth
That his faith and piety
And rituals have robbed him of
His natural purity.

He breaths His love and breaks the wall
Between you and me
Claims God as man; hails man as God
Makes both united and free.

Now God-man as Meher Baba
Is here for all to see;
And all will—when He manifests
His Power and Majesty.

God is the only word and so also its equivalent terms in all religions and languages which a believer or a non-believer willingly or unwillingly conceives of, as representing the entire existence of things and beings in all its substance and stages of life, and consciousness inner and outer and in addition everything that is beyond. But in fact this is not so. The meaning that is usually associated with God and ascribed to Him is that something, far removed from this world and far above it and as such formless and without qualities - an infinite vast existence, knowledge and bliss.

Man in general fails to take cognizance of the different aspects of God and fails to associate Him in form as much as in formlessness. There is another word God-Man or the Avatar which in its meaning represents everything that exists in form and also everything that exists beyond form. The state of the Avatar is a conscious existence in everything and anything, anywhere and everywhere, at one time and at all times, either in this world or the other worlds and beyond all worlds.

God in his infinite knowledge, power and bliss exists and man in his limitation of thought and action exists. Both simultaneously exist and will go on existing for ever. God is ever independent of man and man is ever dependent on God. Man's dependence on God is not through a direct perception or the knowledge of oneness with Him. Man's dependence on God is through faith and love. Until man's love of God initiated through faith reaches a height and intensity beyond himself, he cannot hope to have a direct perception of God or much less become conscious of being one with Him. This is something unusual for man in general and he remains ever separated from God and lives his life within limits of his weaknesses and strength, his failures and successes, his struggle and resignation.

God is Reality and all knowledge, and man is full of intelligence, having no knowledge of the real purpose and aim of life. All the activity of man however good or bad, helpful or selfish is mooted in ignorance of the unity of life because it is performed on the basis of human consciousness as

separate from universal and unitarian consciousness of God. The individual consciousness of man with his body and mind delimited in his individuality always seeks self-satisfaction however selfless or selfish, getting farther and farther away from the central universal consciousness of God. Barring some exceptions man in general is not enlightened of the oneness of life and existence excepting when God comes down on earth embodied in a human form to see to His creation personally once between 700 to 1400 years. It is like a floodlight of universal consciousness descending on earth. The act of descending is unnoticed and unseen by the blinding effect created by the Light. The Light gradually settles down into the life and activity of man. This influx of Consciousness Light creates opportunities for an awakening from old habits of narrow-minded faith, self-styled piety and a mass of uninspiring rituals that were once introduced with a purpose towards the then existing sentiment of devotion and worship, now become dead and inert by mechanical repetition. When man fails to avail

himself of the opportunities given in a matter of fact manner by association with the circumstances created to embrace breadth of outlook and a love for essentials, drastic measures are taken to introduce greater opportunities through suffering. Wars, natural calamities, pestilences and all that go to create a general unrest and conflict, are the ways how the change of old order of things is brought about.

The State of consciousness of the Avatar is one. It was that of Zoaraster, Rama, Krishna, Buddha, Christ and of Mohammed. It is the same of Meher Baba the Ancient One. God enjoys sat-chit-ananda state. The Avatar enjoys sat-chit-ananda state; but God as God does not activate this state to help man in illusion to speed up his course of movement towards attaining God-consciousness. God is and remains in a Self-contained effulgence of sat-chit-ananda. God as God-Man functions as the head of a spiritual hierarchy, and conducts all affairs of the entire creation, including the world.

God is like the raw material of everything, and

without God nothing exists or can exist. Man is the finished product of the raw material. Man-God is the dealer of the raw material during his lifetime. But God-Man is the sole proprietor and distributor of the raw material for all times, working directly when He comes on earth, and resting in the bosom of God when unembodied in human form.

In the words of Meher Baba :

“Between God and the universe, infinite Mercy and unbounded Love act as a prominent link which is eternally made use of by Men who become God (Sadgurus, Perfect Masters, or Kutubs), and so the universe becomes the eternal playmate of God. Through this prominent link the Avatar not only established life in His Divine Play, but also established Law in illusion. And the Law being established by the God-Man or Avatar is the Law of the lawless Infinite and is eternally Real and at the same time illusory.”

Jai Baba ! !

AVATAR MEHER BABA SAYS:

- *I am that Ancient one whose past is worshipped and remembered, whose present is ignored and forgotten and whose future (Advent) is anticipated with great fervour and longing.*
- *Although I take birth for all mankind, fortunate are those who love Me while I am still on earth.*
- *I am the joy in your heart and the despair of your mind — for Love can attain which the intellect cannot fathom.*
- *Divine Love is the fire which not only eliminates all kinds of cold, but also all sorts of imagined heat. I am ever prepared to give the gift (of **Divine Love**) but you must also prepare yourself to receive it. That requires real daring.*
- *When mind soars in pursuit of the things conceived in space, it pursues emptiness; but when man dives deep within himself, he experiences the fullness of existence.*

AVATAR MEHER BABA JABALPUR CENTRE

Weekly get-together of Meher Baba lovers is held

- (1) *at the residence of Rajasagar Kher, Uprain Ganj, Rajasagar Marg, every **Sunday**, between 5 and 7 p.m.,*
- (2) *at the residence of Shri A. K. Hazra, 869-Bai-ka-Bagicha, every **Monday**, between 8 and 9 p.m.,*
- (3) *in M. P. Electricity Board's Colony Rampur, every **Tuesday**, between 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.*
and
- (4) *at the residence of Shri P. G. Nandi, 'Matru Chhaya', Wright Town, every **Friday**, between 7 and 8 p.m.*

with a view to help honest lovers of God and sincere seekers of Truth to establish contact with the Avatar and to spread His twin message of Love and Truth.

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

Meher Baba lovers,
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AVATAR MEHER BABA'S MESSAGE

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*"Be composed in the Reality of my love, for all
confusion and despair is your own shadow which
will vanish when I speak the WORD"*

— Meher Baba