

AVATAR MEHER BABA

"THE SILENT AWAKENER"



I CAN NEVER DIE. I AM LOVE.

"Be ye guided by Love and Truth"

This is the simple way that leads to God. Not by endless manuring of alluring illusion but by loyalty to the unchangeable Truth, can ye hope to be established in abiding peace.

—MEHER BABA—

"I HAVE COME NOT TO TEACH BUT TO AWAKEN"

The world need awakening not mere verbal instructions, it need freedom and amplitude of life. Divine, not the superficiality of mechanised and pompous forms, the world task ahead of me is creative, I see the structure of all the great and recognised religions of the world tottering.

Irrespective of doubt and conviction, and for the Infinite love I have for one and all, I continue to come as the Avatar to be judged by humanity in its ignorance in order to help man distinguish real from the false.

I have one message to give and I repeat it age after age to one and all "LOVE GOD."

"I Am God In Human Form"

Believe that I am the Ancient one. Do not doubt that for a moment. There is no possibility of My being anyone else. I am not this body that you see. It is only a coat I put on when I visit you. I am Infinite Consciousness. I am not limited by this form. I use it like a garment to make Myself visible to you, Do not try to understand Me, My depth is unfathomable just love Me. I eternally enjoy the Christ state of Consciousness and when I speak, I shall manifest My True Self, besides giving a general push to the whole world I shall lead all those who come to Me towards light and Truth.

—MEHER BABA

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THE AVATAR

Avataric periods are like the spring tide of creation, they bring a new release of power, a new awakening of consciousness, a new experience of life—not only for a few but for all. Qualities of energy and awareness, which had been used and enjoyed by only advanced souls are made available for all humanity, life as a whole is stepped up to a higher level of consciousness, is geared to a new rate of energy. The transition from sensation to reason was one such step, the transition from reason to intuition will be another.

The new influx of the creative impulse takes through the medium of a divine personality an incarnation of God, in a special sense, an AVATAR. This Avatar was the first individual Soul to emerge from the evolutionary process as a Sadguru and He is the only Avatar, who has ever manifested or will ever manifest. Through him God first completed the journey from unconscious divinity to conscious divinity, first unconsciously became man in order consciously to become God. Through him periodically God consciously becomes man for the liberation of mankind.

The Avatar appears in different forms under different names, at different times in different parts of the world. As his appearance always coincides with the spiritual birth of man so the period immediately preceding his mani-

festation is always one in which humanity suffers from the pangs of approaching birth, Man seems more than ever enslaved by desire, more than ever driven by greed, held by fear, swept by anger. The strong dominate the weak; the rich oppress the poor; large masses of people are exploited for the benefit of the few who are in power. The individual, who finds no place or rest, seeks to forget himself in excitement. Imorality increases, crime flourishes, religion is ridiculed, Corruption spreads throughout the social order, class and national hatreds are aroused and fastered, Wars break-out, Humanity grows desperate. There seems to be no possibility of stemming the tide of destruction.

At this moment the AVATAR appears, being the total manifestation of God in human form, he is like a guage against which man can measure what he is and what he may become. He trues the standard of human values by interpreting them in terms of divinely human life.

"HAVE HOPE"

Have hope, I have come to help you to surrender yourself to the cause of God and to accept His grace of Love and Truth. I have come to help you to win the one victory of all victories to win yourself.

—MEHRE BABA—

"MEHFR BABA'S SERMON" ON THE MOUNT

Reprint of the message of Baba given with His own hands at Mahabaleshwar on Monday 16th Oct. 1950 during the few hours He stepped back into His old life.

Essentially we are all one. The feeling of our being otherwise is due to ignorance. Soul desires consciousness to know itself, but in its progress towards this Goal which it cannot realize independently of creation, it must undergo the experience which it gathers as the individualized ego and which is all imagination. Thus it is faced at the outset with ignorance instead of Knowledge.

Dual forms and illusionary creations, are the outcome of ignorance: birth and death, happiness and misery, virtue and sin, good and bad all are equally the manifestation of this same ignorance. You were never born and will never die; you never suffered and will never suffer; you ever were and ever will be, as separateness exists only in imagination.

Soul undergoes experience through innumerable forms such as, being king and beggar, rich and poor, tall and short, strong and weak, beautiful and ugly, of killing and being killed. All these experiences must transpire as long as the soul, though it is one in reality and undivided, imagines separateness in itself. When soul is bereft of the impressions of these illusionary experiences, it becomes naked as in its origin, to become now fully conscious of its unity with the Over-Soul which is One, Indivisible, Real and Infinite.

The soul becomes free of the binding of impressions through various paths. And Love is the most important of these paths leading to the realization of God. Through this love, the Soul becomes entirely absorbed in God, ultimately forgetting itself completely. It is then that all of a sudden Knowledge comes as swiftly as the lightning bolt which burns to ashes all that it falls upon.

This Knowledge uproots illusions, doubts and worries, and apparent sufferings are instantaneously replaced by everlasting peace and eternal bliss which is the Goal of all existence. Soul now free from its illusions, realizes its Original Unity of Being.

Let us not hope, because this Knowledge is beyond hoping and wanting. Let us not reason because this Knowledge cannot be comprehended or thought of. Let us not doubt, because this Knowledge is the certainty of certainties. Let us not live the life of the senses, because the lusty, greedy, false, impure mind cannot reach this Knowledge. Let us love God as the Soul of our Souls, and in the height of this Love lies this Knowledge.

The divine y Perfect Ones can bestow this Knowledge on any one they like and whenever they like. May we all gain this Knowledge soon.

Biographical notes

Merwan Sheriar Irani known as Meher Baba, was born in Poona, India, on February 25, 1894, of Persian parents. His father, Sheriar Irani, was of Zoroastrian faith and a

true Seeker of God. Merwan went to a Christian high school in Poona and later attended Deccan College. In 1913 while still in college a momentous event occurred in his life...the meeting with Hazrat Babajan, an ancient Mohammedan woman and one of the five Perfect Masters of the Age. Babajan gave him God-Realization and made him aware of his high spiritual destiny.

Eventually he was drawn to seek out another Perfect Master, Upasni Maharaj, a Hindu who lived in Sakori. During the next seven years Maharaj gave Merwan "Gnosis" or Divine Knowledge. Thus Merwan attained spiritual Perfection. His spiritual mission began in 1921 when he drew together his first close disciples. It was these early disciples who gave him the name Meher Baba, which means "Compassionate Father."

After years of intensive training of his disciples, Meher Baba established a colony near Ahmednagar that is called Meherabad. Here the Master's work embraced a free school where spiritual training was stressed, a free hospital and dispensary, and shelters for the poor. No distinction was made between the high castes and the Untouchables; all mingled in common fellowship through the inspiration of the Master. To his disciples at Meherabad, who were of different castes and creeds, he gave a training of moral discipline, love for God, spiritual understanding and selfless service.

Meher Baba told his disciples that from July 10, 1925 he would observe Silence. Since

that day he has maintained this Silence throughout years. Till he dropped his physical body on 31st January 1969. His many spiritual discourses and messages have been dictated by means of an alphabet board. Much later the Master discontinued the use of the board and reduced all communication to hand gestures unique in expressiveness and understandable to many.

Meher Baba has traveled to the Western world six times, first in 1931, when he contacted his early Western disciples. His last visit to America was in 1958 when he and his disciples stayed at the Centre established for his work at Myrtle Beach, S.C.(U.S.A.)

An important part of Meher Baba's work through the years has been to personally contact and to serve, hundreds of those known in India as "masts". These are advanced pilgrims on the spiritual path who have become spiritually intoxicated from direct awareness of God. For this work he has traveled many thousands of miles to remote places throughout India and Ceylon. Other vital work has been the washing of the lepers, the washing of the feet of thousands of poor and the distribution of grain and cloth to the destitute.

Meher Baba asserts that he is the same Ancient One, come again to redeem man from his bondage of ignorance and to guide him to realize his true Self which is God. Meher Baba is acknowledged by his many followers all over the world as the Avatar of the Age.

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OF

AVATAR MEHER BABA

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at meherabad

I have come not to teach but to awaken. Understand therefore that I lay down no precepts.

Throughout eternity I have laid down principles and precepts, but mankind has ignored them. Man's inability to live God's words makes the Avatar's teaching a mockery. Instead of practising the compassion He taught, man has waged crusades in His name. Instead of living the humility, purity and truth of His words, man has given way to hatred, greed and violence.

Because man has been deaf to the principles and precepts laid down by God 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. To get nearer and nearer to God You have to get further and further away from "I", "my", "me" and "mine". You have not to renounce anything but your own self. It is as simple as that though found to be almost impossible. It is possible for you to renounce your limited

self by my Grace. I have come to release that Grace.

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 the living precept. The words I have not spoken will come to life in them.

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, hence my manifestation will be the greatest. When I break my Silence, the impact of my Love will be universal and all life in creation will know, feel and receive of it. It will help every individual to break himself free from his own bondage in his own way. I am the Divine Beloved who loves you more than you can ever love yourself. The breaking of my Silence will help you to help yourself in knowing your real Self.

All this world confusion and chaos was inevitable and no one is to blame. What had to happen has happened; and what has to happen will happen. There was and is no way out except through my coming in your midst. I had to come, and I have come. I am the Ancient One.

“LOVE GOD”

Live not in ignorance, do not waste your precious life span in differentiating between and judging your fellow men but learn to long for the love of God, even in your worldly activities, live only to find and realize your true identity with your Beloved God. This love can belong to all, high and low, rich and poor, every one of every class and creed can love God. The one and only God who resides equally in us all, is approachable by each and all through love.

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God's Truth Can not be ignored, and thus by mankind's ignorance and weakness a tremendous adverse reaction is produced and world finds itself in a cauldrom of suffering through wars, hate, conflicting ideologies and natural rebellion in the form of floods earthquakes and other disasters, ultimately when the apex is reached God manifests a new in human form to guide mankind in the destruction of its self created evil that it may be re-established in the Divine truth.

“I AM THE ETERNAL ONE”

Today the urgent need of mankind is not sects or organised religions but LOVE. Divine love will conquer hate and fear, it will not depend upon others justifications but will justify itself. I have come to awaken in man this Divine Love. It will restore to him the unfathomable richness of his own eternal being and will solve all his problems.

I am the Lord of the Universe and I am the slave of My lovers. —MEHER BABA

WHO IS MEHER BABA ?

Meher Baba is the Answer to mankind's need for divine deliverance, the Answer to all questions, all strife, all seeking. His name means "compassionate Father, He is Father, Friend, Beloved, Master, Saviour. He is to each what each perceives Him to be in the mirror of his heart. To many all over the world, men and women of different nationalities and religions, Meher Baba is the Avatar, God incarnate. He has come to awaken mankind to the remembrance of its divine heritage. He is the one whose Advent all religions await. Whose beauty the very heavens can not contain, but whose presence may be found in every humble loving heart.

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