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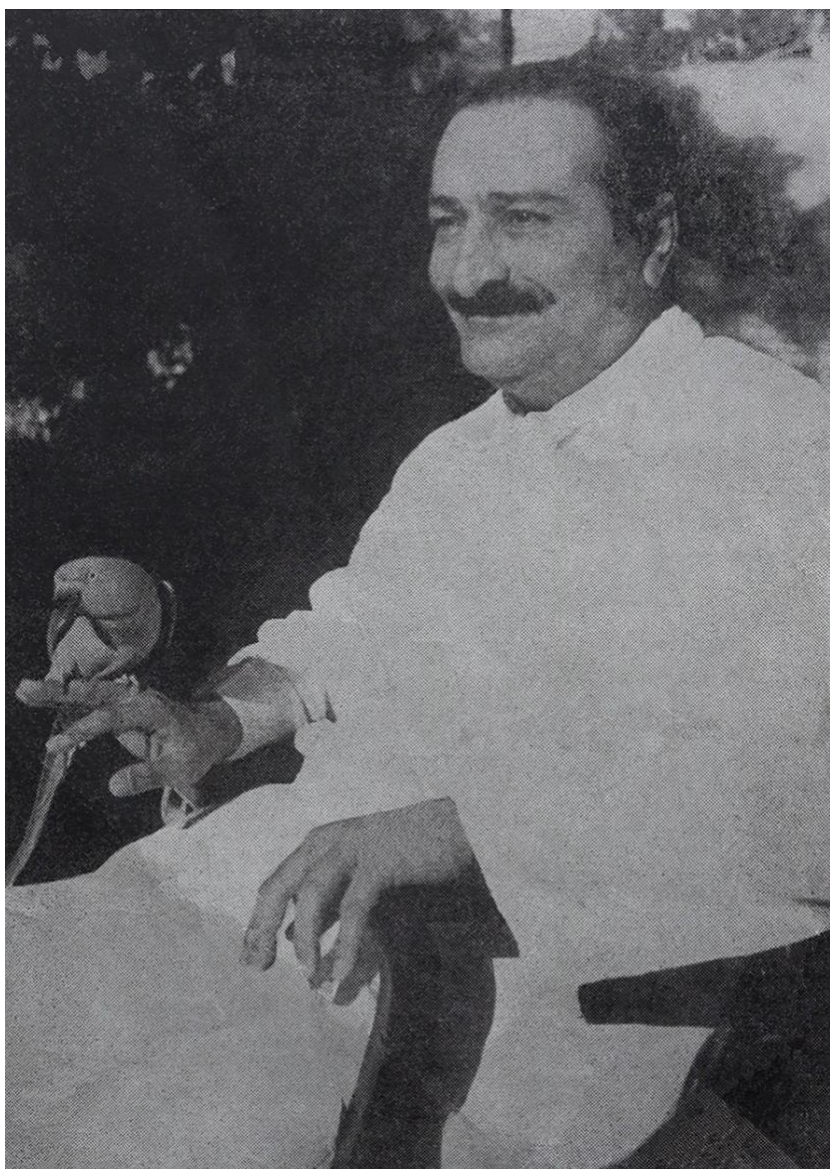
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“Let My lovers rejoice on My seventy-fourth birthday because soon after twenty-fifth March something great will happen that has never happened before.”

— Meher Baba

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INTRODUCTION

In the oceanic activity of Avatar Meher Baba's universal work every soul and everything has its place and purpose to fill and fulfill in the cause of receiving His Grace. His work concerns everything and every being and His Love permeates every animate and inanimate object at all levels of consciousness and unconsciousness from the most evolved to the utmost involved.

Meher Baba "says" My consciousness "sustains, covers, pierces through and provides an end to unconsciousness - which flows from, and is consumed by infinite consciousness."

"I assert unequivocally that I am infinite consciousness."

This book contains a compilation of 67 Life Circulars issued from time to time at the behest of Meher Baba - a Personage of the status of the Highest of the High. What the Circulars contain in the form of instructions, events, tours, travels, congregations, declarations etc., do not touch the fringe of His full life of mercy and service for humanity. His life depicted in Life Circulars is what pertains to His lovers in an act of settling them into the life of self-less service, love of God and an indomitable faith and courage to fight the battle of life. It does not provide with material means of satisfying desires but gives inner strength to overcome desires with an affluence of conviction and generousness of heart.

One could never read through these Circulars without feeling intimacy with the creator of these Circulars. In this lies the greater secret of achievement for the reader than what he may pursue into it as a work of spiritual artistry or a mansion of dry metaphysical concepts.

To love God is the aim of life. To love Meher Baba is the “end” of life. Meher Baba’s work of awakening does not amount to dropping off the body or physically renouncing possessions. On the other hand it is to live a life of greater zest and a sense of higher responsibility wherein the entire outlook of life is changed. Habits are changed. Selfishness gives way to a humane thinking on all matters and problems facing domestic and professional life. A thirst is created for something so high and sublime as to be everlasting. To the quenching of this thirst Meher Baba blesses.

Swami Satya Prakash has done well to publish the volume of Life Circulars giving occasion for people to read so much about Meher Baba during the period from February 1952 to January 1968. I congratulate Swamiji in appreciation of his enterprising spirit in all matters of work pertaining to Avatar Meher Baba he does - the present publication being one of them - and wish him a long life of service.

Jai Avatar

Jai Meher

Jai Baba

(Sd.) ADI K. IRANI

Publisher's Note

We are happy that on this rejoicing occasion of Beloved Baba's 74th birthday, we are able to release the second publication of our 'Meher Vihar English Publication Series,' a compilation of all the Life Circulars issued by Bro. Adi K. Irani, Secretary and Disciple of Avatar Meher Baba from time to time. We are grateful to Bro. Adi K. Irani for the kind permission he has been pleased to give for this publication and also for his loving introduction. It is a matter of great privilege and rare opportunity that Beloved Baba has been pleased to bestow on us to spread His literature. We are happy to find that our first publication in this series viz., "The New Life of Avatar Meher Baba and His Companions" has been well appreciated and the second one we hope will be of more use for all Baba lovers as a document of ready reference, without which a Baba-lover's library would not be complete. We take this opportunity to express our grateful thanks to all Baba lovers whose spontaneous and loving support for our enterprise has been assured. It is a source of encouragement for our humble services rendered in the Cause of Beloved Baba, which is dear to us all. May we all deserve His Loving Grace by our constant effort to do our best ever in His Service! Jai Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai!

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25th February '68.

MAN-O-NASH

Meherazad (Pimpalgaon)

February 6, 1952

God is everywhere and does everything.
God is within us and knows everything.
God is without us and sees everything.
God is beyond us and IS everything.

The One All-pervading, All-comprehending, All-powerful God, who is the Self of ourselves, and besides whom nothing is real, has helped me and guided me during the Man-o-nash period of my work, and now makes me dictate to you the following:

To try to understand with the mind that which the mind can never understand, is futile; and to try to express by sounds of language and in form of words the transcendental state of the soul, is even more futile. All that can be said, and has been said, and will be said, by those who live and experience that state, is that when the false self is lost, the Real Self is found; that the birth of the Real can only follow the death of the false; and that dying to ourselves—the true death which ends all dying—is the only way to perpetual life. This means that when the mind with its satellites—desires, cravings, longings—is completely consumed by the fire of Divine Love, then the infinite, indestructible, indivisible, eternal Self is manifested. This is ‘Man-o-nash,’ the annihilation of the false, limited, miserable, ignorant, destructible I, to be replaced by the real I; the eternal possessor of Infinite Knowledge, Love, Power, Peace, Bliss and Glory, in its unchangeable existence. Man-o-nash—which is bound to result in this glorious state, when plurality goes and Unity comes, ignorance goes and Knowledge comes, binding goes and Freedom comes. We are all permanently lodged in this

shoreless Ocean of Infinite Knowledge, and yet are infinitely ignorant of it, until the mind—which is the source of this ignorance—vanishes forever; for ignorance ceases to exist when the mind ceases to exist.

Unless and until ignorance is removed and Knowledge is gained—the Knowledge whereby the Divine Life is experienced and lived—everything pertaining to the Spiritual seems paradoxical.

God, whom we do not see, we say is real; and the world, that we do see, we say is false. In experience what exists for us does not really exist; and what does not exist for us, really exists.

We must lose ourselves in order to find ourselves: Thus loss itself is gain.

We must die to self to live in God: Thus death means Life.

We must become completely void inside to be completely possessed by God: Thus complete emptiness means absolute Fullness.

We must become naked of selfhood by possessing nothing, so as to be absorbed in the infinity of God: Thus nothing means Everything.

For these last four months, according to ordinary human standards, and by ways and means known to me, I have tried my utmost for the achievement of Man-o-nash, and I can say in all truth that I feel satisfied with the work done. This satisfaction is due to the feeling I have, of having regained my Old-life Meher Baba state, yet retaining my New-life ordinary state. I have regained the Knowledge, Strength and Greatness that I had in the Old Life, and retained the ignorance, weaknesses and humility of the New Life. This union of the old and new life states has given birth to LIFE; Life that is eternally old and new.

LIFE for me now means:

- (1) Free and obligationless life.
- (2) Life of a Master in giving orders; and that of a Servant in all humility.
- (3) The feeling of absolute conviction that we are all eternally One, Indivisible and Infinite in essence; and with it a feeling of separateness from the real Omnipresent Self, through ignorance.
- (4) Life of God in essence; and that of man in actions.
- (5) Life of Strength born of inherent Knowledge of Oneness; and of weakness born of binding desires.

My efforts for Man-o-nash have been positive, and the result of Man-o-nash will be positive. But the actual and concrete manifestation of this result, I leave entirely to the Divine Sanction; where, how, and when the result will be, I leave entirely to the Divine Decree. It may be at any moment, hour, month, year or age. It may be in any part of the world—either in the East or in the West, in the North or in the South—yet in effect will embrace all four. It may be under any and all circumstances.

I feel that it will be a sudden coming, and a becoming, of the essence of all Love, Unity, Realization, Revelation and Illumination, in its varying degrees, for me and for all those connected with me.

During my work of Man-o-nash the four companions who were with me, as also others who were near or away from me, have helped me to their utmost limit. All along my Man-o-nash period, I have been absolutely helpless and full of weaknesses in my ordinary human state, and it can truly be said that God in His manifestation, and that the Saints and the prayers of all those who love me, have accomplished for me the internal work of Man-o-nash; while the four companions have seen to its external aspect.

I intend to go, in the beginning of April of this year, to the West for some months.

I expect to lead a “complicated free” life from March 21st; a “full-free” life from July 10th; and a “fiery free” life from November 15th.

From the 16th of February I make myself free to accept gifts, and as free to refuse them. From the 21st of March any one who wishes to come to me, to see me and contact me, may do so; but he (or she) must make his own arrangements, as regards stay, food etc. I might give mass ‘darshan’ when I feel it necessary, or have the inclination to do so. Any reference to my Old Life state (which I have now regained), may be expressed verbally in my presence by any one who wishes to do so. But I will not, in accordance with my New Life standards, accept any external homage, such as bowing or touching of the feet.

Although the Man-o-nash work is done fully and completely, and the result must and will definitely come 100% to my satisfaction, I now give freedom to each and all who are connected with me, to choose what manner of life they henceforth wish to live. They are free either to live with me and of course obey my orders; or to live away from me and obey my orders. To lead the life I tell them to lead; or to lead their own lives in any way they please—i.e., completely free from orders of any kind from me. This includes the Arrangementwalas, but in their case the only kind of freedom I cannot give them is freedom from the responsibility that they have shouldered to the end.

No matter what choice he makes, every one shall share when the Real Freedom comes—at any moment—by the Grace of God.

To sum up my Man-o-nash work in short:

- (1) I feel in all truth that the four months’ Man-o-nash work has been done by me, by the help of God, to my entire satisfaction.

- (2) The result of this work must bear fruit, sooner or later; either in the immediate present, or some time later, or in the distant future.
- (3) The result will bring Freedom to us all, in proportion to our merits of Love, Faith, and Service.
- (4) This Freedom will be freedom from ignorance, and will be the Knowledge that we always were, are, and will be One with God.
- (5) This Knowledge will make us realize and experience Infinite Love, Power, Bliss and Peace, which we always possessed, and knew not of.

BABA

Life Circular No. 1 headed Man-o-nash was dictated by the Master on alphabet board. This Circular is glorious because of the message it gives, and also significant because it marks the birth of a new series of Circulars entitled Life Circulars.

Meher Baba the Divine and the Ordinary, the Master and the Servant, asks that in token of your acceptance of this first Life Circular, you should send an amount, ranging from a minimum of Rs. 25/- to a maximum of Rs. 5000/-.

- (1) Every gift should be as much as the giver can conveniently afford—but no more.
- (2) Every gift must be a free gift of love.
- (3) There must be no expectation of return or reward in any form.

Those (including any who may not receive this circular) who decide to send gifts, in conformity with the above three conditions, should remit to:—

Adi K. Irani
King's Road,
Ahmednagar
(Bombay State)
India.

Remittance if any, should reach him not later than March 21, 1952.

All who send gifts should be careful not to infringe the regulations of the Governments of the countries in which they live.

MEHERAZAD
(Pimpalgaon)
February 12, 1952

“God’s blessings and my love to you all on this my first real birthday.”

Baba

MEHERAZAD
(Pimpalgaon)
February 12, 1952

“O God! to-day being my first real birthday, my heart expresses that the declaration of the “Life” by me was entirely Yours and by Your Will; because nothing happens save by Your Will.

“All my Knowledge and my ignorance; all my Strength and my weakness; all my Freedom and my bondage are as you have desired and decreed.

“This Life Eternal will be lived by me in conformity with Your Will and every word of the declaration of the “Life” will come to pass by Your Grace.”

Baba

During the first 24 months of his New Life Baba passed through extremes of labor, mental strain and irregularities of living. During the next and last 4 months—of Man-o-nash—he suffered still more.

Different types of work undertaken and performed by him at different times, during the New Life were successful; but it entailed a strain on his physique.

In the midst of the New Life, he developed ‘piles and fissure.’ Immediately after the close of the New Life and on 26th February 1952, he was operated upon. It will not be before 21st March that he will completely recover.

After 21st March and before 9th April 1952, the day of his flight to America he has to attend to several details of arrangements pertaining to his work in India.

Because of the foregoing reasons, and contrary to what was thought of and declared in the Life Circular No. 1, it is regretted that Baba will not be able to see any one until after his return from the West where he is expected to stay longest for 8 months.

Baba therefore desires that no one of his devotees will seek his permission to see him or try to see him wherever he is; excepting those who may be called for work.

After his return from the West, if God willing, Baba will see people individually and in masses.

Today being the first day of my complicated Free Life, I feel happy to declare the following, through this circular, which consists of:

- (A) Clarification of Life and its three phases.
- (B) A message to those who believe in my Life Circular No. 1.
- (C) Instructions to Eruch and Pendu for 7 months, from April 1st to the end of October 1952.

- A. (1) Life today finds me both strong and weak. The strength is of the conviction of Know-ledge, and the old life Meher Baba state; while the ordinary human state of weaknesses and binding desires makes me feel utterly weak.
- (2) As already declared by me, I have left to God's Decree and Sanction the result of the Man-o-nash work, for myself and all concerned. Where, how, and when the Result of this work will be, I leave entirely to the will of God.
- (3) During my Complicated Free Life, Full Free Life, and Fiery Free Life, I, with the help of those who are ready to do so, will do the work as revealed to me under the guidance of God.

I feel that in my Complicated Free Life, binding will dominate freedom.

In my Full Free Life, freedom will dominate binding.

In my Fiery Free Life, both freedom and binding will, by the grace of God, be merged into the Divine Life.

- B. My message today, to those who love me and believe in my Life, is that in order to escape this cosmic

Illusion, and to realize and attain the Supreme Reality, we must abide by the following: —

First and foremost, our complete surrender to the God-Man, in whom God reveals Himself in His full Glory, His Infinite Power, His Unfathomable Knowledge, His Inexpressible Bliss, and His Eternal Existence.

Should this complete surrender not be possible, then one or some of the following, if faithfully carried out, can win the Grace of God.

- (1) Whole hearted love for God. Thirst for seeing Him, longing for knowing Him and a burning desire for Union with Him, constitutes this all-consuming Love, for which the lover forsakes everything, including himself.
- (2) Keeping constant company of saints and lovers of God, and rendering them whole-hearted service.
- (3) Guarding of the mind against temptations of lust, greed, anger, hatred, power, fame, and fault-finding.
- (4) Absolute and complete external renunciation whereby one leaves everyone and everything, and in solitude devotes oneself to prayer, fasting and meditation.
- (5) Living in the world and yet practicing complete internal renunciation.

This means attending to all worldly duties without attachment, knowing all to be an illusion and only God to be real, carrying out one's worldly affairs with a pure heart and clean mind, and living the life of a recluse in the midst of intense activity.

- (6) Selfless Service. One who practices this, thinks not of himself but of the happiness of others, serves others with no thought of gain or reward, never allows the mind to be upset or disappointed; and facing all odds and difficulties cheerfully, sacrifices his welfare for the good of others. This is the life of the selfless worker.
- C (1) I am sending Eruch with specific instructions, all over India and Pakistan for 7 months, to prepare men and the ground for my work of the Fiery Free Life, which begins from November 15th.
- (2) The Fiery Free Life will require me and the prepared ones to burn freely in the fire of Divine Love and to take us through all the phases mentioned in “B.”
- (3) Besides carrying out the special instructions given to him on March 21st 1952, Eruch will have to abide by the following:—
- (a) He has been given Rs. 2,000 - for expenses of these seven months.
 - (b) He should not accept cash (money) from anyone under any circumstances.
 - (c) He can accept food and journey ticket, only if gladly and willingly offered.
 - (d) He should abstain from politics as we have been doing all our lives.
 - (e) He should abstain from lustful actions, as I hope he has been doing all along.
 - (f) He should not feel flattered by praise, nor should he feel disheartened by ridicule and abuse.

- (g) Bravely and lovingly facing all difficulties, he should faithfully carry out the work in the name of God.
- (h) He should strictly abide by the rules of the governments of both India and Pakistan.
- (i) Pendu has been ordered to help Eruch whole-heartedly in this work of seven months.
- (j) Pendu has also been given Rs. 2,000 -.
- (k) All the above-mentioned instructions stand good for Pendu also.

BABA

MYRTLE BEACH NEWS

Friday, May 23, 1952

WHO ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS?

MEHER BABA

By Anton Baarslag

There is a beautiful essay by Maurice Maeterlinck, called "Le Silence" in which the poet-philosopher expounds that in silence man is nearest to reality, to God. "We don't know each other yet" he exclaims to a friend, "because we have never dared to remain silent together!"

Thomas Carlyle eulogizes on "Silence, the great Empire of Silence higher than the stars deeper than the mystery of Death."

The importance attached to silence in worship by the Quakers is well-known. John Greenleaf Whittier expresses this so gracefully, yet concisely in his lovely poem 'First-Day Thoughts':

"In calm and cool and silence, once again
I find my old accustomed place among
My brethren, where, perchance, no human tongue
Shall utter words;
There, syllabled by silence, let me hear
The still small voice which reached the prophet's ear:
Read in my heart a still diviner law
Than Israel's leader on his tables saw! ..."

And here is what Meher Baba, who has arrived from Pimpalgaon (India) at Meher Center on the Lakes in Myrtle Beach, has to say about silence.

"God has been everlastingly working in silence, unobserved, unheard, except, by those who experience His Infinite silence.

If my silence cannot speak, of what avail would be speeches made by the tongue?

“The very moment when He thinks my speaking would be heard universally, God will make me break my silence.”

Meher Baba has been in Silence for many years, twenty-seven, we were told—and still is. Though he feels that he has been successful in his efforts for the achievement of “Man-onash,” the annihilation of the mind—i.e., the losing of one’s self in order to find one’s Self—the time has not come yet to break his silence. Meher Baba leaves the manifestation of the result entirely to the Divine Decree. It may be any moment, year or age. But he feels that the result of his work must bear fruit sooner or later; it will bring freedom to all, freedom from ignorance, and it will be the knowledge that everything is One with God, entailing Infinite Love, power, bliss and peace, which we’ve always possessed without realizing it.

This, as far as we gather from our smattering of the subject, is the quintessence of Meher Baba’s message. It is well nigh impossible to give a clear conception of the underlying principle in a short space, especially for Western minds, not used to the Eastern religious philosophy. The oneness with the all-comprehending God is best symbolized by comparison with the sun. When the sun rays are playing on earthly objects, each ray seems to be a separate unit, whereas in reality it is only seemingly and temporarily separated from that great source of all light, the Sun.

When reading the booklet and pamphlet, graciously presented to the visitors of the Meher Baba Center last Friday, those who are acquainted with the great Hindu-Epic “Mahabharata” will recollect the Upanishads of the Bhagavad-Gita. These dialogues of Shri Krishna and Arjuna belong to the Yoga writings and the principal lesson to be drawn from the Gita is, that the spiritual man needs not be a hermit but oneness with the Divine life can be achieved in the midst of worldly affairs.

The impediments for that one-ness are not external but within ourselves.

Like many others, we were happy to avail ourselves of the opportunity offered to meet Meher Baba. He is a slender, dark complexioned, mild mannered and simple man. Besides an extraordinary kindness in his face and bearing, we seemed to detect something indefinable in his appearance, which we will call, for lack of a better word, transcendental. He seemed to sense that we would like to ask a question and motioned his hand an acquiescence. The handicap of his persistent silence was ingeniously solved by means of a small board showing an alphabet on which Meher Baba pointed out various letters. An interpreter “translated” the answer in spoken words and then the few minutes allotted to us were past.

Still, those few minutes left an impression with us. The more we pondered his answer the more meaning we found in his “words.”

There are often Quaker meetings where no ministry occurs, where nobody feels moved to utter words and frequently these constitute the most satisfactory meetings of worship. In the silence “heart flows to heart” and there is, as the old Quaker used to say, “a web” over the meeting. We do not know if and what ritual or service the adepts of Meher Baba practice. But it is certain that a silent meeting of worship, with Baba present, would be an unforgettable experience as he potently emphasizes the need for all of us of ever increasing communion with God.

Dictated by Meher Baba at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, U.S.A. on 13-6-52:

“The personal disaster, for some years foretold by me, has at last happened while crossing the American Continent—causing me through facial injuries, a broken leg, and a broken arm, much mental and physical suffering. It was

necessary that it should happen in America. God willed it so.

“It brings to fruition the first part of the Circular which said that until July 10th (in the Complicated Free Life) weakness would dominate strength, and bindings would dominate freedom; but from July 10th in my Full Free Life, strength would dominate weakness and freedom would dominate bindings; and then from November 15th, in my Fiery Free Life both strength and weakness, freedom and bindings would be consumed in the fire of Divine Love.”

MEHERAZAD (Pimpalgaon)
8-10-1952

Yet another of my most loved disciples has physically passed away. Jal D. Kerawala dropped his body at Nagpur on the night of 6th instant. His connection with me was and is unique. His love for me was unbounded, his faith in me complete, his obedience to my orders implicit, and his surrenderance to my will absolute.

Jal was going to play an extremely important part in the planning of the Fiery Free Life. Before going to the West, I had asked Jal to be in Meherabad, for 15 days, from the 1st of November, in order to contribute his vital share in the planning. None except Jal knew about this till I returned from the West. I, thus, wanted him to be with me at the threshold of the Fiery Free Life. However, God has willed that he will not be physically present in the midst of the selected persons, invited at Meherabad for 15 days in November.

Through the incident of Jal's death, Maya has delivered a severe blow to my Work. But in the very act of my Work becoming more difficult, it has become more forceful. I am more determined than ever to plunge into the Fiery Free Life, which is calling me.

In the Fiery Free Life, I will give mass Darshan to people, bow down to the saints, the poor and the masses; and the result of the Fiery Free Life will make the world understand that Baba and every one are one with God.

My beloved Jal has come to me eternally in peace. On 17th October, I will feed the poor at Pimpalgaon, in memory of Jal.

DICTATED BY MEHER BABA
THROUGH Dr. C. D. DESHMUKH

*107-A Rajpur Road,
Dehra Dun, 22-2-53*

MEHER BABA'S DISCOURSE TO HIS DEVOTEES

A certain rumor concerning myself and my disciples has reached my ears. It is to the effect that during my stay in Rishikesh with my disciples in 1942 some parcels were sent to us by rail, that some of these parcels being damaged during transit were found to contain liquor, and that I and my disciples had to leave Rishikesh immediately to save ourselves the embarrassment of an awkward situation.

I deeply appreciate this action on the part of those responsible for spreading such false rumors, as I feel that it has the effect of rendering great service to my work. In spiritual work, opposition, rumors and criticism help as nothing else can. The spiritually Perfect Ones who are one with the Truth, know and bless such channels that try to conceal and distort the truth.

A principal part of my work for these many years has been to bow down to saints, sadhus, the so-called sinners and to the poor. Now, when I go to Rishikesh and Hardwar, I will also bow down to the persons concerned in the spreading of the rumor and to all those who believed it; and I want it clearly understood that this bowing down to them is not an ironical gesture propelled by any motive of egotistic attitude on my part, nor is it caused by any displeasure towards them: but that it is an indication of love, from the bottom of my heart, for the help rendered by them in my great spiritual work.

From the beginningless beginning to the present day I AM WHAT I AM, irrespective of praise or universal opposition, and will remain so to the endless end.

Rishikesh, 1st March, 1953

Shri Meher Baba addresses (individually and collectively) those concerned:

“Whether you have personally and directly or indirectly spread the false rumor, or whether others have done so in your name, I bow down to you with my love, for your having been an instrument of help in my Universal Spiritual Work.” (Shri Meher Baba bows down.)

After bowing down, Meher Baba had the following read out to all who were present:

We should once and for all understand that no amount of learning, reading, teaching, reasoning and preaching can give us liberation. Vedantic expressions, Sufi talks, mystical words and philosophical statements take us nowhere spiritually. Religious conferences, spiritual societies and the so-called universal brotherhood are apt to bind the soul rather than free it.

Only when we transcend intellect and enter the domain of love can we aspire for liberation. When love for God reaches its zenith, we lose ourselves in the Beloved God and attain Eternal Liberation. Liberated ones are ever free from all illusory attachments. Good and bad, virtue and vice, cannot pollute the Ocean of Divine Truth.

Perfection does not merely mean escaping from the Mayavic Law. Man to become God is Perfection; but when man after consciously becoming God returns to gross consciousness as man, he has achieved the Supreme Perfection. Such a Perfect One is not only God, but lives the life of God as man. He is in Maya, and simultaneously beyond it. He is amidst the Law of Karma, but not bound by it. Whatever his actions, they are non-actions; for the actions which bind ordinary man are not only non-binding when performed by a Perfect One, but are channels for his universal spiritual work of liberating mankind from the ignorance of Maya. The Perfect Ones are free from Freedom itself, and so are free even from the non-actions that they perform for their universal work.

To those who love me and naturally wish to know about my activities I can only say, as far as my inner life and internal activities are concerned, only God and those who are one with God can know and understand. As far as my external activities are concerned regarding my work with the God intoxicated, saints, sadhus and the poor, of contacting them, working with them, serving them and bowing down to them in whole-hearted devotion, they have all been recorded by a disciple of mine in 'THE WAYFARERS.'

I enjoy games, chiefly cricket, playing marbles, flying kites and also listening to music which I have rare occasions to enjoy. From time immemorial to this day, I have been playing with the Mayavic Universe and this enjoyment of playing still persists,

Although the rumor concerning me and my devotees regarding consumption of liquor at Swarg Ashram is absolutely false, yet it is a fact that once in a great while I give wine to my lovers and make them understand that it is not this wine of grapes, but the true wine of love-giving Divine intoxication that helps towards Union with God.

I allow vegetarians to follow their diet and non-vegetarians to eat meat, fish, etc. I do not interfere with any religion and permit all to follow their own creeds, unhindered. When faced with love for God these external ceremonials have no value. Love for God automatically and naturally results in self-denial, mental control, and ego annihilation, irrespective of the lover following or renouncing these external adoptions.

I sometimes see motion pictures (mostly humorous ones), and enjoy my real state of being the Eternal Producer of the vast, ever-changing, never-ending film called the Universe. I also find relaxation in listening to humorous stories, all the time being aware of the humor that lies in the aspect of the soul which the source of Infinite Power and Glory, being made to feel so helpless in its human bondage of ignorance, in its various forms of duality.

Once in a while I give darshan and prasad of love to the people, each person benefitting according to his or her receptivity. I give UPDESH in the form of instructions to those who have surrendered to the Perfect Masters; and I give help in the form of general advice to a few who long for the Truth. All this, of course, is effective in accordance with the worthiness of the recipient.

Perfect Ones can impart Divine Knowledge, bestow Divine Love and shower the Grace of God-union by a mere glance, touch, or a single divine thought.

I feel very happy, and give my love and blessings to all. If my gesture of love is understood even by one among you all, my coming here today will have served its Purpose.

BABA

BABA'S DECLARATION*DEHRA DUN (U. P.)**MARCH 21, 1953*

Baba today told his group of disciples that whether the long-awaited end of material bondage and the beginning of spiritual freedom which he has of late repeatedly emphasized as drawing near comes by the end of this April or at some other time, there are four events which must come to pass before he finally drops his body; four incidents which must occur as preordained by God. "It is an absolute certainty," he explained, "that before leaving my body I will have to face universal humiliation, apparent universal defeat and violent death, culminating in Universal Divine Glory. By 'violent death' I mean that I will suffer great physical violence preceding the glorious victory of Divine Truth, and this violence endured by my body will ultimately be the cause of my physical death. The manifestation of the Divine Truth will go hand in hand with the breaking of my silence.

"Let those sitting here with me today and those away from me at this moment beware and be ready. The time is close at hand—the moment has almost arrived when your sincerity and your utter surrender to your Master will be put to the extreme test. It is not I personally, but circumstances that will test the extent of your self-dedication to your Master."

Baba further told the group that those who had adhered to him and those who were at present with him, must be fully prepared for the necessary forthcoming humiliation, apparent utter defeat, and bodily violence even at the cost of their lives. "On the other hand," he continued, "humiliation, defeat and physical violence will not necessarily be encountered by all who are connected with me."

"Those fortunate ones," Baba said, "who will face these onslaughts unhesitatingly and bravely and withstand their tests unflinchingly will ultimately be co-sharers and inhe-

ritors of the Divine Glory; and those who will flee from these apparent but imperative calamities will testify by their own actions whether their surrender was sincere and wholehearted, or whether it was heavily encumbered by selfish motives.”

Baba said that people generally have a very superficial understanding of what is actually meant by complete surrender of one’s all—i.e., possessions, body and mind—to a Perfect Master. The complacent belief of a disciple that he has completely surrendered to a Master is due to ignorance and hypocrisy. For, if the significance of the words were weighed literally and pondered over deeply, it would be seen that if one’s Possessions, body and mind—the very core of one’s existence—were entirely submitted to the Master, there could then be no room given for even a single thought of one’s own, the mind now belonging to the Master. It would be hypocritical even to move. Even to breathe would be hypocritical, the body having been surrendered. But this literal and impossible surrender is not required by the Master from his disciples. What is demanded of a disciple is his complete and absolute surrender to the Will of the Master, however contrary it may be to the dictates of the disciple’s temperament, however opposing to his natural inclinations or beliefs, however difficult to admit within the restricted precincts of his mind.

Pointing to one of them Baba cited as example, “Supposing I were to make an emperor of you tomorrow and the very next day bring you down to the level of a sweeper, you should accept the extremes with unswerving faith in my judgment. You must always try with undisturbed equanimity to fit into any given role, at any given time, concerned only with the carrying out of your Master’s wishes.”

Turning to the others Baba continued, “For a disciple it suffices to obey. Your duty as a disciple is to obey as if you were not your own self, which is indeed literally true when you have completely dedicated your self to the Master. Never try to match your limited intellect or your reasoning against your Master’s Will. Spontaneous acceptance by you of any-

thing the Master says or does and your unquestioning obedience to him, will safely steer you through any so-called crisis that you may have to face.

“Be brave therefore, and be honest to yourselves. Obey the Master, giving willingly whatever he demands of you. Play your parts well as I too shall play mine, fulfilling all that is ordained for me by God. Whether I bring about this fulfillment by the end of April or by the end of any other year, it all rests with the Will of God. And although it is not for you to concern yourselves with what is to come, I will tell you this much, that if it is not at the end of this April then it will be between July 11th and October 10th of any coming year.

“At the outset of my Fiery Free Life I had said that I desired to bring about the climax by the end of April 1953. But to be honest with you all I must say that as matters stand today I find that there is a 50% setback in my preordained task. I will however with the remaining 50% try to precipitate the Great Moment by working intensively for 21 days, commencing from March 24th. During this period I will exert myself with concentrated intensity to force about the climax as I had planned and repeatedly declared to all my people these past few months. If my work, ‘Inshallah,’ is accomplished to my complete satisfaction then you will see the end of April bring either an end to all chaos, or the beginning of a betterment for the good of all.

“But if on the other hand the desired results are not obtained by the end of April then take it from me that the opportune moment has not yet arrived, and that you and humanity at large will have to tax your endurance to the utmost and your forbearance a little longer for this Ordained Hour of the Age, which will come suddenly and when least expected.

“I ask you therefore not to be disheartened by my frequent procrastinations and not to despair; and I warn you all to be alert and vigilant, ready to meet humiliations and difficulties with faith and confidence in the eternal victory of the Divine Truth.”

BABA

MEHER BABA ON FREEDOM

We have gained our National Freedom. Let us now try to gain our Spiritual Freedom, beside which every other kind of freedom is a binding. Spiritual Freedom is marred by the bindings of lust, power, greed, anger, hatred, jealousy and low desires. When the prison of these bindings is torn asunder, the heritage of freedom, which is born of Infinite Power, Wisdom, Peace, Love and Bliss, is gained. To attain this Freedom, we must realize God who is the source of freedom. To realize God we must love Him, losing ourselves in His Infinite Self. We can love God through intense longing for union with Him. We can love God by surrendering to the Sadguru who is God's personal manifestation. We can also love God by loving our fellow men, by giving them happiness at the cost of our own happiness, by rendering them service at the sacrifice of our interests and by dedicating our lives at the altar of selfless work for the downtrodden. When we love God intensely through any of these channels we finally know Him to be our own Self.

The purpose of life is to realize God within ourselves. This can be done even whilst attending to our worldly duties. In the everyday walks of life and amidst intense activities, we should feel detached and dedicate our doings to our Beloved, God.

Enough has been done to make people food-minded, they must now be made God-minded. The downtrodden and the poor must be made to understand that from the spiritual point of view, their misfortunes and miseries could be made

* Message by Shri Meher Baba to the college students of:

- 1) The B. N. V. InterCollege, Rath, District Hamirpur (U.P.) on November 27, 1952, at 7:30 p.m.
- 2) The Camp College (Punjab University) New Delhi, on December 2, 1952, at about 7:30 p.m.

weapons for the struggle for Truth. They should feel that these miseries can be counted as gifts from God and, if faced bravely and cheerfully, can become the gateway to eternal happiness.

I give my love and blessings to one and all for the understanding of the One Infinite God residing equally within us all and beside whom everything else is false and illusory.

BABA

MEHER BABA
ON
DIVINE LOVE AND THE PURPOSE OF LIFE *

Ordinary persons are caught up in the Universe and its allurements, though the entire Universe is nothing but a shadow of God or Truth. The Masters are always immersed in the joy of Union with God and can never be caught up in the mazes of the illusory Universe. Just as ordinarily we do not pay any attention to the shadows, so the Masters do not pay any attention to the Universe except to divert the attention of humanity from the Shadow to the Substance. The purpose of life is to realize our oneness with the Infinite; this can be achieved through love for God.

Divine Love makes us true to ourselves and to others. It makes us live honestly, comprehending that God Himself is Infinite Honesty. Divine Love is the solution to all our difficulties and problems. It frees us from every kind of binding. It makes us speak truly, think truly and act truly. It makes us feel one with the whole Universe. Divine Love purifies our hearts and glorifies our being. I give you my love and blessings.

BABA

* Message given by Shri Meher Baba at Delhi University on December 3, 1952, at about 5 p.m.

MEHER BABA ON HONESTY *

I have lately been laying stress on honesty. 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.

Hypocrisy is a million-headed cobra. There are today so many so-called saints who, even though they tell people to be honest and not to be hypocrites, are yet themselves deep in dishonesty.

I say with Divine Authority that I am in you all, and if you honestly love God you will find Him everywhere. And remember, if you cannot love God and cannot lead saintly lives then at least do not make a show of it, because the worst scoundrels are better than hypocritical saints.

BABA

* Message given by Shri Meher Baba at the house of the District Judge, Eluru (Andhra), on January 27, 1953, at about 3:30 p.m.

Baba desires that all those who get this Circular or get the information contained herein, should whole-heartedly from the depths of their heart—repeat audibly, one name of God, for one hour without break, from 4 to 5 o'clock, early morning of 10th July 1953.

Hindus	say	Parabrahma Paramatma.
Muslims	say	Alla-hu-Akbar
Parsis	say	Ahuramazda.
Iranis	say	Yezdan.
Christians	say	God Almighty.

Be it known to all concerned that because of Babadas's disobedience, Baba has severed his connections with him.

Baba had forgiven Babadas many a time for his mistakes and weaknesses. Even now he forgives him because Baba loves him as he loves everyone.

Without Baba's permission, Babadas raised loans in the name and cause of Baba. In his kindness Baba took the responsibility of repaying the loans.

Of late Babadas's talk and actions have been getting increasingly stupid and irresponsible. For the matter of that Baba draws attention of everyone that whatever dealings one does with Babadas will be at the sole responsibility of one who does it.

Meher Baba says:—

“When we love God in His Own Infinite Self and in all other selves except our own self, in the end we find that all the time we have been loving our own self.”

Be it known to all concerned that on and from 15th May 1953 to September end 1953, no one should correspond with Baba for any reason whatsoever.

In addition to the repetition of name of God according to Life Circular No. 10 of 5-4-53, Baba desires that all should fast.

On 10th July 1953, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for twelve hours, no solid or liquid food should be taken excepting water that could be taken freely.

On the same day between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m., before beginning the fast, any solid and/or liquid food and water may be taken.

During the three days sittings at 101 Rajpur Road, Dehra Dun, where 25 disciples and devotees were present—Mandali, those living at Dehra Dun and those called from Kashmir, Delhi, Hamirpur, Bombay, Poona and Ahmednagar—Baba discussed, decided and gave explanations. Amongst the various things decided, the following—under instructions from Baba—is released for general circulation.

Dehra Dun,
15, 16, & 17 July 1953.

NO CORRESPONDENCE

VERY IMPORTANT

“I don’t want to be disturbed. From August 1st to November end none should have any correspondence with me. Only if serious things happen, Adi Senior is permitted to inform me through telegram.

“From August to November end, no one should draw my attention to anyone wanting to see me for darshan or to anyone’s difficulties including ‘monetary.’”

BABA

This prayer was dictated by Baba at Dehra Dun and during the 21 days of Baba's special work (13th August to 2nd September) it was recited every day by one of the Mandali in Baba's presence. The Gujarati translation of this prayer was also read out, by another of the mandali.

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 color, 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;

You are the Source of Truth; the Ocean of Love;

You are the Ancient One, the Highest of the High; You are Prabhu and Parameshwar; You are the Beyond-God, and the Beyond-Beyond-God also; You are Parabrahma; Allah; Elahi; Yezdan; Ahuramazda; and God the Beloved.

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

Baba desires that for one hour only, beginning from 12 o'clock midnight of 28th Oct. 1953, and ending at 1 o'clock a.m. of 29th Oct. 1953, all lovers of Baba, men and women, young and old, should keep awake; and during that hour, audibly and without break repeat any one familiar name of God,—out of the five names given in Life Circular No. 10 of 5-4-1953.

Baba desires that with effect from today up to the end of May 1954, no one should correspond with him on any subject whatsoever.

MEETING AT MEHERABAD

On 29th & 30th Sept. 1954

** (Exclusively for males above the age of 16)*

1. Avatar Meher Baba desires to meet at Meherabad (Ahmednagar) on 29th & 30th Sept. 1954 his close disciples, devotees, associates and all those who love him, irrespective of whether at any time they saw him or did not see him.
2. Only those who are genuinely interested in Baba as 'Baba' or in his work need take the trouble of going to him and avail themselves of the occasion of getting benefitted by his presence and getting a true understanding of his work.
3. In the meeting or meetings that will be held at Meherabad as above, Baba wants to make absolutely clear, certain most important points regarding His present Incarnation and His work in this life. Just as the Rajahmundry meeting in Andhra State called for his work and workers, was the first and last of its kind, so also this Meherabad meeting will be the first and the last of its kind before he gives up his present physical body.
4. With the exception of Mass Darshan program that will be held on 12th Sept. 1954 at Ahmednagar proper, when he may give message or messages, the above Meherabad meeting occasion will be the last for him to give message or messages.

* NOTE:—No one should bring with him female devotees. No one should bring with him male devotees below the age of 16. They will not be permitted to enter Meherabad.

5. Amongst the many phases of Baba's work, the one that signifies the act of giving messages will be discontinued from the beginning of October 1954 onwards. *They will veritably and literally be stopped.*
6. All those (males above the age of 16) who decide to go and attend the Meherabad meeting should fill in the Acceptance Form provided herewith, sign and send it, so as to reach Adi K. Irani not later than 1st August 1954.
7. All those who decide to attend the meeting should individually send *as dakshana* rupees twenty-two (Rs. 22-) by a money order to Adi K. Irani, to reach him not later than 1st August 1954.
8. On receipt of the Acceptance Forms and the money orders from the intending visitors, they will be provided with (by post or otherwise) an Admittance Form or a Token that will give them an entrance at Meherabad and will permit them, a free-of-charge board and lodging for* *29th and 30th Sept. 1954* and a free bus lift from Ahmednagar railway station to Meherabad and back.
9. All should bring with them their bedding rolls, battery torches and clothes enough to last them for their journey both ways and two days' stay at Meherabad for their greater convenience. Due to scarcity of water, it will not be possible to wash or get washed soiled clothes during their stay at Meherabad.
10. All attendants to the meeting will bear their expenses of the journey from their place of residence to Ahmednagar railway station and back.
11. All attendants should decide, find out and fill in a column that will be provided in a Slip attached to the

* Note: Free of charge board and lodging on 28th Sep. 1954 evening for early arrivals and tea and breakfast on the morning of 1st October for late departures will also be provided for.

Admittance Form which they will receive subsequent to their having sent the Acceptance Form and the money order—giving precise time and day of their arrival at Ahmednagar Railway Station between the afternoon of 28th Sept., and early morning of 29th Sept. 1954.

12. To ensure your free bus lift from Ahmednagar Railway Station to Meherabad, you should reach Ahmednagar Railway Station at the following hours:—

On 28th Sept. Via Dhond at 2:21 p.m. and 9:23 p.m.

On 28th Sept. Via Manmad at 3:24 p.m.

On 29th Sept. Via Manmad at 0:36 a.m.

JULY 10th

AVATAR MEHER BABA desires all His lovers:

To observe fast and complete silence (not to utter a word or produce sound by mouth)

From 6 p.m. on July 10th, 1954

To 6 p.m. on July 11th, 1954

Indian Standard Time.

To try to keep pure in thoughts and actions during the period of fast and silence.

To repeat inwardly (inaudibly) any one name of GOD as frequently as possible during the 24 hours of fast and silence.

During the period of fast, tea and coffee is permitted thrice. Drinking water may be taken freely.

ADI K. IRANI

FROM 7th JULY, 1954 TO 30th SEPT. 1954

(both days inclusive)

Avatar Meher Baba will not have any letters read to him sent by any one.

All are therefore requested, in matters of urgent importance alone, to send telegrams only. Those who want their telegrams answered, should send reply-paid messages.

On and from 7th October 1954 onwards no one should correspond with Baba. On and from the same day Baba will not give when asked for, *darshan* or interview to anyone.

CLARIFICATION
TO THE FINAL DECLARATION
of 30TH SEPT. 1954

Meher Baba had mentioned during the Meherabad Meeting his intended visit to Pandharpur which would be his very last public appearance. Thus, although Baba has stopped using alphabet board and has stopped giving Darshan, he kept his promise to the saint Gadge Maharaj and visited Pandharpur on November 6th, where tens of thousands of people were blessed by Baba's presence.

The day following his visit to Pandharpur, Baba gave to his mandali, through the use of gestures the following explanation:

“It is really very difficult for anyone to believe and understand what I say, because none can grasp the meaning underlying my words. It is natural even for my intimate mandali not to understand my Final Declaration; but I want you to take everything that I said in Meherabad during the Meetings very seriously because all that I said was the truth, they were words of God, and all the things said must come to pass exactly in the manner described by me.

“From the day I declared in Meherabad that there will be the destruction of three-fourths of the world, that a strange disease will attack my body, that I will suffer humiliation, that I will break my silence and speak one word, the Word of words, that there will be my Glorification, and that finally I will drop my body when I shall be stabbed in the back, my lovers and others have been unnecessarily confused, and they all have been trying to interpret my words in different ways.

“Everyone is free to interpret my words in any way he

thinks and feels. But one thing I tell you, that whenever I say a thing I naturally use my own 'language,' and whatsoever is said by me is Truth. But, my 'language' is such that none can understand or grasp the underlying meaning of what I say; therefore, when I want to say a thing I have simultaneously to make use of your language also, knowing well that you would understand nothing whatsoever if I were to make use of my 'language' alone.

“In order to help you to understand my Final Declaration, and to put an end to your confusion and worry, I want all of you to know that when you saw me dictate on my alphabet board during the meetings at Meherabad, and heard about:

- 1) A strange disease attacking my body: It was said in your language.
- 2) The humiliation that I will suffer: It was said in your language.
- 3) The breaking of my silence and my uttering the one Word of words: It was said in my own 'language' and simultaneously in yours, because when I utter that Word it will be an audible word to you.
- 4) My Glorification: It was said simultaneously in my language and yours.
- 5) The destruction of three-fourths of the world: It was said in my own 'language' alone.
- 6) The stab in my back: It was said in my own language alone.
- 7) The dropping of my body: It was said in my own language and simultaneously in yours.

“Consequently, whatever is said by me in *your* language, you are able to understand and know what is said, but that which is said in *my own 'language'* is impossible for you to understand, however much you all may try to interpret and

grasp the underlying meaning behind my words. Only the fulfilment of events can unfold to you, in due course, the meaning of what is said in my own 'language.'

"I therefore want you all not to worry unnecessarily or be confused. Just believe that whatever I say is Truth; and that all which I said in my Final Declaration will come to pass precisely as I have dictated by the end of April 1955. And, the beginning of all that is to happen within the period of these six months will be effected by me from the 1st of Dec. 1954."

Sd. ADI K. IRANI

NOTE :

No further programs except Pandharpur would be held was announced during the last Meherabad Meeting. To spread vigorously far and wide his messages of love, truth and knowledge was what was wished and also expressed by Avatar Meher Baba to all his lovers then. Should they claim or aspire to be his lovers, it is time they became alive to his wishes and instructions and determine and prepare themselves to do their might.

Time, money, labor, skill, art, literature, and rhetorics, MUST be utilized for the Work. Whatever each can give according to his or her capacity should go either in a single move or in group co-operation towards the fulfilment of the object.

Arti Puja or a detached devotional admiration would be theoretical, and would only serve to give self-elation and develop static joy unfruitful for substantial spiritual gain. It would not fulfil the Master's wishes and instructions in the worth of obedience and generousness of heart which is the highest conceivable Sadhana for attaining Reality in the present make-up of evolution. We should snap off all complacency and move bravely forward with honesty and speed.

A record of all the activities be maintained and a general concise report of facts and figures be sent to the group heads, if there be any accepted, of the village, town, taluk, district or state or be sent to the undersigned, in clear legible script, as and when convenient. The report should be more in the value of the work done than in terms of self-expression.

Sd. ADI K. IRANI

CONFIRMATION

OF THE FINAL DECLARATION OF 30TH SEPT. 1954

This Circular concerns (a) the intimations given by Meher Baba, (b) the final declaration made by him at the last meetings held at Meherabad (Ahmednagar) on September 29 30th 1954 and (c) his subsequent clarification as conveyed through Life Circular No. 22 dated November 20th, 1954.

Baba and those living with him, have carried out a special program of specific activities for a period of forty days from the 1st of December 1954 to the 10th of January 1955.

Having completed this special phase of his work, Baba desires all concerned to know that:

“Each and all things as intimated, declared and clarified by me are all fixed and ordained facts, and God will see that everything happens and is done as fore-ordained by Him.

“All this that is destined to take place is unavoidable yet the resultant effects can be modified in two different ways according to relative circumstances. The modification of the effects of a destined plan can on the one hand either affect the intensity, scope, shape or size of the chain of events, or on the other hand bring about a considerable change in the factor of time.

“In either case the effects can be modified as much in relation to me and those closely connected with me, as to the world at large. For example, the world can absorb fully a simultaneous spiritual and material shock, either by a modification in the quality and quantity of events or by a considerable change in the time factor.

“If the time limit (viz., April 1955 as mentioned at the Meherabad Meetings) remains unchanged, then in order to enable the world to fully absorb the shock of shocks, the chain of events may be modified both in degree and in kind. But if the time limit is changed considerably, the events will take place without any modification whatsoever.

“In the latter case the most important and significant point is that definitely and emphatically the link between my physical body and all my external activities as carried on up to now, will be dropped by April 1955 and there will take place an immeasurable change in the external relations between me and those who are closely connected with me. So that if I do not drop my physical body, I will yet, so to say, ‘die,’ for I will then become actually dead to the world up to the end of the modified period of time.

“During the indefinite period of the modified time, I will completely stop one and all of my external activities as carried out and carried on by me in the course of my different phases of my physical life so far, including the present life of retirement amongst those who live with me permanently.

(1) “I will then, throughout this modified period of time, live a life of complete physical detachment from everything and everybody except a few as will be absolutely necessary for my requirements of nature in the barest sense of living the life of a man alive.

(2) “I wish all my lovers to observe a fast and remain only on water (which can be taken any number of times during the fast) for twenty four hours, from 8 p.m. on Saturday February 12th to 8 p.m. on Sunday February 13th; and to devote all available time during the 24 hours, in praying to God in the way each likes best to pray to Him.

(3) “Honesty is the Key-note to Divinity, He who can love God honestly can lose himself *in* God and find himself *as* God.”

Baba has been withdrawing more and more within Himself, reducing all communication to the minimum of gestures, without recourse to making signs as of “writing with fore-fingers” or to the alphabet board, as he has done for the thirty years of his silence. In very exceptional cases, as in the above communication, Baba spends hours making one of those present repeat the English alphabet again and again and stopping him each time the required letter is arrived at in order to help them form the word or grasp the sense of the sentence he wishes to convey. This wearisome mode of communication to us speaks volumes for his Infinite patience and for his Love for all those who love him.

Sd. ADI K. IRANI

*** DECISION**

Through the wearisome mode of communication as explained in the last Circular, Meher Baba has conveyed the following Decision (in conclusion to the Final Declaration made last year on Sept. 30th and of his Clarification and Confirmation issued on Nov. 20th., 1954 and Feb. 3rd, 1955 respectively): —

“The Universe has come out of God. God has not come out of the universe. Illusion has come out of Reality. Reality has not come out of illusion. God alone is Real: the universe by itself is illusion.

“God’s life lived in illusion, as the Avatar and as Perfect Masters, is not illusory; whereas God’s life lived in creation as all animate and inanimate beings, is both real and illusory. Illusion, illusory life, and God’s life in illusion are not and cannot be one and the same. Illusion has no life and can have no life. Illusion is illusion and is nothing by itself. Illusory life means life in illusion, with illusion, surrounded by illusion, and though it is life (as experienced by the Soul in creation) it is illusory life. But God’s life lived in illusion is not illusory because in spite of living the illusory life God remains Conscious of His own Reality.

“God is absolutely Independent, and the universe is entirely dependent upon God. Yet when the Perfect Masters effect the descent of God on earth as the Avatar, they make Reality and illusion interdependent, each upon the other. And thus it is that His Infinite Mercy and Unbounded Love are eternally drawn upon by those who are immersed in Illusion.

“Between God and the Universe, infinite Mercy and unbounded Love act as a prominent link which is eternally

* After this, no other Circular concerning Baba’s Final Declaration will be issued by Baba, as the above is His Final Decision.

made use of by Men who become God (Sadgurus, Perfect Masters or Qutubs), and by God who becomes Man (Avatar, Christ or Rasool), 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, this law being established by the God-Man or Avatar is the law of the law-less Infinite and it is eternally Real and at the same time illusory. It is this Law that governs the universe; all its 'ups and downs,' construction and devastation are guided by this Law.

“At the Cyclic period, God’s independent Absolute-ness is made to work upon this Law by the God-Man as God’s Will, and this means that anything and everything that the Avatar wills is ordained by God. Consequently, all that I stated in the Final Declaration and Confirmation is ordained by God; and must and will happen.

“I was in Khuldabad for nearly a week from the 22nd of March. There, night and day, I did my work most intensively. The intensity of my spiritual Work caused great pressure on my physical body and mind, and it was there that I decided that ALL I HAD DECLARED IN MY FINAL DECLARATION MUST COME TO PASS EXACTLY IN THE SAME SEQUENCE AND WITH THE SAME INTENSITY OF EFFECT BUT WITH *MODIFICATION IN THE TIME FACTOR*. Therefore, with the change in the Time Limit, the INTENSITY, SCOPE, SHAPE AND SIZE of the chain of events WILL TAKE PLACE WITHOUT ANY MODERATION WHATSOEVER, to bring into effect the destined Plan.

“In the meanwhile mankind must await, as it must according to my final Decision, the witnessing of all that is to come to pass as ordained by God. This is the time when man must love God more and more. Let him live for God and let him die for God. In all his thoughts, in all his words and in all his actions love for God alone must prevail.”

Sd. Adi K. Irani

SATARA

Baba gave out the following on 24th April 1955:—

“According to my final Decision, except for the time factor everything will happen in every detail and sequence as declared, clarified and confirmed by me.

“There is now no limitation to any point in time, nor contact with any point in time. Things may happen after one month or three months, after three years or twenty years. In short I may speak tomorrow or my silence may be broken after ten years.

“I am free from all promises, bindings, undertakings and arrangements. None should therefore ask for anything material or spiritual from me at any time or on any account. I will do what I think to be the best for one and all and when I deem it fit.

“It is only on the above basis (paras 2 and 3) that all concerned must now decide whether to give up or hold on to my “Daaman,”* i.e. to believe in me, revere me and remain devoted to me, by following my orders and instructions.

“The period of three months from May 1st to July 31st, 1955 is a period of crisis for me. I must go into retirement for three reasons: (1) for myself, (2) for those who love me, and (3) for all.

(a) During the period of my stay in Jal Villa at Satara, I will not step out of the central rooms of the bungalow.

(b) I may or may not eat and sleep regularly for the duration of the crisis.

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(c) I am not bound to remain in any one place during or after the first month of my retirement. I may change my plans at any moment and might undertake to go on foot from place to place or go into even greater solitude.

“No one should under any circumstances come to see me or communicate with me directly or indirectly for any reason whatsoever up to the end of July 1955.

“All those closely connected with me, all those who love me, and all those who care to follow my instructions, must be scrupulously honest; must strictly abstain from sexual actions; and must try to spread my message of Love and Truth as far and wide as possible during the period of crisis for the three months from May 1st to July 31st.”

Sd Adi K. Irani

Further to the Life Circular No. 25 issued on 1-5-1955 Baba continues his three months' seclusion and the following are his activities from 1st June to 30th July 1955.

1st June	Baba paid a flying visit to Mahabaleshwar and returned to Satara the same evening and stayed at "Grafton."
2nd June	Mast trip to Islampur, Kolhapur, Belgaum and Hubli. Left Satara at 5 p.m. and returned at 2 a.m. on 3rd June.
3rd and 4th June	Baba stayed at "Grafton."
4th June	Left Satara in the evening on Mast trip to Islampur, Kolhapur, Belgaum and Sawantwadi and returned to "Grafton" at about 11 a.m.
5th to 7th June	Stayed at "Grafton."
8th to 14th June	Baba stayed at "Jal Villa" from 8th evening to 14th evening.
14th June	Left "Jal Villa" (Satara) in the evening on Mast trip to Islampur and Kolhapur and returned to "Grafton" directly on 15th early morning at 2 o'clock.
14th to 18th June	Stayed at "Grafton."
18th June	Baba at "Grafton" and 15 of the Mandali from Satara, Poona and Bombay, called to Satara.
19th June	Baba spent whole day with Mandali-26 in all-at Udtara Inspection Bungalow 12 miles from Satara. All returned Satara by 5 p.m. From 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Qawwali Program at "Grafton." At 11:30 p.m., Baba bowed down to each

	Mandali once at “Grafton.” All Mandali left “Grafton” by 11:45 p.m. for their rooms at “Rosewood” and Travelers’ Bungalow, Satara.
20th June	Mandali returned to their respective destinations. Baba continued to stay at “Grafton.”
20th to 23rd June	Baba stayed at “Grafton.”
23rd June	Baba left Satara in the evening on a Mast trip to Islampur, Kolhapur and Sangli-Miraj. Baba returned to “Grafton” on 24th at about 8 a.m.
24th June	Stayed at “Grafton.”
26th to 30th June	Baba visited “Jal Villa” for his work about two hours every morning and one hour every evening.
30th June to 1st July	From 2 p.m. on 30th June, Baba observed fast and took only water till 2 p.m. on 1st July at “Grafton.”
1st July	Baba continued to stay at “Grafton.”
2nd July	Baba visited “Jal Villa” for 1 1/2 hours and decided to go to “Jal Villa” for work every day from 4th July for 6 days.
3rd July	Stayed at “Grafton.”
4th to 9th July	Baba paid daily visits to “Jal Villa” in the morning and worked there two hours every day.
4th to 10th July	Both days inclusive—Baba’s diet was: (a) Morning tea at 6 a.m. (b) Lunch at 11 a.m.

(c) Nothing was taken for 18 hours after lunch.

(d) Broke 18 hours' partial fast with only tea the next morning.

13th July Baba left "Grafton" for Bombay. Till midnight (same night) Baba contacted Masts in Bombay. Most of them were of the best type.

14th July Baba left Bombay for Meherazad (Pimpalgaon) for his work.

15th July Baba left Meherazad at 6 p.m. and reached "Grafton" at midnight.

17th July Baba left "Grafton" at 2 p.m. for Phaltan (49 miles), contacted a saint there and returned to "Grafton" by 6 p.m. Baba cancelled his trip to Kolhapur which he had planned to make the same evening.

24th to 30th July For the last seven days of his seclusion, Baba went and will go to "Jal Villa" for work and will be there for one and half hours to two hours daily.

Sd. Adi K. Irani

In continuation of the information given by post cards dated 5th and 20th of December last, Baba wishes every one, who was in His *Sahavas* at Meherabad between November 3rd, to December 3rd, 1955, to know that the total of the individual and unconditional gifts of love placed at Baba's unreserved disposal through Kaka Baria has, up to the last day fixed for the receipt of these gifts, came to only about half of the amount required by Baba to complete necessary arrangements and essential provisions before He goes into retirement for His work for a period of one year.

Irrespective of the above mentioned fact, Baba desires all men and women devoted to Him and to His cause of Love and Truth to know that Baba will definitely remain in retirement for one year, from February 15th, 1956 to February 15th, 1957 and that they should all note and act according to Baba's instructions thus:—

(a) "During the entire period of my retirement from 15-2-1956 to 15-2-1957, none should directly or indirectly contact me personally or communicate with me in any manner whatsoever even though I may continue to stay aloof at Satara or at any other place or keep moving from place to place in India.

"Even when you happen to know in one way or the other that for the time being I am staying in your vicinity, you should not approach me for *darshan* or for any other reason, thus helping me to remain undisturbed.

"This will not apply to those in the West at the time when allowing myself an interval, I intend to pay a flying visit to America for a fortnight and to England for a couple of days. This visit will be during the middle of my retirement, which will be resumed by me on my return to India and carried on up to February 15th, 1957.

(b) “You should observe a 24-hour fast from midnight of February 14th to midnight of February 15th, 1956, as follows:

- (i) You may take only once during the 24 hours at any time that suits you, tea or coffee up to two cups or 1/4 seer of milk.
- (ii) You should refrain from taking anything such as *pansupari* and not use tobacco in any form.
- (iii) You may drink water in any quantity as often as you want during the fast.
(24-hour fast is not intended for those who have been selected by Baba during the Sahavas program to observe seven days fast. They will keep the fast as previously instructed by Baba.)

(c) “It will be recalled that in the Sahavas weeks, I referred to the question of repeating the name “BABA” at midnight for a given number of times only, and then not taking my name during the remaining 24 hours of each day for the period of my retirement of one year.

“I wish every one of my devotees to know, in this connection, that it is not an *order* from me to anyone. Only those who desire to do this may do so accordingly; but in that case they should specifically note that whilst they are free to take my name in the ordinary course of conversation, i.e., whilst talking on the subject of ‘Baba,’ they should not remember Baba verbally even once; as repeating the name “BABA” is to be only at the stipulated hour and for the stipulated number of times. “

Baba was pleased to allow the public to have His darshan at the following places:

Bhuinj Village (Dt. Satara)	... on 18-12-55
Poona City	... on 14- 1- 56
Kumtha (Dt. Satara)	... on 24- 1- 56

Sakuri (Dt. Ahmednagar)	... on 26- 1-56
Sangamner (Dt. Ahmednagar)	... on 27- 1-56
Navsari (Dt. Surat)	... on 29- 1-56
Bajwa (Dt. Baroda)	... on 30- 1-56

Sd. Adi K. Irani
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

AVATAR MEHER BABA wants all his disciples, devotees, lovers and all those who feel interested in his work to observe complete silence and partial fast on Tuesday, 10th July, 1956 thus:

From 12 midnight of 9th July to 12 midnight of 10th July, for 24 hours—

- (1) to observe complete silence, i.e., not to utter any word by mouth;
- and
- (2) to observe partial fast by taking *once* only two cups of tea or coffee at any time of the day or night, and take one meal at any one time in the evening.

Sd. ADI K. IRANI
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

A Message from Avatar Meher Baba in His Seclusion

As declared in the past, I am free from promises and am not bound by time and space. Though all happenings are in the realm of illusion, a great so-called tragedy is facing me and my lovers. My long expected humiliation is near at hand. This may happen tomorrow or any day of this year, or it may happen next year.

The love, courage and faith of my lovers will be put to severe test not by me but by Divine Law. Those who hold fast to me at the zenith of this crisis will transcend illusion and abide in Reality.

I want my lovers to rest assured that my humiliation and ‘tragedy’ though necessary are but passing phases which are bound to have a glorious end as is destined.

My Love to all.

Sd. ADI K. IRANI
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

Note:

This is to once again draw attention that if out of love and reverence for Avatar Meher Baba, any disciple or devotee of Baba gives monetary help to anyone seeking it personally, it will be at the sole responsibility of the one who gives it. Baba will in no way be concerned with it.

TO ALL DEVOTEES OF BABA IN THE EAST

Dear Lovers of Baba,

This brings to you glad tidings. All of you will feel happy to hear that Baba has permitted His loved ones to assemble at Meherabad and to stay there near Him for five days in the year 1957.

This news intimated to you about thirteen months in advance of the actual month of the Congregation, will surely fill your hearts with joy and also give you ample time in hand to prepare yourselves for the most sacred privilege of a life-time.

Baba says that the most suitable period of the year for the said Congregation, convenient to most of his dear ones is from November 7th to December 7th, 1957.

Similar to the last occasion of the Sahavas Congregation in 1955, this Congregation in 1957 will also have to be divided into four groups for the convenience of the management and all concerned. But, unlike the last time, Baba, in His Infinite Love, has consented on this occasion to give His Sahavas to *women* devotees as well.

As such, the Sahavas Congregation of 1957 will be open for all adults, both men and women, who wish to and can afford to make this pilgrimage to Meherabad.

As decided by Baba, necessary arrangements will be made to accommodate up to 1500 adults only on the Meherabad grounds down-the-hill. This number will be divided into four groups; each group having a strength of 375 adults. No children are permitted to participate in the Sahavas and parents are therefore ordered by Baba not to bring any of their

children below 17 years of age to Meherabad. In rotation, each group of 375 adults will have the opportunity of Baba's Sahavas for 5 days during one of the four weeks, beginning from the 7th of November 1957 and ending with the 7th of December 1957.

It will interest you to know that Baba has given consent also to a number of His Western devotees, both men and women, to participate in the Sahavas Congregation of 1957.

This unprecedented gathering will include not only men and women lovers of the West but also some of the revered Saints and Masters of India. It will be an unique Congregation of Baba-lovers from many parts of the East and the West, and will afford them the much coveted opportunity of assembling once again on the sacred soil of Meherabad with the physical presence of their Divine Beloved in their midst.

Accordingly, it is expected that 150 devotees of Baba from the U.S.A., 50 from Australia and 25 from England and Europe will avail themselves of this longed for opportunity. They will all stay on the Hill at Meherabad from November 7th, 1957 to December 7th, 1957.

BABA, THE DIVINE BELOVED, CARRIES WITHIN HIM THE MOST PRECIOUS TREASURE OF INFINITE LOVE WHICH PERMITS NO ROOM FOR WORLDLY WEALTH. AS SUCH, HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND IS THE PERENNIAL FAKIR.

To meet the tremendous cost and expenses that will be incurred for the said cosmopolitan Congregation, it is decided that:—

- (1) The Westerners should pay for their both-way fares. All other expenses of their stay in India, which means their boarding and lodging in Meherabad, shall be managed from their gifts of love, that they intend to send to Baba.

- (2) The Easterners should pay for their both-way fares too. And, to meet all other expenses necessary for their boarding and lodging on Meherabad grounds, it has been approximately estimated that it is absolutely essential that each of the 1500 Easterners, man or woman, who may want to participate in those five days of Sahavas, should remit Rs. 30/- and send the accompanying Acceptance Form before the end of July 1957.

All remittances and Acceptance Forms should be sent to Adi K. Irani, King's Road, Ahmednagar (Bombay State).

A remittance once sent will not be refunded if the remitter fails to participate in the Sahavas program, as all necessary arrangements will have to be made much in advance, irrespective of one's ability or inability to attend at the appointed time.

No exception in regard to the remitting of Rs. 30- per head could be made under any circumstances, as the additional cost of temporary structures for *two separate camps* for men and women (Easterners), hire and purchase of furniture and utensils and various other items necessary for the arrangements and accommodation of 1500 men and women of all the four groups will have to be met with efficiently.

There are bound to be some among the ardent devotees of Baba, both men and women, who would never under any circumstances, want to fail to participate in the Sahavas Congregation, and yet may find themselves helpless and unable to contribute Rs. 30/- towards their share of expenses in addition to their journey fares. These are however, advised to approach their friends or group-heads for help and guidance and make no request to the undersigned for exemption.

There are also some devotees of Baba who can easily afford to remit Rs. 50/- as their own share, and also afford to come to the rescue of some of the other devotees needing their assistance to make their pilgrimage to Meherabad a possibility. The various group-heads of different places should try to

guide such devotees and, also help them if possible through the assistance of those who can monetarily afford the privilege of helping their brothers and sisters to attend the Sahavas.

This letter is sent to you much in advance to give you ample time to prepare yourself for the great event that is to take place in 1957.

When you fill and send me the accompanying Acceptance Form along with Rs. 30/- by the end of July 1957, an Admittance Form for the Meherabad Sahavas entry will be sent to you along with the instructions...

For any other information in connection with this circular you should like to have, you may kindly write to—

Adi K. Irani
King's Road,
Ahmednagar.

Yours
In Baba's Service

Sd. Adi K. Irani
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

The following message from Baba had been sent to America, England, Europe and Australia and now He wishes it to be sent to all concerned in India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Aden, Africa and Iran.

“Baba wishes each Baba-lover to write immediately and directly to Baba a short letter—and only one—during His present seclusion. None should expect a reply to the letter directly or indirectly, and none should write about his or her personal affairs nor ask questions of advice.”

Sd. ADI K. IRANI
Disciple & Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

Dear Family,

The first impact on the minds of Baba-lovers as they read the following news, or have already heard of it, must naturally be the recollection of Baba's recent words given in Life Circular No. 29, referring to the personal tragedy that was to occur again. To those at "Grafton." Satara, Baba said, as recently as three days before the accident, that the month or so before the termination of His Seclusion on 15th Feb. would hold greater and concentrated suffering for Himself in which a number of His close ones would also share.

In the course of His present seclusion Baba has travelled for His work over 10,000 miles (in India) by car driven by Eruch who has proved himself to be an excellent and careful driver. Baba's recent 'Mast' tour to the North of India was another trip of particular significance in connection with His seclusion, from which He returned to Satara on the 23rd of November. On Sunday, the 2nd of December, Baba went to Poona for a day accompanied by Eruch, Pendu, Vishnu and Dr. Nilkanth (better known as Nilu). At around 4-45 of the same evening, while returning to Satara, the accident occurred about 12 miles outside of Satara. The car was running normally and at moderate speed, when it seemed suddenly and inexplicably to go completely out of control and dashed against a stone culvert, landing eventually in the ditch on the other side of it. Baba and the men were heavily injured, the most serious being Nilu. The road was deserted of traffic and pedestrians, until three minutes later a man going to Poona sighted the wreckage and lifted Baba (and Vishnu who was the least one hurt of the occupants) into his car, retracing his journey to leave them at "Grafton." A truck not long after picked up the remaining ones and brought them to Rosewood, the Mandali's place. They were badly injured and immediately hospitalized, except Nilu who died without regaining consciousness. The condition of the others is not serious.

In the auto accident of 1952 in the U.S.A., Baba sustained injuries to His face and leg and arm. This time too Baba received similar facial injuries, though not as severe as at that previous time. As all concerned will be anxious to know the details of Baba's injuries, I cannot do better than give the following extracts from a hurried report by Dr. Donkin, giving us a general idea of their extent and location:

- “(1) Minor abrasions and subcutaneous contusions of forehead, nose and cheeks all healing well.
- “(2) A tear of the upper and lower surface of the tongue, sutured a few hours after the accident. Cuts under the chin, sutured at the same time. Wounds are clean, normal after-injury swelling already subsiding, and the pain diminishing daily—thus allowing the intake of fluids and liquid food with less discomfort. The functions of the mouth and tongue are affected only temporarily and expected very soon to be perfectly normal.
- “(3) Surgical attention is now concentrated on the treatment of the hip injury. The top end of the thigh bone (the femoral head) fits into the cup-shaped depression in the pelvis, known as the acetabulum. The upper rim of the acetabulum has been fractured, the broken chip of bone being slightly displaced. Although this is very painful, there is most fortunately no fracture of the parts of the upper end of the thigh bone (e. g. the femoral neck) so often sustained in motor crashes.

“A plaster cast or some type of immobilization is essential, and the complete healing of the fracture will take the usual length of time. Every effort will continue to be made to give freedom from pain and to restore the hip to ultimate normality.”

Baba is at Grafton, under the loving care of the two Ashram doctors, of Mehera and the other women and men Mandali.

On reading Life Circular No. 29, someone asked Baba why these things should be and why could He not avert them. Baba's reply was: "What the Divine Will has decreed must and will happen, and if I am the Divine Personification you believe me to be, then the last thing I would do is to avert or avoid it." To the query in our minds as to why Baba should personally go through such suffering, comes the answer in His previous words, "People suffer for their *Karma*. A few suffer for others. Perfect Masters suffer for the universe." For those of us who can grasp even a mite of the significance of these words comes the assurance not only of His greatness that He manifests through 'littleness,' but of the 'littleness' He assumes in His greatness and most of all of His eternal love for us all whom He knows and experiences as His divided selves in ignorance.

Those who were present at Poona in November 1955 soon after Nozer's death, cannot help recalling Baba's remark that in about a year's time five more near ones (in the East and West) would leave their bodies and that two of them would be very close ones. Referring to the present accident Baba said, "Nilu was particularly fortunate to have breathed his last in my physical proximity and it is as he would have wanted it." According to Baba's wishes much-loved gentle Nilu was taken to Meherabad for cremation, and his ashes will grace the beloved place where he spent many years with the Beloved.

Baba's silence is rarely felt in his abstention from vocal speech which He has observed these last 31 years, but the deep silence in His suffering is a profoundly felt experience. The morning after the accident, in the midst of tremendous pain He was undergoing from His injuries, Baba said something that revealed a fresh glimpse of the depth of His compassion. He said (with gestures of course), purely from the point of man's suffering and irrespective of political or world situations. "The Hungarians suffered much in their recent struggle. Many were lying wounded and helpless on the roads, away from their loved ones and from care or relief from pain; at least I am lying on a bed, with the care of good doctors and the love of my lovers present and absent." A few days before He had

said, “Nobody suffers in vain, for true freedom is spiritual freedom and suffering is a ladder towards it. Man unknowingly suffers for God and God knowingly suffers for man.” We cannot need a better explanation of why the Avatar allows suffering to His human body that He assumes from time to time for our Truth-blinded sakes. He loves us as He ought to be loved by us—our only question is, are we worthy of it? And may our only prayer be that we too may love Him as He ought to be loved.

Baba wished all concerned to be informed of the accident and expressly wishes me to say that this does not in any way affect the Congregation of Easterners and Westerners to be held in India in November 1957; that it will *not* affect the coming Sahavas, but on the contrary will help towards it. Baba wishes all concerned in the West and East to renew their efforts with greater strength towards their coming next year, as this congregation has to take place and must take place. Baba’s love to all his lovers.

Baba did not wish the news of the accident to be sent by telegrams, and this circular is being sent to all concerned as soon as it was possible to do so.

On 6th December, 1956, Baba gave this personal message for all:

“Do not worry; be happy. All will be well. Faithfully carry out the instructions given by me.”

Sd. ADI K. IRANI
Disciple & Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

NOTE:--

The Life Circular No. 31 is not in any way connected with this Life Circular No. 32 which gives news about the accident. The message in Life Circular No. 31 (about one direct letter to Baba) was sent out at Baba’s wishes to the U.S.A. on Nov. 8th; to England, Europe and Australia on Nov. 27th; and to me on Nov. 29th for circularization in India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Africa, etc.

Therefore the one direct letter to Baba (which must not include personal affairs, questions, etc.) must also not include reference to His car accident or injuries.

Baba's Universal Spiritual Work
vis-a-vis
His Physical Suffering

Time and again, Baba has observed seclusion during which He does not give darshan or interviews and His numerous devotees are not allowed to see Him. But this seclusion of one year, beginning from Feb. 15th, 1956, He told us, is, of momentous significance having far-reaching results of spiritual importance. It has been interspersed with periods of utter retirement, severe fasts and intermittent travelling to various places in India for His work with the masters and saints. He decided to break His seclusion in the middle of the year to visit the U.S.A., England and Australia, which He did in July 1956, resuming it on His return to India in the middle of August. Later He told us that during the last part of this seclusion He would be in complete retirement, as was essential for His work. Little did we realize how literally He meant that, till the car accident occurred on 2nd Dec. at about 5:15 p.m. (and not at 4:45 p.m. as mentioned in L.C. No. 32) involving Baba and some of His close disciples. Baba, whom we know by nature to be infinitely active, is now confined to a bed, lying on his back in one position all the time and virtually unable to move. Combined with His long-standing vocal silence, His retirement could not be more absolute and more imaginably complete.

It was a week after the accident in Satara, and only after the pains became too severe and other complications set in, that Baba at last agreed to our ashram doctors' pleas to go to Poona where better medical facilities are available. Here the plaster cast (that Baba had around pelvis and entire right leg) was removed and His leg put in traction, with weights attached to stretch the muscles. As far as the fracture is

concerned, it is progressing satisfactorily; but the pain varies in intensity, becoming excruciating at the least movement on His part. When the pain in the hip is relieved, some other form of physical pain or suffering arises; just as though our Baba were clearly telling us that He has to suffer in this way just now, and we cannot take away, or even share, what He has taken on.

This is as far as the medical report goes. Light on the inner facts has been thrown now and again by Baba's personal remarks at unexpected moments. The other day He traced with His finger a little circle on the spot of the fracture and then making a wide circle in the air, gestured to say: "The suffering of the whole universe is concentrated on this little spot. This is a tangible expression of the universal suffering I bear." In spite of Baba's physical agony, He says, "I am happy; it is as I wanted it." One can well understand this, for how often have we witnessed Baba neglect and sacrifice His physical health and comforts for His work. At another time He said, "It is as if the mental suffering of the universe wants to crush Me. But the Infinite Bliss I experience and the Love I have for all sustains Me; and the love of all My lovers supports Me in the burden I carry. The week ahead will be the climax of My suffering; but it is necessary and must be, and this critical period too will be tided over with the love of all who love Me."

Baba's special message for all lovers is: "In this apparent helplessness I declare again that everything except God is illusion; and that the only way to be united with this Self of all selves is love, sacrifice, and unreserved and honest resignation to the Beloved's Will. I am the Self of all. I am the Ultimate Goal. So love Me with all your honesty and being. After My seclusion is over (on 15th Feb. 1957) I will be free from this helplessness. I will give My Sahavas, darshan and My blessings to all.

"On the 15th of Feb., I will fast for 24 hours along with all My lovers; and regardless of the restrictions imposed

on My physical activities due to the injuries, I will feed and bow down to 700 poor people on that day. My love to you all.”

Sd. Adi K. Irani
Disciple & Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

SAHAVAS CONGREGATION

from 26th Jan. to 26th Feb. 1958

In the wake of the fateful motor accident and injuries received by disciples who, among others, being the responsible workers for the Sahavas and, above all, the injuries sustained by Baba, Baba decided to postpone the days of the Congregation from November 1957 to January 1958. Accordingly, the Sahavas will be held for one month from 26th January to 26th February 1958. For any reason a devotee who has paid in his contribution already and is not able to attend the Sahavas during Jan.-Feb. 1958, he or she is at liberty to call back the contribution which will be returned by 31-7-1957. On no account will the paid-in contribution of Rs. 30/- will be refunded after 31-7-1957.

Anyone wanting to have both Life Circular No. 30 and the Supplement to Life Circular No. 30 may call for them.

Sd. ADI K. IRANI
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

Note :

Baba desires that—

(a) None should seek any interview with Him in the months of April, May, June, July and August 1957.

(b) Those who are specifically called at “Meherazad,” Pimpalgaon (Ahmednagar) should alone go according to instructions given. None other than those called should go to Pimpalgaon during the aforesaid live months.

(c) Between Sept. 15th and Oct. 30th, 1957, Baba may pay visits to: Navsari, Delhi, Dehra Dun, Gorakhpur, Calcutta, Kharagpur, Andhra State, Nagpur, Saoner, Jabalpur and Hamirpur (U.P.).

1. **Avatar Meher Baba** wants His lovers to attach utmost importance to the forthcoming Sahavas Congregation to be held for one month from 26th January to 26th February 1958. He wants all His lovers, men and women (excluding those under the age of 17), to participate in this Sahavas Congregation.
2. Baba says that this Sahavas Congregation is the most important phase of His present Incarnation. As such no one should miss the occasion. Those interested in Baba's work can also attend it.
3. In view of the utmost importance that is to be attached to this Sahavas Congregation, Baba wishes that the Mandali concerned should start forthwith making plans and preparations for the arrangements that are necessary under the guidance of Baba Himself.
4. As there will not be much time left for the execution of these plans after the monsoon ends, Baba has cancelled His complete Darshan Tour Program declared in the Supplement to Life Circular No. 30 under "Note" (c).
5. Accordingly, Baba will not pay visits to any of the places for giving His darshan between September 15th and October 30th, 1957.
6. To refresh memory regarding the necessary information about the Sahavas as given in Life Circular No. 30, it is repeated here that 1,500 adults only will be accommodated during the Sahavas. This number will be divided into four language groups of Hindi, Marathi, Telugu and Gujarati, each group having a strength of nearly 375 adults.

Each group in rotation of 375 will have the opportunity of Baba's Sahavas for five days during one of the four weeks, beginning from 26th January and ending with 26th February, 1958. There will be in addition nearly 175 devotees of Baba from the U.S.A., Australia, England and Europe coming over to attend the Sahavas.

7. To meet the tremendous cost of expenses that will be incurred for the cosmopolitan congregation, it is decided that each participant from India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Kashmir should remit R. 30/- and send the accompanying Acceptance Form to Adi K. Irani, King's Road, Ahmednagar (Bombay State), before 31st July 1957, if not yet sent. The Admittance Form will thereafter be sent to the remitter at its proper time. Every remitter whilst sending the Money-Order should write his full name and address in block letters at the back of the M.O. bottom slip the purpose for which the money is sent and the language group he wants to be included in, on the reverse of the slip.

Sd. Adi K. Irani

Disciple and Secretary

Avatar Meher Baba

Note

Important: Some lovers of Baba, including those from the Mandali and from Bombay, Poona, Delhi, Debra Dun, Banares and Raipur have not yet sent Personal Letters direct to Baba according to Life Circular No. 32, and have failed to carry out His wishes. However *only* these lovers are hereby being given a fresh opportunity to write one Personal Letter directly to Baba under care of Adi K. Irani. They are therefore reminded to write the letter before 30th of June, 1957.

Avatar Meher Baba desires that all His lovers should fast and observe silence for 24 hours from the midnight of 9th July 1957 to the midnight of 10th July 1957. During these 24 hours, no solid or liquid food should be taken, except your usual normal quantity of tea or coffee to be taken at any time once only. Water may be taken freely. No word or sound by mouth to be uttered.

Anyone who feels interested in Baba's work is also free to observe fast and silence as explained above.

Adi K. Irani

Disciple & Secretary

Avatar Meher Baba

AVATAR MEHER BABA'S SALUTATIONS TO ALL

1. "I want all my lovers to pay heed to whatever 'said' in the printed booklet "Warning by Baba to His Lovers," but with the understanding that it concerns only those who love Me and obey Me.
2. "It does not mean that those who follow their Gurus should leave them and follow Me.
3. "Being the Avatar, I have come to awaken mankind and would like the entire world to come to Me.
4. "Real Saints are dearest and nearest to My heart.
5. "Perfect Ones and Lovers of God adorn the world, and will ever do so.
6. "The physical presence of the Perfect Masters throughout eternity is not necessarily confined to any particular or special part of the globe.
7. "My salutations to all—the past, present and future Perfect Masters, real Saints (known and unknown), Lovers of God and to all other beings in all of whom I reside, whether consciously felt by them or not."

Sd. Adi K. Irani

Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

20-7-1957

My dear brother sister,

The Sahavas Congregation of January-February 1958 is the most important phase of Baba's present Incarnation.

The time limit for assuring admittance is up to the end of July 1957. Some of the Baba lovers in close contact are found not to have so far booked themselves. Baba does not want any of them to miss the occasion. For the matter of that, Baba does not equally want others genuinely interested to miss the occasion.

May I therefore remind you to send in your Acceptance Form and Sahavas money now?

Needless to emphasize how much Baba likes you to participate in the Sahavas.

If, for any reason, you do not have the Acceptance Form with you, you could send in, with Sahavas money, Rs. 30.00 your full name and address in legible hand.

Yours in His service

Sd. Adi K. Irani
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

**Baba's Reminder to those who love Him and
obey Him, and to those who would do so—**

From amongst His intimate followers, the resident Mandali included, 32 men were present before Baba from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 8th, 1957 at Meherazad, Pimpalgaon. Baba began by distributing sweetmeats to them, saying, "Let Me sweeten your mouths before I make you swallow some bitter pills ..

"What I have to say to you is not only for those now before Me; it is for all who love Me and persevere in trying to obey Me. At first I had thought of inviting for the day a representative from each and every center and group in the country. But then I took into consideration the expense and trouble of long journeys and the inconvenience to all concerned, because the facilities here are so very limited, even for those who live near Me all the time.

"I intend to tell you things straight from My heart, and I expect you to let them reach your hearts and not just your ears. The friends of H. tell Me that for all his good qualities he generally lets things go in at one ear and out at the other; but I know he loves Me and will hear Me seriously. If anyone now present believes he may take what I say lightly, he had better leave this meeting at once.

"I am no saint. Because I am Beyond, I am therefore beyond all saints. The world, once it knows who I am, will understand **then** what I want you to understand **now**—that from the beginningless beginning, I am the Ancient One, immutable and eternal. You may whole-heartedly believe Me to be the Avatar; but belief, however deep, does not amount to absolute conviction .."

Here D. interjected, "There is no question of conviction for those of us who have accepted You once and for all-

because our acceptance is absolute.” Baba continued, “It is all for the best if that acceptance remains unshaken under all circumstances. The world in general accepts the existence of God, without caring over much about the reasons for doing so. It is a fact?, also, that there are a few in the world who do see God as He is to be seen, and fewer still who do **know** God as He really is to be known.

“I have already warned you of the ‘dark cloud’ which I clearly see hovering over Me. I have been referring to it in one way or another for many years. In fact, only the *shape* of things changes every time I come, and that is why I say the same things again and again in different ways. At the time of Jesus, I uttered many warnings, yet none could grasp in advance about My crucifixion.

“The dark cloud is very, very near to bursting, and I have to take the whole force of it upon Myself. You can have no idea of what that will mean for Me. It will be like hell itself bursting upon Me on earth. Be resolved to hold fast to My ‘daaman’ even when this cloud bursts; you will thereby share in My work.

“Let Me tell you the tale of the *Mast* and the *Mullah*. The Mast, his consciousness focused upon the intimate nearness of His Beloved God, was virtually oblivious to everything else. The Mullah, since he could not understand this state, would pester the Mast with learned parrotry, and eventually became so exasperating that one day he cursed the Mast saying that he would go to hell. The Mast happened to hear and understand what had been said, and retorted that the Mullah’s heaven contained everything except God; but that since God was everywhere, he would be quite happy in hell, where he might share his Beloved’s sufferings.

“Look at the weapons of destruction science has evolved. Nation accuses nation of preparations for war, and world catastrophe might come without warning at any moment. World events reflect the results of My inner working. At

the time of the Flood (Noah's Flood), hell was let loose in the world. Scientists and Statesmen now solemnly declare that if total war comes, the whole world may perish. They are just echoing Me, but the whole world cannot perish because I have to come down again after 700 years.

“During My recent short stay in Poona, I was happy to let the Poona Bhajan Mandali sing before Me. I also paid visits to the homes of some of My men and allowed a few to call on Me; but it was in connection with the continual pain in My hip-joint that I went to Poona and also paid a flying visit to Bombay.

“The hip-joint is now said to be so nearly healed that full weight-bearing and almost normal use are advised by the best available consultants. But the fact remains that I still have intense and continual pain, even at rest. Those of you who keep watch by turns throughout the night at My bedside know how I suffer. So much so that at the moment, I am handicapped to the extent that I must depend upon the loving help and care of those near Me. But all this is as nothing compared to what I shall have to endure when the dark cloud bursts upon Me.

“To fulfil all that is ordained, I work, and this work releases the tremendous force that stamps My advent. The impact of this force on groping humanity is an awakening in general, and the realization of Self in particular.

“Work has a charm of its own when the forces of opposition are faced and eventually overcome. For the present, I face the dark cloud, and yet I continue to do My work ceaselessly. Besides this, I have to do many things. I have, for instance, to see to the arrangements for the Sahavas and shall also have to give Sahavas to hundreds of My followers.

“But how difficult it is to overcome all hindrances and complete the work in hand when there are distractions to be

reckoned with! The pain in My hip-joint, for example, is just one of the many distractions that I must endure while doing My work. If this pain should vanish or even lessen to some extent, My work will be fulfilled, in spite of the onslaught of the dark cloud that threatens to jeopardize fulfilment.

“Just as I am now quite unable to do so many physical things unaided, in spite of an otherwise healthy body, I may, at the time of the impending crisis, become even mentally helpless, without being mentally deranged in the least. You may then not be able to continue to hold on to My ‘daaman’ because circumstances will seemingly justify your letting it go. I am infinitely Merciful, and so repeat the same theme again and again so that you may remember My words and try your best to cling to Me. For example, in a sudden and terrifying earthquake any man, in the blind hope of saving his life, is likely to run, forgetting in an instant his family and all his possessions, and thus forsake them before he realizes what he has done.

“Whatever is to happen will happen. This is the principle, or as I call it, the Law of ‘Must,’ the law on which universal illusion thrives. It is as if the ready and complete film of illusion, from the beginningless beginning to the endless end, is being projected continually. If it is destined that My ‘daaman’ should slip from your hands, it will; but it is for Me to warn, and for you to remain alert. In illusion, you may die at any moment. The illusory life has no guarantee because no one can know for certain what will happen the very next moment. Except God, everything is illusion. This world and all its affairs are so insubstantial that it is meaningless even to say that they have no substance.

“It is no joke to realize Me. Those who develop inner sight and even those who are established saints fail to fathom Me. This is because *Fana* (total annihilation) stands between all illusion, from the lowest to the highest, and the One Reality. The practice of *Shariat*, that is, living in strict compliance with the laws and precepts of one’s religion, may lead one to *Tariqat*, the path of Gnosis, which has six stages. But

Tariqat has its end in *Fana*. Imagine, for example, that your body is yourself and that your body must be totally consumed by you in the course of the six stages of Gnosis. You will have to do this with your own mouth, piece by piece, at every stage. Ultimately, in the last stage, your own mouth must eat itself! This is what I mean by the final *Fana*, and this is why I tell you that it is impossible to realize Me without My help.

“Although, I appear to be quite different in every Avatatic period, I always am and always remain the same from beginning to end. I live the worldly life that is lived by the people in order to help them live the divine life that I live simultaneously. To be established in the hearts of the people, I need no religious organizations. On the contrary, religious organizations need Me in order to be established after Me. Those who do not love Me fail to understand Me; and those who do not realize My Divinity fail to understand it.

“I am often touched by the outpourings of love, faith, sacrifice and service on the part of the growing number of those who believe in Me here and in the West; and I do not mind the attitude of those who remain unconcerned about Me and even of those who oppose Me. But I am constantly eyeing your obedience to Me, because it is futile to have love from the whole world in the absence of the required degree of obedience from you.

“I do not mean that you intend to disobey Me or that you disobey Me deliberately, when I insist so often on obedience. On the contrary, I do not forget your sense of duty.

“Recently, for example, P. and K. and their family circles also, have given ample proof of their sense of duty to Me. P’s son, a brilliant M.Sc., died in the prime of life after a short illness. In order to fulfil what he considered his duty to My Cause, P. reached his dying son too late. In spite of this, P’s younger sons write to Me that while they are still waiting to have My Sahavas, their elder brother has come to Me already.

“K. left his home for My work immediately after his young brother had died in the house. K as the elder brother did not even wait to perform the funeral rites demanded by custom. When questioned by visitors, the family replied by repeating what K had told them that the man loved Baba and had merely dropped the coat of his gross body. K. had felt certain that his young brother would have wanted him to go ahead with Baba’s urgent work, at once, since he had always looked upon the service of Baba as infinitely more important and rewarding than any ritual.

“The point I wish to drive home is that it is never too late to obey Me, that you should obey Me to the end, that you should obey Me with a courage undaunted by any disaster, and that, above all else, you should obey Me when I stand face to face with the dark cloud.

“For six months you take care of what I say to you, and after that I shall take care of you. I say again, do not leave Me and live to repent later, when there will be no remedy for your loss. For six months, do not give up obeying Me at any cost—come what may—, remember Me and do as I say. Make all other thoughts subordinate to your resolve to please Me with all your heart.

“Although, to let go your hold on My daaman is always easy, it is never easy to hold on to it, and it may, during the next six months, be more difficult than ever before. But if you try with all your heart to do so, I shall surely help you. Once you let go, remember that it will be very difficult to grasp My daaman again.

“Bayazid, who is known as the Sardar of Sufi Masters, realized God at a very advanced age and also became one of the five Perfect Masters of his time. Once, he asked two disciples who loved him most, what was their greatest desire. One said, ‘I want the Master;’ the other, ‘I want the Master’s state of Perfection.’ Both wanted the same thing; yet, there was a

world of difference in their approach. The first desired, above all, the pleasure of his Master, because he did not want to let go his hold on the Master's daaman to the end.

“Now, for six months, up to March 1958—

- 1) Be ready and determined to do whatever I ask you to do.
- 2) Do no lustful action whatsoever; even husband and wife had better remain celibate.
- 3) Be honest. Honesty demands that you deceive no one, give no false hope or empty promise.
- 4) Try your very best not to hurt the feelings of others, but not to the extent of doing any lustful action.

“Those who have not surrendered to Me or who cannot do so, but would nevertheless like to obey Me, should consider the last three injunctions, as My orders to them.”

In conclusion, Baba exhorted all those present to take the decisive step of resolving here and now that they would try 100% to obey Him for these six months and that, while embracing Him silently, they would concentrate on that resolve remaining faithful to it.

With these words, Baba embraced each, reminding them before His embrace to concentrate forcefully upon their resolve.

Adi K. Irani
Disciple & Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

I am directed by AVATAR MEHER BABA to inform you promptly:

“Regarding the ‘dark cloud’ and all points referred to in My WARNING and REMINDER—L.C. 37—I want all who love Me to hold fast to My daaman and faithfully abide by My orders till July 10th, 1958. However, I exempt married couples from the injunction of their remaining celibate.

— Meher Baba”

Sd. Adi K. Irani

Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

Having completed Sahavas-to-the-Westerners pro-gram in America and Australia, Baba returned to India on 8th June 1958. Although the period was cut short by a few days, the entire Sahavas in both the countries was thoroughly satisfactory to Baba. Sahavasees got ample time and opportunity to be in the sanctifying company of the Beloved. It was exactly as Baba wished to give it and the lovers longed to receive it. In short Sahavas in the West was a cent per cent success.

The entire account in brief of the Sahavas will be released through The Awakener Magazine in its future issue or issues.

Now Baba wants you to take note of the following points and act accordingly:

1. No one should write anything to Baba or His Mandali till 10th July 1958.
2. On 10th July 1958 none of His lovers should fast or observe silence as done in previous years on the same day. Instead Baba wants all His lovers to do this:

Exactly at 12 midnight (your local time) of 9th July, 1958, i.e., during the zero hour of 10th July immediately after 9th July is over, REPEAT seven times audibly in your mother tongue or in English whichever convenient to you:

“BELOVED GOD THY WILL HAS COME TO PASS.”

Sd. Adi K. Irani
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

“Circumstances during these three months will put to test both the love and faith of My lovers. So try your best to keep firm hold on My daaman. Do not talk ill of others, and try not to think ill of others. Remember My instructions about not going to Meherabad or Meherazad and not corresponding with Me or with anyone in Meherabad or Meherazad.”

— Baba from seclusion

Sd. Adi K. Irani
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

I declare that an unique and unprecedented occurrence will soon take place in the spiritual realm. But apart from this, and irrespective of whatever may or may not happen after November end, I want you to put full trust in Me and try your best to hold on to Me and obey Me till the very end. Are you prepared to do so? Reply direct to Me in short and *to the point only*. Apart from this one short reply, you must NOT correspond with Me or Eruch before November end.

— Baba from Seclusion

Sd Adi K. Irani
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

Note: Baba wishes your reply to reach Him NOT later than 20th November 1958 C/o Adi K. Irani. Your reply must NOT exceed four lines.

**To those who love Me and obey Me
And to those who would do so—**

1. In the Meherabad Gathering of 10th July 1958, I had expressed My wish that henceforth none should expect or seek from Me any discourse, interview, ‘darshan’ or ‘sahas’ unless I wish to give, personally, the same to any individual, family or group.
2. In spite of this, almost all letters from some of My lovers, addressed to Me after 15th January 1959, have expressed an ardent desire to have My darshan.
3. Some of My lovers, overpowered by their devotion, still continue to expect and seek My darshan.
4. To save them the struggle between their devotion and obedience, I want all My lovers and others concerned to know that henceforth anyone who wishes to come to see Me and contact Me may do so any day between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. The person concerned must make his or her own arrangements as regards conveyance, stay, food and other personal comforts. These arrangements must be seen to by the person concerned without seeking the least aid from the resident Mandali, Adi or his office.
5. This freedom to see Me between 9 a.m. and 12 noon will NOT necessarily mean that the visitor will be granted permission to remain in My presence or in the vicinity of My room for the entire duration of the visiting hours.
6. This freedom to see Me will not permit anyone to be with Me for more than a couple of minutes, which is all that is necessary to meet and greet Me

with love and to receive My embrace of all-embracing Love. Nor will it permit anyone to linger on, even on the premises, more than is absolutely necessary.

7. This freedom to see Me will not permit anyone to seek the least opportunity to ask Me for spiritual or material guidance, gain or aid.
8. This freedom to see Me does not entitle anyone to ask from Me travelling fares or journey expenses even if I do not see or meet the person concerned.
9. This freedom to see Me is not an invitation to any one to see Me; as such, none should expect any preferential treatment.
10. This freedom to see Me is granted by Me; as such, I remain equally free NOT to see anyone on any particular day, even during the fixed visiting hours of the morning or, if I so wish, I may not see anyone at all for a number of days together.
11. This freedom to see Me permits anyone to meet Me, *if I am available*, in any city or town, wherever I may be, during the visiting hours between 9 a.m. and 12 noon (local time of the place).
12. This freedom to see Me will not bind Me to remain in one place, merely to be available to visitors during the visiting hours. I might frequently be changing My place of residence, to and fro between Bombay, Poona & Ahmednagar, particularly during the next six months.
13. Therefore, whosoever may want to take advantage of the freedom to see Me, should venture to come to Me fully prepared to face and risk consequent inconveniences and the possibility of not seeing Me at all for a number of days at any particular place.

14. The resident Mandali, Adi or his office will NOT be responsible, nor bound to inform anyone about My movements from place to place.
15. As I do not accept gifts of any kind or of cash, no one visiting Me should bring any kind of offerings other than the real offering of love.
16. When, for My work, I specially invite any of My lovers to see Me at any place, the aforementioned points, other than the point in para 15, do not apply to the invitee.
17. Besides telegrams, all other communications addressed to Me will not necessarily be attended to by Me. Therefore, no one should expect to receive replies from Me.

—MEHER BABA

Sd. Adi K. Irani
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

Note carefully:

1. Baba is expected to be in Ahmednagar from 1st February to 6th March, in Bombay from 7th March to 14th March, in Poona from 15th March to 15th June. Address of Baba's Bombay residence can be ascertained from Shri Sorabji R. Siganporia, Central Building No. 3, Bomanji Master Road, Dhobitalao, Bombay 2. Address of Baba's Poona residence can be ascertained from Shri K. K. Ramakrishnan, 107/5 Range Hills, Kirkee, Poona 3.

2. Necessary telegraphic communications addressed to Baba, to the resident Mandali or to me, must be accompanied by a Reply Pre-paid telegraphic form, *adequately paid for in advance*, if a reply is expected by the sender. In the absence of the above-mentioned pre-paid arrangement, *no reply should be expected*.

3. Please note also, that the telegraphic address is just "Meherbaba Ahmednagar." When the telegram is addressed to any of the resident Mandali, it is sufficient to give the name plus "care Meherbaba Ahmednagar."

**In effect for the two months of
April and May 1959**

In continuation to Life Circular No. 42 issued on 1-2-1959 which should be re-read and if not received an additional copy (L.C. 42) called for, Avatar Meher Baba wants me to inform you that during the above two months, it will only be possible for anyone to see Him at Guruprasad Bungalow, 24, Bund Garden Road, Poona, between 9 a.m. and 12 mid-day on EVERY SUNDAY instead of every day.

Barring this change, the rest of the points and conditions as enumerated in Life Circular No. 42 stand good.

Sd. Adi K Irani

Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

The contents of the two Circular letters, issued on 7th and 15th August, and the one issued on 29th August through Eruch, were mainly circulated to lovers of Baba through the various Group Heads. In addition, copies were sent directly from here to those known to us as having no contact with the Group Heads.

These letters pertained to the three crucial months (August, September, October) of Baba's Universal Work at Meherazad, with Baba being infinitely burdened and wishing none to disturb Him with personal or other problems either through correspondence or visits. These letters also emphasized amongst other things, the importance of guarding against Maya's tricks, obeying Baba implicitly, and holding on to Baba's daaman till the very end.

On 7th October at Meherazad, in continuation of these letters, Baba expressed His wishes for all concerned to be notified of the following:—

First and foremost, the present most critical and important phase of Baba's Universal work will end on 28th of October.

And secondly, the result of this Work will unfold by the end of this year.

During November and December, Baba will continue His universal work and will be busy in His own way. He therefore wants all His lovers to help Him in this work by strictly keeping in mind His following wishes:

- (1) Till December end, none should write to Baba, and none should pay a visit to Baba (nor express the desire to do so), except those whom Baba instructs to write or calls for His work.

- (2) Those who might be instructed to write or come to Meherazad, should take great care not to disturb Him with their private affairs or difficulties.
- (3) Adi has been permitted to inform Baba in the matter of serious illness or death among Baba-lovers, but those sending such information to Adi must bear in mind not to expect a message or instructions from Baba.
- (4) Those of the mandali residing at Meherazad are not allowed to leave Meherazad till December end.
- (5) Special duties and instructions given by Baba to mandali at Meherazad are to be faithfully carried out by them till the end of October.
- (6) All those who had volunteered to do “jap” at various places in India and elsewhere need NOT continue the “jap” after October end.

Baba emphasizes that during the months of November and December, any disturbance of any nature from any quarter (mandali or otherwise) is absolutely undesirable. Many will be expecting or hoping to see Baba or write to Him after October end—all concerned must curb their impatience and desire in order to uphold Baba’s wish.

Sd. Adi K. Irani
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

FAST & SILENCE

Baba wants that everyone should observe silence and fast for 24 hours beginning from 8 p.m. on 27th October and ending at 8 p.m. on 28th October. During these 24 hours one can take usual quantity of coffee or tea twice and water freely.

This is to all of you who love Me and obey Me, as well as to all those who would do so. Most particularly it is to all of you who have replied in the affirmative (YES), stating your resolution to obey Me and hold fast to My 'daaman' under all circumstances, and irrespective of whatever may happen or may not happen, to stick to Me to the very end.

This obeying Me and holding on to Me denotes on your part complete and unconditional surrenderance to My Will and as such requires from Me no statement, no clarification or declaration, regarding the import or results of My universal working in this World or the three worlds and beyond. Whatever I may say or may not say; do, undo, or not do; My lovers' trust in Me and resignation to My Will cannot seek from Me a reason or explanation. But, because of My love for you My dear ones who are part and parcel of My Infinite Self, I state the following:—

The infinitely crucial phase of My Work has been completed to My entire satisfaction, on the 28th of October as stated by Me. The essential period of work to follow, will end equally satisfactorily on the 24th of December.

The result of this My work will be 100% established on the 24th of December.

This result will manifest in two stages: My Humiliation, and My Glorification.

In the stage of Humiliation, the measure of your love for Me and your preparedness to obey Me will be tested, not by Me but by the phase of Humiliation itself. Blessed will be those among you who will hang on to My 'daaman' through it all, emerging triumphant in the divine glory of My Love.

The stage of Glorification to follow, will be when I

break My Silence with the divine Word—THE WORD that will indisputably assert the existence of God, in the mind and heart of man; that will make the world know that God not only exists, but that HE ALONE exists, infinitely and eternally.

I will break My Silence and give the Word in 1960— in any month, on any day, at any moment.

The work ending on 28th October can be compared to the amassing and arranging in a universal heap the accumulated rubbish of man's ignorance in illusion that enmeshes him in the false and prevents him from realizing his true identity.

The result to be 'established' on 24th December, will be as My applying the match to this Rubbish-heap.

The stage of Humiliation to follow will be as the SMOKE that will first result, getting into your eyes and 'blinding' you, creating confusion and trying to envelop you. Do not let it confound you or get you in a panic.

The FIRE that will follow will clear away all the smoke of doubt and confusion, its Light will reveal the One Truth that Is, and all that is not will perish in its consuming flames. This is My Glorification.

Do not worry. Be happy in My Love and continue to hold fast to My 'daaman' to the very end. Rest assured that all will be Divinely well. God does not abandon those who trust Him. They who love Me and obey Me as I should be loved and obeyed, will one day be similarly loved and obeyed. Those who have today willingly chosen to become My slaves, will become true masters tomorrow.

My everlasting love to you each

— MEHER BABA

To His above message, Baba wishes me to add that the work of these five months has been a tremendous strain on His

health. Therefore, although He will not be ‘secluded’ after December end, He wishes that you do not visit Him, nor disturb Him with letters or requests for interviews, advice and explanations during the month of January. By observing this restraint you will be helping Him, and He wants that you do so happily and willingly.

Sd. Adi K. Irani
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

Avatar Meher Baba will be leaving Guruprasad, Poona on June 20th to be at Meherazad-Pimpalgaon (Ahmednagar). He directs me to inform all Baba-families and concerned as follows:—

(1) From the 10th of June Baba will stop giving Darshan and will NOT be available to visitors, local or otherwise, till the end of 1960.

(2) From July 1st till the end of the year, Baba will remain completely secluded at Meherazad. During that period of six months, except for those whom He will call expressly for some work, no one should visit Him or express a desire to do so.

(3) No one should correspond with Baba till the end of the year. Only in case of emergency, a *reply prepaid* telegram direct to Baba, is permitted. However, anyone may remain in touch with Adi K. Irani, King's Road, Ahmednagar, through correspondence.

(4) On this 10th of July, the 35th anniversary of His Silence, Baba wishes all who love and obey Him, and all who would want to do so, to observe complete silence for 24 hours, from 8 p.m. of 9th July to 8 p.m. of 10th July, in accordance with the local time.

(5) From 20th June 1960 the telegraphic address will be: MEHERBABA, Ahmednagar.

Sd. Adi K. Irani
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

This is to all of you who love Me and obey Me, and as well as to all those who would do so. Most particularly it is to all of you who have replied in the affirmative (YES), stating your resolution to obey Me and hold fast to My 'daaman' under all circumstances, and irrespective of whatever may or may not happen, to stick to Me to the very end.

I want you all My lovers to take this period of My Seclusion as most important from all angles.

I want you to help Me by helping one another through practicing greater tolerance towards all, even towards those who cause you provocation. I want you to do this through love and not through compulsion.

I want you to live in accord and to maintain cordial relations with all especially during these six months of My Seclusion which will test to the utmost your forbearance, thus making you aware of the extent of your love for Me.

I want you to know that I will definitely break My Silence; and I want you to cling to My 'daaman' till the very end, irrespective of whether I speak or not. I **am** the Highest of the High, and want you to love Me not for any spiritual or material gain, nor for the impending breaking of My Silence and My Manifestation, but I want you to love Me for Myself, as being God in human form.

I want you to remain undisturbed and unshaken by the force of life's currents, for whatever the circumstances they too will be of My own creation.

I want you to remain absorbed as much as possible in thinking of Me during My Seclusion of six months, when circumstances will be so created during this period that they will try to drift you away from Me. This is the reason why I have

repeatedly stressed, while at Guruprasad, that the time has come when I want you all to cling to My ‘daaman’ with both hands—in case the grip of one hand is lost, your other hand will serve in good stead.

And lastly, I want you all to remember NOT to disturb Me in any way during My Seclusion, not even by writing to Me to acknowledge this or to reaffirm your love for Me.

My LOVE to you each

— MEHER BABA

Sd. ADI K. IRANI
Disciple & Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

Meherazad

My Silence must break. There is no escape for it.

I shall not lay down My body until I have given the WORD to the world.

Of My own I shall not break My Silence; Universal Crisis will make Me do so. When the Crisis will reach its absolute culmination, it will make Me utter the WORD at the moment.

Circumstances are converging and fast gathering momentum towards precipitating the right moment, which will come completely unawares—at any time, any hour, any day. That Moment is not far away.

As I am the PIVOT of the Universe, the full pressure of the universal upheaval will bear on Me, and correspondingly My suffering will be so infinitely overwhelming that the WORD will escape from out of the Silence.

Remain completely resigned to My WILL, and do not let any circumstance or situation shake loose your grip from My ‘daaman.’ I shall not come out of My Seclusion until I break My Silence. The Divine Moment for giving the WORD is not far off.

— MEHER BABA

Sd. Adi K. Irani
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

NOTE:

Baba's wish that none should disturb Him in His Seclusion will continue to stand good for as long as He prolongs His present Seclusion. This means that the existing restrictions of No-Visitors, No-Darshans and No-correspondence will continue irrespective of the place where Baba may be during His Seclusion.

During the Seclusion none should visit Him, except any whom He may call expressly at any time for His work; and none should express a desire to visit Him.

Only in case of emergency such as serious illness or death, a **reply prepaid** telegram direct to Baba is permitted—otherwise no one should correspond with Baba. However, any one may remain in touch with Adi K. Irani, King's Road, Ahmednagar, through correspondence.

Please note the telegraphic address: "MEHERBABA—Ahmednagar."

As far as Baba's present Seclusion is concerned, I may mention (for your personal interest and information) that His Seclusion work seems to have greatly told upon His health.

Sd. Adi. K. Irani

Issued on 25-11-1960

MEHER BABA'S WISH

BABA wishes all who love Him, to know that:

(1) They should repeat any one name of God 500 times daily for 21 days, from the 26th of December 1960 through the 15th of January 1961. This repetition should be of any one Name only—the Name most close to their heart.

(2) Under any circumstances, they must fast for 24 hours during these 21 days.

(3) To the MEN, Baba gives the option of fasting for any number of days, at one stretch, during the 21 days. The WOMEN are given the option of fasting at the most for five days only—i.e. they must NOT fast for more than five days during the period of 21 days.

Those undertaking to observe the Fast for any prolonged period after the 24 hours, should do so entirely on their own responsibility, without risking and affecting their health, job or Baba-work. Baba does not want His lovers to observe a prolonged fast by neglecting their responsibilities towards their family and friends.

(4) Whether one fasts for 24 hours or more, the Fast so observed should be done at one stretch—without letting any gaps occur in between the fasting.

The person fasting should drink plain water and 'sherbet' (syrup and water) or 'weak tea' (tea without milk), as many times a day as desired.

(5) Smoking, and intake of necessary medicines, is allowed during the Fast. Baba also allows those fasting over 24 hours to take tobacco or snuff if they are in the habit of doing so.

(6) On the 16th of January the accompanying Card should be filled in a clear hand and posted to Adi K. Irani (King's Road, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, India), without sending any letter with it.

(7) No one should write here anything regarding the observance of this Fast. Each lover is asked to use his or her discretion in deciding on a prolonged fast; for, Baba wants each one to note carefully that the Fast must not be of more than 24 hours if circumstances do not permit.

Brotherly,
Sd. Adi K. Irani
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

Meherazad
Ahmednagar
9th February 1961

Dear Brother Sister,

Beloved Baba has given a message for His sixty-seventh Birthday to be sent to all His dear ones in the East and West to reach each by or on the 25th February, the date of His birth on earth.

Here is MEHER BABA'S MESSAGE with His love, to all who love Him:—

“I AM THE ONE WHO IS ALWAYS LOST AND FOUND AMONG MANKIND. IT IS YOUR LOVE FOR YOURSELF THAT LOSES ME AND IT IS YOUR LOVE FOR ME THAT FINDS ME. LOVE ME ABOVE EVERYTHING, FOR NOW WHILE I AM IN YOUR MIDST I AM MOST EASILY FOUND AS I REALLY AM.”

Brotherly
Sd. **Adi K. Irani**
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

15-2-1961

Dear Brother/Sister,

Avatar Meher Baba will be in Poona for some months from about the 15th of March 1961.

Baba wants all His lovers to know and to bear in mind that none should come to see Him for **any** purpose, much less for His Darshan or for private visits to Guruprasad at any time during His stay in Poona.

For reasons of His very strict Seclusion and very bad health, Baba expressly wants all His lovers to help keep Him absolutely undisturbed throughout His stay in Poona—until such time as Baba, **on His own**, asks anyone to see Him for His work at Meherazad or Poona.

In short, please note that the Beloved will continue to remain in strict Seclusion irrespective of where He may be residing, at Meherazad-Ahmednagar, or at Poona or at any other place.

BABA FROM HIS SECLUSION SENDS HIS LOVE TO ALL WHO FASTED FOR ANY DURATION BETWEEN 26TH DECEMBER, 1960 AND 16TH JANUARY 1961.

Those who have fasted, but have not yet posted their “fast-slips” to Adi K. Irani, should please do so as soon as this reminder reaches them.

Brotherly

Sd. Adi K. Irani
Disciple & Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

AVATAR MEHER BABA will be leaving Guruprasad, Poona, in the first week of August, to be at Meherazad-Pimpalgaon (Ahmednagar) where He will indefinitely continue His Seclusion undisturbed by visits from anyone. Baba also desires that no one should correspond with Him on any matter, except by a **reply prepaid** telegram in case of emergency. From the 1st of August 1961 the telegraphic address will be Meherbaba, Ahmednagar.

On 10th July 1961, the 36th Anniversary of His Silence, Baba wishes all who love and obey Him and all who would want to do so, to observe complete silence for 24 hours beginning from 8 o'clock on the morning of Sunday, the 9th to 8 o'clock on the morning of 10th July, in accordance with the local time.

Sd. ADI K. IRANI
Disciple & Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

During Meher Baba's stay at Guruprasad in Poona in 1960, a number of His lovers from the District of Hamirpur, U.P., expressed a long-felt desire to have a life-size statue made of Him during His life-time, and house it in a Mandir built for it in the village of Nauranga, so that His appearance should be preserved in a permanent material for succeeding generations.

Being the slave He is of the love of His lovers, Baba acceded to His lovers' wish, but at the same time warned them against making His statue a focus of empty ceremonial worship, and not to call the building which housed it a Mandir (Temple) but a Dham (House or Abode); reminding them of what He had often said regarding temples and ceremonies, that the real House of God is the heart, and the real worship is that service done in love to one's fellow-beings.

The Dham was built, but the installation of the statue was deferred until the Annual Mela this year November 25-27, when Baba sent word to them that over the entrance of Meher Dham should be written in large letters:

“I BELONG TO NO RELIGION. MY RELIGION IS
LOVE. EVERY HEART IS MY TEMPLE.
ALTHOUGH IT IS IN LOVE THAT YOU HAVE
BUILT THIS HOUSE OF STONE I AM ONLY IN IT
WHEN YOUR HEART BRINGS ME HERE.”

And inside the building should be written:

“ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT CEREMONIES
COVER ME BUT PURE WORSHIP REVEALS ME.”

He also sent two Messages to be read out to all who gathered for the Occasion:

“On this particular Occasion I will be amongst you as one of My own lovers.”

“All those who surrender themselves in love to Me will see and adore and realize the Reality behind My Form.”

Baba says that the strain of His seclusion has told upon His health very badly. He also says that wherever He will be His strict seclusion will continue till He breaks His Silence.

Sd. ADI K. IRANI
Secretary & Disciple
Avatar Meher Baba

All lovers of Avatar Meher Baba in the East and West are eagerly awaiting the word from Baba regarding the possibility of His giving them darshan sometime this summer during His stay in Poona. In response to this, beloved Baba has directed me to send out this Circular to all His lovers conveying the following:—

- (1) Baba will be in Poona at Guruprasad Bungalow, 24 Bund Garden Road, from the 31st of March till the 30th of June 1962.
- (2) Baba will NOT give His darshan in May 1962 or any time during His stay of three months in Guruprasad, Poona. During this period, except those whom He will call expressly for some work, no one should visit Him or express a desire to do so.
- (3) Baba says that His Seclusion will continue to remain as strict as now and He wants His lovers to continue to help Him remain undisturbed whether He is in Seclusion in Poona or in Ahmednagar or elsewhere.
- (4) Baba will return to Meherazad, Ahmednagar on the 1st of July 1962.

IMPORTANT: Attention please!

- (5) Baba with the men mandali will make a special visit to Guruprasad, Poona—on the 30th of October 1962 expressly to give darshan to His Western and Eastern lovers for seven days from the 1st of November 1962.
- (6) Baba wants all concerned to bear in mind that His permission to visit Him at that time in November will be only for His lovers, who are close to Him in His love, and is not meant for the general public.

- (7) Baba has lovingly agreed to allow all His lovers from the East and the West to visit Him in His Seclusion during the period of seven days from the 1st of November to the 7th of November 1962, between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Lovers from overseas ONLY will be allowed to visit Baba at Guruprasad Bungalow, Poona—each morning from 9:30 a.m., to 11 a.m. in addition to the afternoon sessions. Easterners must NOT visit Baba in the mornings. They should visit between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. only.

Baba wants all to strictly abide by His following wishes:—

- (a) Baba will not see any lovers individually.
- (b) Baba says that only those who can afford conveniently to make the trip may do so being mindful not to risk their health and jobs.
- (c) Baba says that those unable to make the trip due to unfavorable circumstances should not feel upset but remain resigned in His love.
- (d) Baba does NOT wish any of His lovers to write to anyone at Meherazad or to Adi K. Irani any problems or queries regarding his visit.

Any lover of Baba who wants to come to Poona (during the period) and can afford to make the trip is free to do so. None should seek or expect to receive any special permission or instructions from this end. Each one visiting must understand that he or she comes on his or her own responsibility in every respect.

- (e) Baba wants His lovers fully to help keep His Seclusion undisturbed by:
 - (i) Not seeking nor expecting to have an Interview with Him.

- (ii) Not seeking His advice on personal problems of oneself or others.
- (iii) Not putting questions to Him, spiritual or otherwise, nor expecting any spiritual discourses.
- (f) Baba wants all those coming to Poona to make their own arrangements as regards conveyance, stay, food and other personal comforts. These arrangements must be seen to by the persons concerned without seeking the least aid from resident mandali at Meherazad, from Adi or his office.
- (g) Baba says that by observing all these points His lovers will help Him to keep intact His Seclusion, and therefore those deciding to visit Him must come fully determined to please Baba by observing His wishes.

(Sd.) ADI K. IRANI
Secretary & Disciple
Avatar Meher Baba

IN REFERENCE TO L.C. NO. 52

All lovers of Avatar Meher Baba in the East and the West must note very carefully that Baba has curtailed the duration of the November 1962 Darshan Program from seven days to FOUR days. Baba wants all concerned to know that He will hold the darshan program in Poona for only FOUR days beginning from the 1st of November 1962. All those coming for the occasion are free to leave Poona on the 5th as Baba will NOT be available after the 4th of November.

Your special attention is drawn to the fact that apart from the change of date due to curtailment of the program to four days, all other points in L.C. No. 52 stand good.

The Avatar Meher Baba Poona Center will try to help you in making your arrangements of stay in Poona during the November Darshan period, provided each Baba Center is ready to co-operate and takes careful note of the following:—

(1) Some sort of sheltered accommodation for stay in Poona from 31st October to the 4th November 1962 could be arranged provided intimation by the Group-heads is sent to Shri. K. K. Ramakrishnan, Secretary, Avatar Meher Baba Poona Center, 107/5, Range Hills, Kirkee, Poona-3, well in advance and not later than 15th September 1962.

(2) The charges for such Lodging will be approximately Rs. 4/- per adult for a full or partial stay from 31st October to 5th November. Children can be accommodated for half the rate. This does not include food arrangement.

(3) Special hotel arrangements for individuals and families can be made, if available on their arrival, at the minimum rate of Rs. 6/- per head per day for board and lodging.

(4) It is absolutely essential that the Group-head of each Baba Center (and in the case of Andhra and U.P. the main Centers) takes upon himself the duty of providing information to K. K. Ramakrishnan, Secretary, A.M.B.P.C., 107/5, Range Hills, Kirkee, Poona-3, about the total number of Baba-lovers (men, women and children) definitely visiting Poona and wanting to avail themselves of the above mentioned facilities. This information must necessarily reach not later than 15th September, 1962; also particulars of the number of days stay, with the dates of arrival and departure, will be appreciated.

(5) Information regarding the number of Baba-lovers (men, women and children) who would wish to make lodging arrangements on their own should be furnished separately.

(6) In order to save unnecessary work for K.K. Ramakrishnan and the workers of Avatar Meher Baba Poona Center all correspondence pertaining to this matter must be supplied to K.K. Ramakrishnan direct **through the respective Group-heads** of the different Baba Centers. Correspondence by individuals with individual requests will **not** be taken into consideration.

(7) It is Baba's wish that those contemplating a partial stay, that is, less than four days, should come to Poona for the **FIRST PART** of the Darshan period of four days.

(Sd.) ADI K. IRANI
Disciple & Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

On the 10th of July 1962, the 37th Anniversary of His Silence, Avatar Meher Baba wishes all who love and obey Him and all who would want to do so, to observe complete Silence for 24 hours beginning from midnight of the 9th of July to midnight of the 10th of July, in accordance with the local time.

Those who, for practical reasons, find that it is not possible to observe silence for the 24 hours on Tuesday the 10th of July 1962, should instead observe complete fast for twelve hours on that day, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. During this fast nothing must be consumed—not even water. Those who are fasting for the 12 hours on July 10th, should also observe partial fast in the morning from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. by taking only one cup of tea or coffee, before beginning their complete fast at 8:00 a.m.

Baba sends His Love Blessing to each one of His lovers for the Silence Day.

(Sd.) ADI K. IRANI
Secretary & Disciple
Avatar Meher Baba

IMPORTANT INTIMATION TO ALL LOVERS OF BABA
VISITING GURUPRASAD POONA,
FOR THE EAST-WEST GATHERING
FROM 1ST TO 4TH NOVEMBER 1962

Avatar Meher Baba wants me to draw the attention of all His lovers visiting Him from different parts of the world, to the fact that they should come with the sole idea of enjoying His PRESENCE collectively, and NOT hope or want to ask for any individual personal attention or guidance from Him—regarding any matter concerning themselves or their families and friends or in connection with Baba work or Group and Center activities. No question should be asked, spiritual or otherwise.

Baba says that this November Gathering will be uniquely different from any of the past Sahavases or Darshans, and He therefore stresses that any expectations other than just being in His Presence would be an intrusion into the atmosphere that Baba desires, and would cause the person thus intruding to lose the real benefit of being in Baba's Presence.

During this sole Program of simply being in Baba's Presence in the Pandal (Awning) from 3:00 to each afternoon, there will be the reading out of Messages 6:00 given by Baba specially for the occasion, and reciting of the Arti. Carefully note that apart from the Poona bhajan group's usual singing at darshan time, and one qawwali & burrakatha & bhajan program already fixed by Baba, He does NOT wish any individuals or groups to offer or request to sing, perform or recite for Baba during the November Gathering.

Baba says that to be actively in His Presence means taking one's place along with the rest of the lovers in the Pandal during

this East-West Gathering, and not crowding or edging towards His seat.

Baba says He will embrace each person once, on the first day of the Gathering. After this embrace each one should return to one's own seat in the Pandal.

If each one maintains this discipline of Baba's wishes, not only will that person derive the most benefit from Baba's Presence, but will also help Baba and the whole of the assembly.

BABA sends His Love to you each.

(Sd.) ADI K. IRANI
Disciple & Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

NOTES:—

- (a) Baba will not be available at Guruprasad to any visitors from Poona or from anywhere in India or Pakistan during the morning sessions of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th November 1962. Therefore NO Easterner should visit Guruprasad before 2:00 p.m. on each day of the four days of Gathering.
- (2) The morning sessions at Guruprasad are exclusively reserved by Baba for the benefit of Westerners.
- (3) None of the Easterners should visit the Westerners at their hotels in Poona, because Baba does NOT want them to be disturbed. Only the workers and doctors are permitted by Baba to visit the Westerners in their hotels to carry out duties assigned to them.
- (4) Baba does NOT wish the Easterners coming for the November Gathering to visit His boyhood home at

Dastur Meher Road in Poona Camp. However, those who have NOT been there before and wish to pay their FIRST visit to the “Baba Room” they may do so.

For reason of His very important universal work, Avatar Meher Baba wishes that Meher Centers in India and elsewhere do NOT have any sort of celebration for His 69th Birthday in February 1963. However, lovers of Baba are permitted to send Birthday greeting to Him, by telegram.

Baba wants His lovers to spread far and wide His Message of Love and Truth, in the spirit of His messages “My Dear Children” and “My Dear Workers” given by Him during the East-West gathering at Poona in November 1962.

During the year 1963, Baba wishes His lovers NOT to write any letters to Him, and also NOT to write to any of the men or women mandali residing with Him. In case of emergency a direct communication may be sent to Baba, by telegram only. Such a telegram must simply be addressed: MEHERBABA AHMEDNAGAR, and *must always be accompanied by a reply-paid form* which must sufficiently cover the cost of a reply.

Baba sends His Love-Blessing.

(Sd.) ADI K. IRANI
Secretary & Disciple
Avatar Meher Baba

NOTE:

It is essential to know and comply that any Baba writings in any language intended to be printed should first be sent here for approval.

This Circular is for Easterners only. Westerners are not permitted to come to see Baba in Poona this year, as they were given special opportunities for Baba's close contact at the East-West Gathering last November.

Some of the Eastern lovers of Avatar Meher Baba could not participate in the East-West Gathering in November last and they are eagerly awaiting the word from Baba regarding the possibility of His giving them darshan sometime this summer during His stay at Guruprasad in Poona. In response to this, Baba has directed me to send out to all His lovers the following:

(1) Baba will be in Poona at Guruprasad bungalow, 24 Bund Garden Road, from the 24th March through the end of June 1963.

(2) Baba wants His lovers to continue to help Him remain undisturbed during His stay at Guruprasad by not visiting Him contrary to His wishes as mentioned hereunder.

(3) Baba permits His lovers, if they wish and can easily afford to do so, to visit Him at Guruprasad on Sundays, on and from 14th April.

The visiting hours will be only from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on all the ten Sundays of the following dates:—

April: 14th, 21st and 28th.

May: 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.

June: 2nd, 9th and 16th.

(4) Baba does not wish His lovers to visit Him at Guruprasad after the 16th of June 1963. Baba will leave Poona on the 30th of June for Ahmednagar.

(5) Baba wants all concerned to bear in mind that His permission to visit Him on the specified Sundays is not meant for the general public but is only for His Eastern lovers who are eager to see Him with love and who can conveniently afford to make the trip to Poona to do so.

(6) Baba wants all visitors visiting Him on the specified Sundays, to abide by His following wishes:—

- (a) that no one should expect Baba to see anyone individually.
- (b) that no one should seek or expect to have an interview with Baba.
- (c) that no one should seek Baba's advice on personal problems of oneself or others.
- (d) that no one should put questions to Baba, spiritual or otherwise, nor expect any spiritual discourses.
- (e) that no one who cannot afford conveniently should make the trip to see Him. And that those unable to make the trip due to unfavorable circumstances should not feel upset but remain resigned in Baba's LOVE.

(7) Baba wants His lovers to bear in mind that His permission to visit Him on specified Sundays is given especially to those who missed visiting Him during the East-West Gathering in November 1962. However, Baba also permits His other Eastern lovers who did come to Poona in November last but for reasons of duty allotted to them or otherwise could not approach Baba to their entire satisfaction. In short whosoever wants to visit Baba at Guruprasad is permitted to do so but only on the specified Sundays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. None should therefore seek or expect to receive any special permission or instructions from this end. Each one visiting Baba must understand that he or she comes on his or her own

responsibility in every respect, also being mindful of one's health and job.

(8) Baba says that by observing all these points His lovers will help Him to stay undisturbed at Guruprasad during this summer.

(9) Lastly, in response to the many Birthday Greetings, telegrams and cables that He received on 25th February, beloved Baba directs me to convey to all His lovers in India and abroad that He was touched by the love of His lovers and that He sends His Love and Blessing through this Circular.

(Sd.) ADI K. IRANI
Secretary & Disciple
Avatar Meher Baba

On the 10th of July 1963, the 38th Anniversary of His Silence, **Avatar Meher Baba** wishes all who love and obey Him and all who would want to do so, to observe complete Silence for 24 hours beginning from midnight of the 9th of July to midnight of the 10th of July, in accordance with the local time.

Those who, for practical reasons, find that it is not possible to observe silence for the 24 hours on Wednesday the 10th of July 1963 should instead observe complete fast for twelve hours on that day, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. During this fast nothing must be consumed—not even water. Those who are fasting for the 12 hours on July 10th, should also observe partial fast in the morning from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., by taking only one cup of tea or coffee, before beginning their complete fast at 8:00 a.m.

Baba sends His Love Blessing to each one of His lovers for the Silence Day.

(Sd.) ADI K. IRANI
Disciple & Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

Avatar Meher Baba directs me to send out to all His lovers the following message from Him:

“I will be in Poona from 1st April to the end of June 1964. For reasons of My own, I will NOT give darshan to anyone this year. I will be going to Poona for relaxation and I want to be left completely undisturbed. Therefore, no one should visit Poona this summer with a view to see Me.

“No one should approach Me or seek permission to approach Me. Neither should anyone write to Me or cable or telegraph to Me during My Poona stay and for the rest of the year; but in case of emergency a cable or telegram is permitted.

“A number of you who have been looking forward keenly to see Me in Poona this year may be upset at not being allowed to see Me; but I have previously told you that you should hold fast to My daaman under all circumstances—and not seeing Me is one of the circumstances.

“This year will be the climax of My suffering; but 1965 will be a glorious year for Me and for My lovers.”

— Meher Baba

Avatar Meher Baba wishes His lovers to pass on the information contained in this Circular to all concerned; so as to help Him remain completely undisturbed during this year.

(Sd.) ADI K. IRANI
Secretary & Disciple
Avatar Meher Baba

On the 10th of July 1964, the 39th Anniversary of His Silence, AVATAR MEHER BABA wishes all who love and obey Him and all who would want to do so, to observe complete Silence for 24 hours beginning from midnight of the 9th of July to midnight of the 10th of July, in accordance with the local time.

Those who, for practical reasons, find that it is not possible to observe Silence for the 24 hours on Friday the 10th of July 1964, should instead observe complete fast for twelve hours on that day, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. During this fast nothing must be consumed—not even water. Those who are fasting for the 12 hours on July 10th, should also observe partial fast in the morning from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. by taking only one cup of tea or coffee (with or without milk), before beginning their complete fast at 8:00 a.m.

BABA sends His Love and Blessing to each one of His lovers for the Silence Day.

(Sd.) **Adi K. Irani**
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

Dear Brother/Sister,

I reproduce hereunder the sense of the contents of a letter of 30th May 1964, I received from our enthusiastic and vigorous Baba lover and worker Shri Amar Singh Saigal, M.P., 169 North Avenue, New Delhi.

You learnt from the recent Family Letter and from reports published in 'Divya Vani' and 'Meher Pukar' that the way the 70th Birthday of Avatar Meher Baba was celebrated in a number of important towns of India, not only delighted the hearts of Baba lovers all over the country, but did not escape notice of Baba, in spite of His strict seclusion. All this was made possible by the untiring efforts of some of Baba lovers who place the Avatar's work much higher than personal considerations.

There is something exceptional about how some of Baba lovers do the work. Those of Baba Group, Karachi, in spite of the grave risk involved, managed to celebrate undauntedly the Avatar's Birthday in Karachi, in a most unusual manner, and later had the Arti "Meher Mana Arti Swikaro" of Avatar Meher Baba relayed by Radio Pakistan.

The purpose of sending out this letter is to see that Baba lovers all over become possessed of a determination to fight their way, overcoming self-consciousness and timidity and spread Baba's messages with open mind and heart. This is necessary at a crucial period when the time of His Manifestation is near.

Baba is in seclusion and does not grant darshan; but this should give us a greater incentive to act vigorously, to do His work bigger and better. Let us become instrumental in enlightening the world with Baba's message of love, truth and honesty and also that He suffers for the world universally inwardly, and that they may learn to suffer for others by treading the path of love, truth and honesty. They are indeed lucky, who, during the life-time of the Avatar, act as His instruments

to spread His name and message. They would leave for posterity a lesson of unflinching loyalty and love for truth and honesty. They would in fact be honored as being responsible to hold aloft the torch of Light and Love in face of the thickening clouds of darkness, disease, discord and defeat.

May Baba's Name act as your beacon light on the path of Truth, as you proceed wholeheartedly.

Adi K. Irani
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

Avatar Meher Baba directs me to let all His lovers (Easterners) know that He will give Darshan in Poona for only 6 days from 1st May to 6th May, 1965, despite His very weak health.

Baba says that His Universal Work has increased many fold and His Universal Suffering has also increased proportionately, and this is now telling greatly upon His physical health. But Baba also says, "This body will not drop till one year after I break My Silence. What could be more glorious than My suffering for all humanity!"

Besides the continuous pain in His hip-joint and His inability to walk freely, He has had since the last many months, pain in the cervical spine, i.e. in the nape of the neck and extending down to the shoulders. Of late the pain has become intense.

The point of view of the doctors who have been attending Baba recently, is that He should NOT give Darshan at all in May. Notwithstanding their opinion, Baba wants to give His Darshan to His lovers. And so the doctors have urged Baba to at least restrict the days and hours of Darshan, and not to allow His lovers to approach Him too closely in order to avoid any jerky movement to His neck caused inadvertently.

ALL THOSE ATTENDING THE DARSHAN PROGRAM SHOULD CAREFULLY NOTE AND ABIDE BY THE WISHES OF BABA, AS UNDER:

- (1) On the 1st of May, 1965, Baba will give Darshan in the morning from 8:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. (three hours only) at the Avatar Meher Baba Poona Center Hall, 441/1-2, Somwar Peth, Poona-2 (in front of Shahu Swimming Pool behind K.E.M. Hospital).

- (2) On the subsequent 5 days from 2nd May to 6th May, 1965 Baba will give darshan for TWO HOURS ONLY, in the morning, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Guruprasad Bungalow, 24-Bund Garden Road, Poona-1.
- (3) After 6th May 1965, Baba will NOT be available to His lovers during His stay in Poona.
- (4) Baba expressly wishes all His lovers visiting Guruprasad for His Darshan to leave Guruprasad premises immediately after the Darshan program ends each day at 11:00 a.m.
- (5) None of His lovers should seek to have, or request Baba to give, any personal or private interview. He cannot be available for more than two hours on each day of the 5 days fixed for the Darshan at Guruprasad.
- (6) During the Darshan hours, none should seek to have Baba's embrace or to touch Him except His Feet. Those who bring garlands should be content to place them at His Feet. This time Baba will permit all the Darshanarthi to bow down on His Feet during the opportunity given to them on any of the 6 days. Each lover should be mindful to quickly make room for the next in queue to have his or her turn of Darshan of Baba. This will hold good also for the "new" lovers approaching Baba for the first time.
- (7) All lovers may come to Guruprasad for as many days of Darshan period as they wish—but Baba wishes that each Darshanarthi should be content with bowing down on His Feet or greeting Him with folded hands ONCE ONLY.
- (8) Baba does not wish to have any special singing programs or any other special programs of

entertainment this time during the two short hours of Darshan. Baba may permit the Bhajan groups present from various Meher Centers to sing to Him if He is in the mood for it. Hence no one should request Baba for any special programs at Guru-prasad.

- (9) Baba wishes His lovers, when they approach Him, to receive in silence the Love which He will give them through His Silence.

Beloved Baba was touched by the many loving Birthday Greetings, which came in from all parts and sends His Love and Blessing to you all.

(Sd.) ADI K. IRANI
Secretary & Disciple
Avatar Meher Baba

IMPORTANT

(a) Group-heads should note that the dates and times for Darshan given in Eruch's letters dated 27th November, 1964, addressed to Shri Manikyala Rao, now no longer stand, and they should try to contact all members of their Group and inform them of the new dates and times.

(b) Baba wishes that none should write to Meherazad or to Adi K. Irani, Ahmednagar inquiring about Baba's health.

On the 10th of July 1965, the 40th Anniversary of His Silence, Avatar Meher Baba wishes all who love and obey Him and all who would want to do so, to observe complete Silence for 24 hours beginning from midnight of the 9th of July to midnight of the 10th of July, in accordance with local time.

Those who, for practical reasons, find that it is not possible to observe silence for the 24 hours on Saturday the 10th of July 1965 should instead observe complete fast for twelve hours on that day, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. During this fast nothing must be consumed—not even water. Those who are fasting for the 12 hours on July 10th, should also observe partial fast in the morning from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. by taking only one cup of tea or coffee, before beginning their complete fast at 8:00 a.m.

Baba sends His Love Blessing to each one of His lovers for the Silence Day.

Sd. Adi K. Irani

Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

Note:

As Avatar Meher Baba wants to remain absolutely undisturbed, He directs that letters, whether addressed to Him or to the resident mandali, must NOT be read to Him. Accordingly, please note that any correspondence, received for Baba's attention will remain unattended.

Only in case of emergency a reply-paid telegram (fully prepaid for reply) may be sent addressed to: MEHERBABA AHMEDNAGAR.

Note:—Avatar Meher Baba and Mandali will leave Guruprasad, Poona, for Meherazad, Ahmednagar, on July 1st 1965.

On the 10th of July 1966, the 41st Anniversary of His Silence, Avatar Meher Baba wishes all who love and obey Him and all who would want to do so, to observe complete silence for 24 hours beginning from midnight of the 9th of July to midnight of the 10th July in accordance with the local time.

Baba wants all His lovers to know that the 41st Anniversary of His Silence is a very important event and as such all His lovers should observe complete silence for 24 hours on this occasion.

Avatar Meher Baba has given the following message for the 41st Anniversary of His Silence:

“God’s first Word was, ‘Who am I?’ God’s last Word is, ‘I Am God.’ And the Word that I the God-Man will utter soon will be the sound of My infinite Silence.”

Avatar Meher Baba sends His Love and Blessing to each of His lovers.

(Sd.) ADI K. IRANI
Secretary & Disciple
Avatar Meher Baba

Note: *Avatar Meher Baba wishes all His lovers to be informed that He wishes to remain undisturbed till end of 1967. During His stay in Poona (from April to June) for three months Baba will not see anyone, except those whom He has called or will specifically call for His work.*

Please circulate this message among all His lovers in your locality.

Baba lovingly permits all His lovers to celebrate His 73rd Birthday on 25th February 1967 at their respective places. Those who wish to celebrate Baba's Birthday should proceed with the preparations and celebrate the Birthday in a manner befitting to the Avatar.

AVATAR MEHER BABA'S MESSAGE

**Given for the Occasion of His 73rd Birthday
on 25th February 1967**

“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.”

Kindly circulate early to all concerned the above information on celebrating Baba's Birthday, and Baba's Message.

(Sd.) Adi K. Irani
Disciple & Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

Please note very carefully:

Avatar Meher Baba will be in Poona from 1st April to the end of June 1967. As usual, Baba will stay at “Guruprasad,” 24 Bund Road, Poona-1.

Baba wishes all His lovers to be informed that He wants to remain completely undisturbed till the end of 1967. He will not give darshan to His lovers and will not see visitors till after 1967.

After 1967 Baba will Himself announce when He will give darshan to His lovers. Therefore Baba wants His lovers not to come to Him of their own accord for His darshan before His announcement is circulated.

During His stay at “Guruprasad” in Poona for the three months (April to June 1967) Baba will see only those whom He has called or will specifically call for His Work.

On the 10th of July 1967, the 42nd Anniversary of His Silence, Avatar Meher Baba wishes all who love and obey Him and all who would want to do so, to observe complete Silence for 24 hours beginning from midnight of 9th July to midnight of the 10th July, in accordance with local time.

Those who for practical reasons, find that it is not possible to observe silence for the 24 hours on Monday the 10th of July 1967 should instead observe complete fast for twelve hours on that day, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. During this fast nothing must be consumed—not even water. Those who are fasting for the 12 hours on July 10th, should also observe partial fast on the morning of 10th by only taking one cup of tea or coffee (with or without milk) between arising and 8:00 a.m.

Baba sends His Love Blessing to each one of His lovers for the Silence Day.

(Sd.) ADI K. IRANI
Disciple & Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

Note:

As Avatar Meher Baba wants to remain absolutely undisturbed, He directs me to inform all His followers, lovers and workers that He will not attend to any correspondence other than emergency telegrams and cables, and very important letters CONCERNING BABA-WORK DIRECTLY, and none should write any more letters to me here or to members of the mandali resident with Him regarding their personal affairs or the affairs of others.

In case of emergency a reply-paid telegram or cable (fully prepaid for reply) may be sent addressed to: MEHERBABA, AHMEDNAGAR.

Baba also wishes all His lovers to note that He will not give darshan to them and will not see any visitors till after 1967. After 1967 Baba will Himself announce when He will give darshan to His lovers. Therefore Baba wants none of His lovers to come to Him of their own accord for His darshan before His announcement is circulated.

I request the group-heads of all Avatar Meher Baba Centers to inform all concerned about this matter.

Avatar Meher Baba and Mandali will leave Guruprasad, Poona, for Meherazad, Ahmednagar, on July 1st, 1967.

Avatar Meher Baba wishes all His lovers to know His Seclusion will not end on 21st November this year, but will continue until the 25th of February 1968.

Meher Baba says that the fate of the universe hangs on His Seclusion, and the redemption of mankind depends upon His Manifestation, and He wants to remain absolutely undisturbed; and so under no circumstances should anyone try to see Him unless He Himself calls anyone specially for work, or until He Himself announces that He will give darshan to His lovers.

It should carefully be noted that the restriction on correspondence continues. Baba will not attend to any correspondence, including cables and wires. Also none should write to me or to members of the resident Mandali regarding their personal affairs or the affairs of others.

After 25th February 1968, Baba will announce when He will see His lovers. Meanwhile, no one should come of his own accord to see Him—but should await Baba's own announcement.

(Sd.) **Adi K. Irani**
Disciple and Secretary
Avatar Meher Baba

Note:—

Avatar Meher Baba lovingly permits all His lovers to celebrate His Seventy-Fourth Birthday on 25th February 1968 at all Meher Baba Centers or otherwise publicly. Those who wish to celebrate Baba's Birthday should do so without expecting another intimation. As His Seventy Fourth Birthday coincides with His coming out of Seclusion it should be an occasion of great rejoicing.

Avatar Meher Baba wishes all His lovers to know that His Seclusion which was to continue until the 25th of February 1968 will continue until the 25th of March 1968, when He will complete His Seclusion.

Baba wants His lovers to know that by this date the phase of His universal work in Seclusion will end, and that there will be no further Seclusions.

Baba wants all His lovers to realize what He has said before, that the fate of the universe hangs on His Seclusion and the redemption of mankind depends upon His Manifestation. He says that His having prolonged His universal work in Seclusion is an act of His divine Compassion and Love preceding His Manifestation.

To help Him in this work, Baba wants all His lovers to recite once daily the Master's Prayer (O Parvardigar) and the Prayer of Repentance, individually or collectively, from the time they receive this Circular until the 25th of March 1968. And, also to observe complete silence for 24 hours from midnight of 16th March to midnight of 17th March 1968.

Baba wants to remain absolutely undisturbed till the 25th of March 1968. Therefore under no circumstances should any one try to visit Him unless He Himself calls any one specially for work. It should carefully be noted that the restriction on correspondence will continue and should be strictly observed.

Until such time when Baba announces that He will see His lovers or give darshan to them, no one should come of his own accord to see Him but should patiently and in Baba's Love await Baba's own announcement.

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(Sd.) Adi K. Irani
Disciple & Secretary
AVATAR MEHER BABA

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PLEASE NOTE VERY CAREFULLY

Baba wishes all His lovers, Easterners and Westerners, to keep in mind that they must not come for His darshan before His announcement is circulated.

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6:00 a.m. to 8:00	6-00 a.m. to 8-00	132	2	7-8
8:00	8-00	132	2	9
“Guruprasad,”	“Guruprasad”,	135	1	3
8:00 a.m. to 8:00	8-00 a.m. to 8-00	136	2	4
8:00	8-00	136	2	9
Centers	Centres	137	4	2
Seventy-Fourth	Seventy Fourth	138	5	2
Centers	Centres	138	5	3
and	And	140	book title	3
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4.00	4-00	140	6	2