

"How To Love God"

To love God in the most practical way is to love our fellow beings. If we feel for others in the same way as we feel for our own dear ones, we love God.

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

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

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

If, instead of worrying over our own misfortunes, we think of ourselves as 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.

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Meher Baba, Avatar

"The Avatar awakens contemporary humanity to a realization of its true spiritual nature, gives Liberation to those who are ready and quickens the life of the spirit in his time. For posterity, Meher Baba has left for Mankind his timulating power of His divinely human example... of the nobility of a life supremely lived, of a love unmixed with desire, of a power unused except for others, of a peace untroubled by ambition, of knowledge undimmed by incomparison. He has demonstrated the possibility of a divine life for all humanity, of a heavenly life on earth. Those who have the necessary courage and integrity can follow when they will."

Meher Baba, recognized as the Avatar of the Age, wrote these words in the late 1940s, outlining for posterity how his own life and those of all the Avatars of past ages would be remembered . . . and forgotten . . . and anticipated once again. For each fresh incarnation He said, would bring to humanity the great spiritual push engendered by the God-Man's presence on earth. Meher Baba's physical presence lasted from 1894 until he dropped his body on January 31, 1969. But his avataric age, he said, with all its power and love, would last for 100 to 200 years after his death. The almost tangible evidence of his continuing advent is in the hearts of his lovers who still flock to him, drawn by love and by that "stimulating power of divinely human example."

From his home in India, Meher Baba's work took him around the world . . . contacting thousands of people, working with the poor, the lepers and those Godintoxicated souls called masts. For thirsty minds, He provided explanations of the workings of the universe; for equally thirsty hearts, he left the inspired poetry of his Divine Love and the warmth of His humor. And for those who find special comfort in prayer, He left the exquisite Master's Prayer and the Prayer of Repentance. Reciting these prayers daily with a sincere heart, He said, would con-

fer spiritual benefit.

For most of Meher Baba's life, He spoke not a word, emphasizing His statement that "things that are real are given and received in silence." The world has had enough words, He said. He had come to remind humanity once again that it is time to start living those words.

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