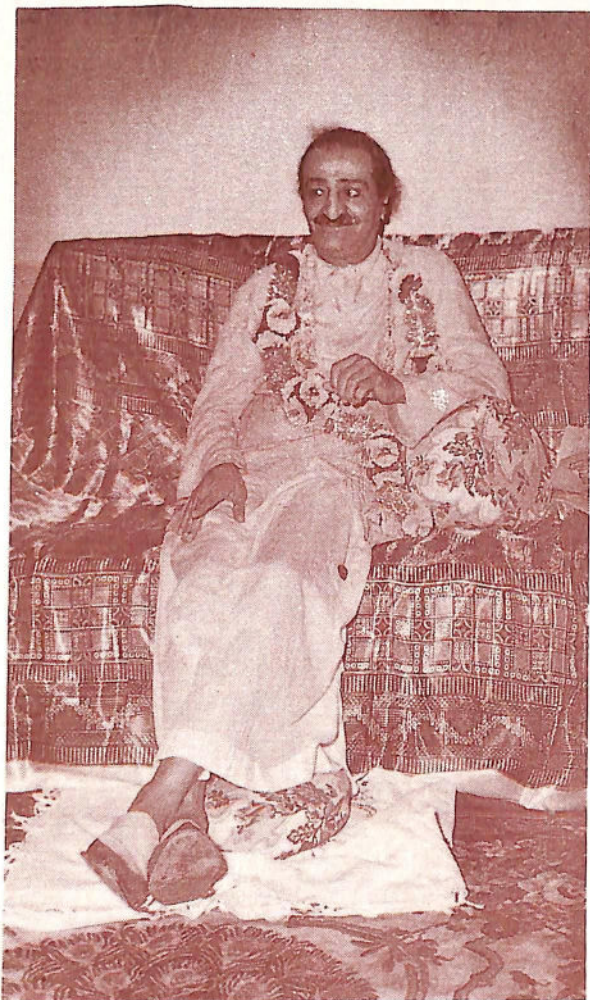


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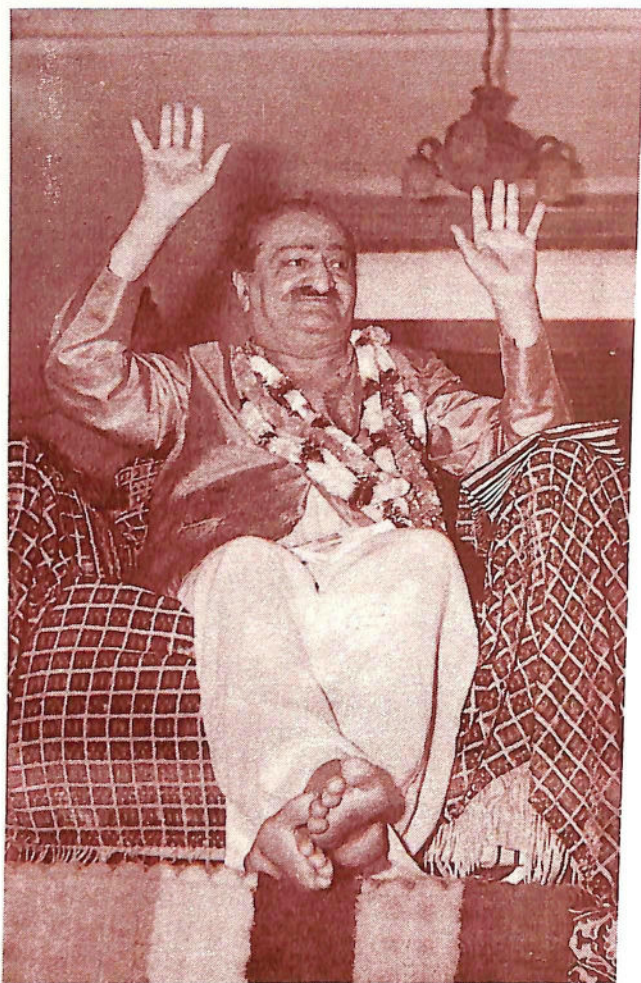
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I veil myself from man by his own curtain of ignorance, and I manifest my Glory to a few. My present Avataric Form is the last incarnation of this cycle of time, hence my Manifestation will be the greatest.

— Meher Baba

AVATAR MEHER BABA



Age after age, when the wick of Righteousness burns low, the Avatar comes yet again to rekindle the torch of Love and Truth. Age after age, amidst the clamour of disruptions, wars, fears and chaos, rings the Avatar's Call :

• 'Come All Unto Me'

The time is come and I repeat the Call and bid all come unto Me.

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Meher Baba is equally connected with Islam and its Sufism, Christianity and its Mysticism, the Orient and its Vedantism, broad Buddhism and many other such "isms" which all speak the same Divine Truth and lead to the same Divine Goal, Meher Baba is also detached and above all these divine paths.

—Meher Baba

(From Glimpses of the God-Man, Meher, Baba
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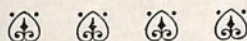
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The Book that I shall make people read is the book
of the heart, which holds the key to the mystery
of life.

—Meher Baba

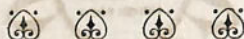


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Those who truly love me are my 'Centres' in the World. Let each Baba - lover, wherever he or she may be, be a Baba's Centre personified, radiating the eternal Message of Love Divine, living a life of love, sacrifice and honesty.

—Meher Baba.

ACTIVITIES OF AVATAR MEHER BABA TAMILNADU CENTRE, MADRAS.

Avatar Meher Baba Tamilnadu Centre has initiated several activities concerning Meher Baba's Work. It has organised gatherings on the occasion of Baba's birthday as well as Silence Anniversaries Celebrations at Madras. Dr. H. P. Bharucha of Navsari ; Shri Chagab Subbarao of Kakinada, Shri C. Y. Chintamani of Srikakulam ; Sadhu Prof. V. Rangarajan of Madras, Kaviyogi Shri. Shuddhananda Bharadwaj and others have participated in these gatherings and enlightened the public about Baba.

Our Centre has organised Exhibition of Baba books for 3 days in July '89 at Shri Sai Baba Mandir, Madras and for 10 days during October '89 in the Book Fair organised by Ramakrishna Math, Madras. Books on Baba in Indian and Foreign languages as well as His messages have been exhibited at these places.

Our Centre has organised a gathering for the first time at Calicut in Kerala on 11-1-90. Shri T. K. Ramanujam of Mangalore has addressed the gathering. It has also organised a gathering at the Kerala Gandhi Smarak Nidhi Hall in Trivendrum, Kerala on 28-2-90. Dr. H.P. Bharucha has addressed the gathering. Books on Baba as well as His messages and Photos have been displayed during these gatherings.

Our Centre has also undertaken poor feeding on the occasion of Baba's birthday at the Institutions of the Physically handicapped Children & destitute women of Andhra Mahila Sabha and Udayapur Karangal of Madras.

Our Centre has published a booklet in Tamil which gives an introduction about Baba, and another giving His messages. Translation of " Meher Baba Calling " is under print. A booklet giving Baba's Life Sketch and messages has been published in Malayalam. A booklet giving Baba's brief Life Sketch and prayers and a brochure on Baba by Dr. H. P. Bharucha have been published in English, as well as a booklet of Prayers in Telugu.

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AVATAR MEHER BABA KI JAI

My lovers in Andhra have proved themselves real workers in my cause. My name has become a household word in many parts there. The same is true of those who love me and work for me in the Hamirpur area where men, women and children go about singing songs of love for me during their daily lives, whether in the fields or at home or going to school.

—Meher Baba.

(From Listen, Humanity by Meher Baba, 1985, P. 32.)

A Brief Life Sketch of Avatar Meher Baba

(by Bal Natu)

Merwan Sheriar Irani was born to Zoroastrian parents on February 25, 1894 in Poona, India. One day in 1913, while on His way to college, Merwan was beckoned by a very old woman sitting under a neem tree. This was Hazrat Babajan, one of the five Perfect Masters (Sadgurus) of that time. After this first meeting, Merwan used to sit with her regularly for hours, especially at night. Some time in January 1914, she bestowed upon Him Divine Grace and Merwan lost consciousness of everyone and everything except the Infinite Bliss of His own Eternal Existence. Another Perfect Master, Upasani Maharaj, in 1921 established Merwan in His role and status as the Avatar of the age.

Merwan, now endearingly called Meher Baba by His followers, began a life of intense activity. As part of His Avataric work, from July 10, 1925 Meher Baba began observing silence. A few days earlier one of His disciples asked Him, "But if you keep silent, how will You teach us?" and Meher Baba answered, "I have come not to teach, but to awaken."

In spite of His silence, Meher Baba continued to serve the needs of humanity on a material as well as a spiritual level. He established Schools, hospitals and personally cared for lepers, the mad and the "masts" (those whose minds have become overpowered by their love for God).

Meher Baba travelled extensively throughout India and Pakistan, made thirteen visits to the West, and gave His personal touch to the hundreds of thousands who flocked to Him during public darshan programmes. He met with two serious automobile accidents. One in May 1952 in America near Prague, Oklahoma, the other in India, in December 1956, near Satar. He suffered excruciating physical pain. His intense suffering and helplessness were to help us in our pain and suffering.

Meher Baba established two Centers in the west. In 1952 He visited Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, U. S. A. Here He stayed at the Meher Spiritual Centre, which He called His "home" in the West. During His visit to Australia in 1958, the place where He stayed in Queensland, on Kiel Mountain, was named by Him as Avatar's Abode. These two Centres continue to welcome pilgrims from around the world who come to remember Him and are awakened more and more in His love.

Although Meher Baba observed silence, through the medium of an alphabet board (which He discarded in October, 1954) and through lively hand gestures, He dictated several books and many messages concerning each one's journey to God, God's Advent as Man, and His eternal relationship with humanity. The main books authored by Meher Baba are "God Speaks" and "Discourses". In one of His messages Meher Baba stated, "I belong to no religion". Every religion belongs to Me. My own personal religion is of My being the Ancient Infinite One and the religion I teach to all is of love for God".

Avatar Meher Baba's biography, in a broad sense, may be divided into three main phases. The "Old Life" of perfect Divinity, that placed Him on the altar of absolute Godhood and divine Perfection, was seemingly concluded on 15th October 1949. From 16th October 1949 commenced Meher Baba's "New Life" of perfect Humility when the Avatar became an "ordinary man" amongst men, travelling all over India with only a few companions, living the life of hopelessness and helplessness. Meher Baba's "New Life" phase ended in the first week of February and then commenced His "Life" Phase. This "Life phase" represented the perfect blending of Godhood and manhood into each other. In Baba's words, "This union of the old and new life states has given birth to LIFE: life that is eternally old and new."

In 1954, during His visit to the district of Hamirpur, in U. P., on February 10, 1954, Meher Baba in a very casual way spelt on His alphabet board "Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai" and raised His right hand to confirm that "Jai." Since then Meher Baba began to unequivocally assert, in public and in private, that He is God in human form-the Avatar of the Age.

Once Avatar Meher Baba was asked, "What is the most difficult thing in spiritual life?" With a disarming smile, He responded, "To be perfectly human." Characteristically, this simple and spontaneous reply is also very profound. Perhaps it holds the key to understanding the life of the Avatar Himself. For the Avatar, the God-Man, the Christ, while completely God, is also "perfectly" human. His "perfectly" human side, however, often puzzles those who have preconceived ideas of spirituality and spiritual life.

Another time, referring to the Avatar's life Baba described it as a

"Life of God in essence and that of a man in actions." The "essence" of Meher Baba's life was His inner work of giving a spiritual push to all humanity. His "actions" included not only His service to the poor, the sick and the afflicted, but also His love of music and games of all types, His enjoyment of jokes, skits, outings, and humorous movies.

Meher Baba, as the Avatar, descends to the level of each individual and has a unique relationship with every one. To seekers, He is the Goal; to some He is the Divine Mother; to some the Father; while to others He is the Friend, the Companion; and to His lovers, He is the Eternal Beloved. But invariably, He used the language of the individual's heart to call each one to Him.

As the One who is eternally sought, Avatar Meher Baba has assured all, "Don't lose heart for I am in your heart. Call on Me and I will help you." Those who accept this invitation soon find themselves drenched in His unconditional love.

Meher Baba's silence was still unbroken (except in the hearts of those responsive to His inner call) when He laid aside His physical body at Meherazad on January 31, 1969. The place where Meher Baba's body is entombed on Meherabad Hill, near Ahmednagar (Maharashtra), has now become a focal point for those who would want to love and follow Him. It is especially possible here to meet the Avatar on a personal level and establish or reconfirm an intimate relationship with Him which will help clarify the guidance He eternally gives as the Ancient One.

Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai !

MEHER BABA - THE AVATAR

By Shri K. K. Ramakrishnan, Pune

Human activities and endeavours go on driven by the ceaselessly flowing stream of thoughts and desires. They leave man no time to think about the whence and whither of life? Aimless and misdirected actions lead to conflicts, chaos and confusion in human society. And yet, consciously or unconsciously all activities of men are motivated by one desire - lasting happiness. "This is a natural desire, based fundamentally on a memory-dim or clear as the evolution of the individual soul may be low or high of its essential unity with God. For every living thing is a partial manifestation of God, conditioned only by its lack of knowledge of its own true nature"; (1)

Average man is incapable of discrimination between the real and the false or the lasting and the transient. Hence his self-centred efforts for happiness ends in excitement which gives him a passing pleasure paving the way for more pain and misery.

"Man seems more than ever enslaved by desire, more than ever driven by greed, held by fear, swept by anger. The strong dominate the weak: the rich oppress the poor: large masses of people are exploited for the benefit of the few who are in power. The individual, who finds no peace or rest, seeks to forget himself in excitement. Immorality increases, crime flourishes, religion is ridiculed. Corruption spreads throughout the social order. Class and national hatreds are aroused and fostered. Wars break out. Humanity grows desperate. There seems to be no possibility of stemming the tide of destruction." (2)

It is at this time, according to an eternally existing divine law, what men call God is made to assume a human form by the five Perfect Masters of the time as if in fulfilment of the assurance by Lord Krishna in the Bhagavat Gita: When virtue subsides and vice prevails I take birth.

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

Perfect Master, **Sadguru or Kutub**. To worship this Man is to worship God." (3)

There are at all times on this earth five Perfect Masters who guide the destinies and affairs of all men and creatures of this world and worlds invisible to us and control the formation and movement of universes beyond the reach of human mind. And at the turn of every cycle of time which comprises a period between 700 and 1400 years, these five Perfect Masters precipitate the advent of God on earth as Man.

"When God manifests on earth in the form of Man and reveals His Divinity to mankind, He is recognized as the Avatar - the Messiah - the Prophet. Thus God becomes Man." (4)

"The Avatar is always One and the Same, because God is always One and the Same, the Eternal, Indivisible, Infinite One, who manifests Himself in the form of Man as the Avatar, as the Messiah, as the Prophet, as the Ancient One—the Highest of the High. This Eternally One and the Same Avatar repeats His manifestation from time to time, indifferent cycles, adopting different human forms and different names, in different places, to reveal Truth in different garbs and different languages, in order to raise humanity from the pit of ignorance and help free it from the bondage of delusions." (5)

"I was Rama, I was Krishna, I was this One, I was that One, and now I am Meher Baba. In this form of flesh and blood I am that same Ancient One who alone is eternally worshipped and ignored, ever remembered and forgotten. I am that Ancient One whose past is worshipped and remembered; whose present is ignored and forgotten and whose future (Advent) is anticipated with great fervour and longing." (6)

"When My Universal Religion of Love is on the verge of fading into insignificance, I come to breathe life into it and to do away with the farce of dogmas that defile it in the name of religions and stifle it with ceremonies and rituals."

Through the Message "**HIGHEST OF THE HIGH**" Meher Baba made the most important and thought provoking proclamation on 7th September 1953.

"All religions of the world proclaim that there is but one God, the Father of all in creation.

I am that Father.

I have come to remind all people that they should live on earth as the children of the one Father until my Grace awakens them to the realization that they are all one without a second and that all divisions and conflicts and hatred are but a shadow-play of their own ignorance." (7)

On 10-2-1954 Meher Baba declared Himself as the Avatar of this age.

On miracles Meher Baba said: "The Sadhus, Saints, Yogis, Walis and such others who are on the *via media*, can perform miracles and satisfy the transient material needs of individuals who approach them for help and relief." (8)

"If I am the Highest of the High My Will is Law, My Wish governs the Law, and my Love sustains the Universe. Whatever your apparent calamities and transient sufferings, they are but the outcome of my Love for the ultimate good. Therefore, to approach me for deliverance from your predicaments, to expect me to satisfy your worldly desires, would be asking me to do the impossible - to undo what I have already ordained." (9)

"Know you all that if I am the Highest of the High, My role demands that I strip you of all your possessions and wants, consume all your desires and make you desireless rather than satisfy your desires. Sadhus, Saints, Yogis and Walis can give you what you want; but I take away your want and free you from attachments and liberate you from the bondage of ignorance. I am the One to take, not the One to give, what you want or as you want." (10)

Meher Baba dropped his physical body on 31st January 1969, at Meherazad. His body was carried to the tomb he had had prepared thirty years earlier at Meherabad and placed it there in an open crypt where for seven days thousands of his lovers came from various parts of the world to see their Beloved's face for the last time. On the afternoon of the seventh day the crypt was closed when the Meherabad hill was resounded with the voice of his lovers' heart, 'AVATAR MEHER BABA KI JAI'.

God being One without a second, Meher Baba is incomparable. He

is God-Man, the Avatar of our time, the Ancient One, the Highest of the High. He must be accepted in his own terms. To be in his presence is to know that he is the only reality and all else is illusion.

He repeatedly stated that he has come not to teach nor to found a new religion, but to awaken man to the consciousness of his Real Self which is God. He leaves his followers free to follow their religious beliefs and customs, but to honestly live a life of love for God, the Father of all in creation, the essential teaching of all religions. He gives no initiation, prescribes no rituals and ceremonies, no puja, mantra-tantra, japa-tapa or Yoga. He says that the only true yoga is 'you go' - that means annihilation of one's ego or self-interest, in short all separative tendencies. The only 'Sadhana' or spiritual discipline he gives to all is LOVE and hard work - LOVE as the constant guiding influence of one's every thought word and deed, while leading a natural and normal life of fulfilling one's duties and responsibilities in life.

"I have come not to teach but to awaken. Understand therefore that I lay down no precepts.....Because man has been deaf to the principles and precepts laid down by God in the past, in this present Avataric form I observe silence. You have asked for and been given enough words—it is now time to live them." (11)

Nevertheless, through the years, Meher Baba dictated on his alphabet board and through his own hand gestures, many more words about the various aspects of the spiritual path and its goal - God-Realization. Why?

Because, the intellectual convulsions of the mind of man has to be appeased or silenced before the heart could be awakened to realize the Reality and attain the Goal of life - "I am God" state in human form. His words of elucidation stress the point that God cannot be explained, argued about, theorized, nor can He be discussed and understood. God can only be loved and lived. Meher Baba emphatically asserts: God has to be lived in our moment to moment life through love, service and sacrifice, if man seeks a meaningful life of real freedom and happiness. Much of his silent revelations are contained in his 'DISCOURSES', 'LISTEN, HUMANITY', 'LIFE AT ITS BEST', 'THE EVERYTHING AND THE NOTHING', 'BEAMS FROM MEHER BABA ON THE SPIRITUAL PANORAMA', etc. All these books are in a way a preparation for the

true seeker of Truth to read his major book, 'GOD SPEAKS', which not only contains all that a man should know on the spiritual path and life, but it would help him read THE BOOK OF HEART, which Meher Baba said he had come to make the people read.

Meher Baba is that rare one among the perfect ones who appears whenever a world crisis is at its height and whose role is to set the world on a new direction in a new age. From February 25, 1894 until January 31, 1969, the Saviour of mankind again walked on this earth. The Messaiah, the Christ, the Avatar, the Buddha, the Rasool of God, was again amongst us in human form as Meher Baba. This statement cannot be intellectually proved, but can be experienced by those who have the necessary courage and integrity to lead a life of love, service and sacrifice for God.

Meher Baba has said "All this world confusion and chaos was inevitable and no one is to blame. What had to happen has happened; and what has to happen will happen. There was and is no way out except through my coming in your midst. I had to come, and I have come. I am the Ancient One". (12)

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THOSE WHO BEAR WITNESS TO THE DIVINITY OF MEHER BABA*

(Meher Baba has toured throughout the length and breadth of India, to contact masts (God intoxicated persons) for his spiritual work. he travelled almost always incongnito and that, when a mast bears witness to Meher Baba's spiritual greatness, he often does so with out having any external means of knowing who Baba is. During these contacts the masts spontaneously revealed the Divinity of Meher Baba. The details of the masts contacted, and their utterances are given here.)

AGHORI BABA

A sixth plane mast of Simla
August 1946

He told Kaka, pointing to Baba, "You will see what will come to pass, and one day you will know who he (Baba) really is."

AZIM KHAN BABA

A high mast of Muttra
14th October 1946

When Baba contacted him, he (Azim Khan Baba) said, "You are Allah; you have brought forth the creation, and once in thousand years you come down to see the paly of what you have created."

BHORWALA BABA

An adept pilgrim of Bhor
January 1947

He said of Baba, "Meher Baba has in him the whole universe, he is the Master of everyone, and he is within every disciple. He is this world, that which is above it, and below it; he is in me and in everyone. He is the saint of saints; he is Tajuddin Baba; in one glance he sees the whole continent of India."

BRAHMANANDJI MAST

An adept pilgrim of Muttra
14th October 1946

He touched Baba's feet, and said, "Behold, how devoted love draws the Lord Krishna to me; the Perfect Master is here." He then put his hand under his pillow, pulled out a new and clean copy of Purdom's "The Perfect Master", and opened the book at a page with Baba's picture there.

BUNDLE SHAH

A sixth plane mast of Poona
1943

One of Baba's men brought this great mast to his house in Poona, with a view to taking him to Baba, who was then in Mahabaleshwar.

By a coincidence, Bundle Shah came across a photo of Baba between the

* From "The wayfarers" by Dr. William Donkin 1988 page 151 to 156

leaves of an exercise book that had been handed to him in response to a request for some paper. This photo had no superscription or title to show whose picture it was.

On the back of this photo Bundle Shah then wrote out a long string of numbers connected by plus and minus signs, ending up with = 7 = GOD. He then pointed to this word GOD, and reversing the paper, pointed to the figure of Baba, and said, "God is equal to Meher Baba".

CHATTI BABA

The Sixth plane mast of
Negapatam, and one of
Baba's "five favourites".

In June 1940, he said one day, while pouring earth over his head, "There will be much trouble and privation, and many will die of starvation, but Baba will assuage the suffering of the world."

In March 1941, in Quetta, he said, "There will be so great a calamity in the world that no one can imagine it, even brother will kill brother and there will be great tribulation; then all the world will think of my big brother (Baba); at that time Baba will draw aside the veil, and all will pay obeisance to him".

In June or July 1941, in Ajmer, he told Krishna, who was in a bad mood at the time, "You want to leave don't you, but what's the good of it; all the world is in Baba's power, so where will you go to? Serve him now, he is the Ocean, because, one day when lots of people throng to see him, you may never get the opportunity of meeting him; so take your chance now."

CHOTU MIAN

A good mast of Sangamner
1st June 1943

He was brought to Meherabad by Baidul. When Baidul met him in Sangamner, Chotu Mian said to him, "Your prophet is very great; he is greater than Christ and Mahomet, and all the world will believe in him."

DADA MIAN

A mast of Amraoti
April 1939

Chhagan tried to bring this mast to Baba in Jubbulpore. He refused to come, and said "He (Baba) is the Emperor "how can I come?"

GOKHALE BABA

A sixth plane mast of
Ismailpur 9th October 1941

When Baba visited him for the last time Gokhale Baba looked lovingly at Baba and said "God has come".

GULAB BABA

When Baba entered the room Gulab Baba tol

A sixth plane mast of Ellichpur March 1939: Kaka pointing to Baba, "He (Baba) is God Himself, and you have tricked me". A few moments later, when Baba asked Gulab Baba to sit beside him, he protested, "I am not fit to sit beside him".

GURDAT SINGH
An advanced pilgrim of Kulyan 29th July 1929: Baba stopped the car on the way to Kashmir, near this village of Kulyan. This Sikh was standing by the roadside, and told Ramju, pointing to Baba, "He is a Master, he is a real Master, and his grace has been bestowed upon me". Finally he said, "May I be sacrificed in the dust under his feet".

KESHWANANDJI MAHARAJ
An adept pilgrim of Rikhikesh (Rishikesh) April 1934: Pleader, one of Baba's disciples, showed a photograph of Baba to the mujawar of Keshwanandji, who then gave it to his guru. Keshwanandji, after looking at the picture of Baba, called Pleader, and told him that he normally never let anyone come near him; but seeing this photo, and knowing the Divinity of Meher Baba, he had to call Pleader near, because Baba was the Master of the universe, and bore the burden the whole creation upon his shoulders.

KHALA MASI
A high mastani of Seoni March 1939: She was brought to Jubbulpore by Chhagan, and told Baba, "You are the Ocean, given me a few drops from it to drink".

MAI BAP
A high mast of Aurangabad May 1939: He was brought to Baba, who bathed and clothed him, and then sat with him alone in a room. During this contact Mai Bap shouted out once or twice, "I am on fire; I am aflame". On leaving, Kaka asked him where he had taken his meal, and he replied, "Today I came to God's court, and was given food".

MAI SAHEB
A very good mastani of Sukkur 17th June 1924: She asked Ramju who his "Pir" (spiritual master) was. He told her, "Meher Baba", and she replied, "Badshah — Shahenshah" (King — King of Kings).

MAULANA SHAM-SUDDIN ULEMA
An adept pilgrim of Moradabad February 1942: This aged saint of Moradabad was contacted at night, and was roused from sleep to see Baba. When he gazed at Baba he said, "In the darkness of the night I see the light of God."

MIAN SAHEB

A very advanced mast of
Ajanta
November 1944

When Baba came, Mian Saheb embraced him, and weeping aloud cried out, "Khud be khud azad budi: khud gireftar amadi". This is a Persian couplet which, translated freely, means, "You became free, and then allowed yourself to be bound". This is a reference to Baba who, having become one with God, came back to the world of his own free will, for the sake of mankind.

MIRAK SHAH

An Advanced pilgrim of
Shalimar village near
Srinagar, Kashmir August 1944.

He indited a letter to Baba, in which he wrote that he (Baba) was God, and that he wanted to come on and live with him.

MOHAMMED

One of Baba's "five
favourites"

He always calls Baba "Dada". He has said many things about Baba, of which the most striking are:

"Dada is God."

"Dada is Master."

"Everything depends on Dada's will."

"Because Dada is there, the world is there."

"Dada is the Master of mercy."

MOHAMMED ALI MAST Baidul, who went to see him first, had a stick
A good mast of Wardha with him that Baba had given him. The mast said
19th July 1944 to him, "The man who gave you that stick is very
great, so look after the stick and hit no one with it".

MUNGSAJI MAHARAJ He told Babadas (one of Baba's disciples), that
An adept pilgrim of Baba was the Emperor.
Dhamangaon

NADIR ALI SHAH He refused to come for Baba's contact saying, "My
Spiritual chargeman boat will be drowned in that Ocean",
of Quatta March 1941

NANGA BABA

A very high mast, between the sixth plane and
the seventh, of Jasgiran
September 1943

He pointed to Baba and said, "He is my elder brother; he adjusts and protects the whole world".

PATHAN MAST

A good mast of Bombay
1942

He was seen by Kaka in Bombay, with a view of taking him to Baba in Lonavla. Kaka invited him to come, and he replied, "What should I come for,

since your soul and mine are with him (Baba)?”
 He then gave Kaka an orange, and added, “The key to the whole world is in his (Baba’s) hand, and all countries, Russia, Germany (and so forth), do as he directs”.

PIR FAZL SHAH

An adept pilgrim
 of Kotah 12th October
 1946

He told Baba, “No one, until you came, has touched my heart with the arrow of Divine Love. You have the power to destroy and flood the whole world. No one fully knows the limits of your greatness; you are the spiritual authority of the time, and if I were to die I would take another body to be close to you.”

SAKHI BABA

A good mast of Bahraich
 March 1942

When Baba appeared, Sakhi Baba put dancing bells on his ankles and danced, sang, and cried out, “God has come to give His darshan”

SUBHAN MATTU

A good mast of Srinagar,
 Kashmir
 20th August 1944

He was brought to the house, and when he saw Baba, he rolled on the ground, and cried out, “He is God”.

A MAST

of the third plane at
 Brindaban (Near Muttra)
 28th January 1939

When Baba and a group of lady disciples arrived at the famous brindaban temple, which is closely associated with the legends of Krishna’s life, this fellow began dancing and playing his flute, and shouted, “Look, the Lord Krishna and his gopces have come”. Baba said of him, “He is one of my real lovers”.

A MAST

of Ajmer
 February 1939

When Baba appeared in the streets of Ajmer one day to contact masts, this man shouted out, “Oh look, Shankar has come; take God’s darshan all of you”

A VERY HIGH

MAST

of Jamnagar (Navanagar)
 January 1941

Baba contacted him twice, and the second contact was at night in the countryside beyond the town. During this second contact the mast wept loudly, and then cried out, “I have met God in the wilds”.

AN INITIATE

PILGRIM of Panchgani
 26th October 1941

He met Baba on the road, and said, “You are the God Vishnu’s avatar (incarnation), pray grant me the boon of a master’s word, for me to remember and

repeat ". A few minutes later he said, " My work is done ", and then added, " Here no one knows you ; I have seen you and recognized you as the true avatar of Vishnu. Pray, you remember me also." Baba told him, through one of the mandali who was with him, " I know all, that is why I came to you here, now ". The man then folded his hands, and bowing, said, " My life's desire is fulfilled ; Hail, God Vishnu ! "

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



SPIRITUAL FREEDOM

Helping others achieve spiritual freedom is very different from rendering other types of help. For the hungry, one can provide food, and they have only to eat it. For the naked, one can provide clothes and they have only to wear them. For the homeless, one can provide houses and they have only to live in them. But for those who experience the agonies of human bondage, there is no ready means of providing immediate relief except by the grace of God.

—Meher Baba

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FORGIVENESS

..... forgiveness is the best charity.....whether men soar to outer space or dive to the bottom of the deepest ocean they will find themselves as they are, unchanged, because they will not have forgotten themselves nor remembered to exercise the charity of forgiveness.

—Meher Baba

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**MASTS (GOD INTOXICATED PERSONS) CONTACTED BY AVATAR
MEHER BABA IN TAMILNADU BY
DR. H. P. BHARUCHA***

When a person does not conform to normal behaviour but deviates in the respect he talks, sits, eats, wears clothes etc., we call him a mad person. A mast also looks outwardly to be mad for he is mentally imbalanced but the cause of his madness is his intense love for God. He gets intoxicated in the pleasures of the heavens of the higher planes of the subtle and mental worlds, thereby losing his mental balance. He is unmindful of what he eats or drinks, about his cleanliness or his relation to other men because his mind is now focused on the love for God and so he appears to the common man as mad. A mast is a spiritually advanced soul and is capable of rendering service to other aspirants less advanced than themselves by their occult powers.

Unfortunately, the progress of the mast on the spiritual path is either delayed or stopped as he is so infatuated with the lights, colours and the perfumes of the planes. (According to Meher Baba there are seven planes or stages in the spiritual path to God-Realization) Such a mast gets encapsulated in his joys and does not want to go ahead to the goal of life which is God Realization or union with the Divine Beloved. Then a Perfect Master or the Avatar has to come to his rescue. Such a master has an universal mind and knows exactly in which lane or bylane of the plane the mast has got stuck. With his love he removes the sanskaric tangle in the ego mind of the mast and by establishing a poise between the mind and the heart, pushes the mast further on the path. Such a push can only be given by a Perfect Master or the Avatar. The Perfect Master thus makes a mast a fit instrument for doing his work in the emancipation of other human beings and the mast becomes a channel through which the love of the master flows to others. The mast now becomes a medium for the master through whom spiritual help can be sent to different parts of the world. At the same time, the master breaks the capsule in which the mast had got into and then he progresses towards the goal of life.

Meher Baba, the Avatar of this age has done tremendous work of awakening masts, throughout the length and breadth of India. Meher

*Sources : 1. "The wayfarers" by William Donkin, and

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were planted in boxes and Baba would water the seedlings. Later, when became big, they were transfered to the open ground at Meherazad and these trees have yielded many fruits.

8. Mohammed Mastan : Another mast who would sew pieces of cloth, tear them up and then again sew them together. He was found in a back lane near Anderson street. Baba wanted to contact him quietly and so Eruch took him to a nearby Bank and requested the banker to allow the use of his room for the purpose. The banker, quite unexpectedly agreed and he and his staff stood on the road outside the Bank till Baba contacted the mast.

9. Nadan Swami : He was a tireless scribbler with a piece of chalk and was found near the fruit market. He would go on writing on any surface a word, number or phrase that takes his fancy. He would beg only for chalk and shopkeepers would supply him the same.

10. Ramanuja Swami : This mast would lie on a pavement near the law courts with a brick as his pillow.

11. Ramswaroop Swami : A naked mast, dark skinned, middle aged, had no body consciousness. He lived in small temples near Korrukupettai station on the outskirts of Madras. He would eat any food even filth. Baba fed him and sat with him for nearly an hour.

12. Sadhu Baba : A naked sadhu, contacted on the sand dunes at Tiruvattiyur. He would repeat Sab Ham Khuda Hain (We are all God).

13. Salam Alekum Baba : He would greet everyone with Salam Alekum (peace be with you). He was contacted at night in a barber's shop in Pudupet Begum Bazar.

14. Suruwasur : This mast would always stand under a certain tree in Broadway garden. He would stand for four hours, then roam around the town to return and stand again for four hours under the tree.

TANJORE :

Abdul Qadir Jilani : He lived on the porch of a butcher's house, the butcher serving his needs. Before Baba contacted him, Eruch and Kaka have gone to him. On seeing them, he raised upturned hands to his beard in a gesture of reverence and full of feeling said ' Meher Baba, Meher Baba'.

Baba contacted him and washed his feet and fed him. Baba again contacted him in Oct. 1942. He was a sixth plane mast who liked cigars.

TRICHINAPALLY :

Yusuf ; A young, clean, tall mast of the third plane with very little body sense. He was fond of tea and beedies and was a chain smoker. He would say almost nothing but at times would blurt out Cha, Beedi. He was taken to the Bangalore ashram in Dec. 1939 and stayed till March 1940.

NAGAPATTINAM :-

1. Chatti Baba : An old man who used to dress in a lungi. He carried a small pitcher and a bundle of rags. In the local language a pitcher is chatti and bundle is mutha. Hence known as Chatti Baba or Mutha Baba. He was found about five miles out of Nagapattinam. He was a prodigious drinker of the South Indian 'rasam'. Baba would give a bath to the masts by rubbing soap on their bodies and Chatti Baba needed 50 buckets of water for his bath. The Mandali would then wipe and clothe the mast. After his bath, Chatti Baba would pour loose mud over his head into his hair. 15 buckets of mud were provided to Chatti Baba for this in his room after his bath. Later, during his stay in Meherabad, Chatti Baba needed 20 buckets of water for his bath. Though Baba had provided Chatti Baba with a bed and mattress, he preferred to sleep on the ground.

A tea shop was opened by Baba for the masts which provided tea, pan, tobacco, cigarettes and beedies free of charge. It was called 'Mast Hotel'. Baba would sit with each mast with the exclusion of anyone else. Chatti Baba refused to sit with Baba but after many refusals, one day he agreed. Baba and Chatti Baba sat closeted in silence in a room for about two hours. At the end of the period Eruch heard movements inside as Baba was going to open the door and so he got up and opened the door. Chatti Baba emerged and brushed past Eruch to his room. The touch from Chatti Baba gave Eruch a palpable and excruciating shock through his body. Chatti Baba had been a station master before becoming a mast and would times revive his past memories by shouting orders in English or Tamil to imaginary railway subordinates.

When Chatti Baba was in Meherabad, the second world war was going on. Though he never read a newspaper, he would tell his attendant Krishna that the people of Europe were undergoing great sorrow and suffering. He said that there would be much anguish and privation and

that many would die of starvation but Meher Baba would assuage the suffering of the world. On the night of 9th June 1940, Chatti Baba suddenly became violent noisy and abusive. He went to Baba's room and said that his house had been destroyed and he had come for shelter to Baba. Baba at once gave orders for the two to be left alone and Chatti Baba sat near Baba for hours chattering and expostulating with Baba. Finally he became quiet and rested alone with Baba. Next day Baba explained that Chatti Baba had a spiritual connection with France. The French armies began to collapse from 5th June and Germans entered Paris on 13th June.

Chatti Baba referred to Baba as his elder brother. In Kandy he said 'I am very poor, what ever I have is with my big brother'. In Calicut he said, 'I won't stay. I must go. I am almost drowned. I must go'. In Jaipur he said, 'My big brother still has a lot of work to do in the world, but I haven't the strength to do such work myself'. In Quetta where it was bitterly cold, he would pour icy water on his bedding and sit on it. One day there was a hailstorm and the hail stones took 3 to 4 days to melt. Chatti Baba would sit stripped to the waist on the hail from 4 until 7 in the morning. That same day he said, 'There will be so great a calamity in the world that no one can imagine it; even brother will kill brother and there will be great tribulation. Then all the world will think of my big brother (Baba); at that time he will draw aside the veil and all will pay obeisance to him'. One day when Baba was away for a few days, he said, Baba is coming back and then there will be more trouble for me'.

In Ajmer, Krishna-whose job was to look after Chatti Baba, because of the difficult work under trying climatic conditions, wanted to leave. Chatti Baba told him, 'You want to leave-don't you, but what's the good of it; all the world is in Baba's power, so where will you go to? Serve him now, he is the Ocean, because, one day, when lots of people throng to see him, you may never get the opportunity of meeting him; so take your chance now'. At Panchgani Chatti Baba wanted to go back to Nagapattinam. Baba fed him for the last time and then Baidul and Krishna took him away after nearly two years of intimate contact. Chatti Baba had travelled with Baba to the following places, Bangalore, Meherabad, Ranchi, Ceylon, Calicut, Quetta, Dehradun, Ajmer and Panchgani. He left for Nagapattinam on 15th Sept. 1941, but Baba again contacted him in Nov. 1941, Jan. 42 and Oct. 42. In Aug. 48 Baba again visited Nagapattinam and found him about 20 Kilometres from the city lying in a field with his head resting

on a bundle of rags. In six years time he looked older and not happy. Baba met this 6th plane mast for the last time after which Chatti Baba dropped his body.

2. Moti Baba : Meher Baba had contacted Moti Baba, a high mast of the 6th Plane in Nagapattinam in Nov. 39 and again in Jan. 40. Baba washed his feet and fed him and sat in silence with him in a hotel. When Kaka and Eruch had gone to him before Baba contacted him, he was wearing 7 coats and 7 trousers and looking at them said, 'I have just returned from the Mall who has sent you and it would not be necessary for me to accompany you to him.

AVINASHI :- Meher Baba went to Avinashi to meet yogi Ilai Swami. He was past 80 years but healthy, rarely had a bath and seldom drank water. After eating food he would wipe his hands along his body and particularly on his hair. The nails of his toes and fingers were inches long. He wore a loin cloth. Baba was very happy with this contact and gave the Mandali a cocour to celebrate the occasion.

TIRUPUR : Meher Baba went to Tirupur to meet Swami Prasannananda. While searching for his house, a half crazy brahmin met Baba and volunteered to guide Baba to the Swami. A crazy brahmin leading the volunteer man! On reaching there, his disciple told Baba that the swami had commenced a 40 days fast in seclusion. All entreaties failed to convince the disciple to allow Baba inside the house. In the mean time the brahmin sneaked inside the house and wrote note after note and passed them under the door to the Swami. He pleaded that the visitors might meet the Swami, though Baba's identity was not disclosed. He was successful and Meher Baba entered the house. The Swami came out of his cell and sat quietly with Baba.

KILAKARAI :

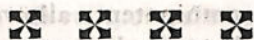
Pallukollah Baba ; Meher Baba referred him as "the king of all masts". He was believed to be 120 years old at that time. He was so infirm that he was unable to walk, and had to be carried from place to place. This mast had the reputation of crossing deep rivers without aid. Baba contacted him first on 6th Dec. 40 for half an hour, while returning from Ceylon and later, on 15th Feb. 1941 coming from Jaipur. During the second contact Meher Baba told those with him to fast until He had contacted pullukollah Baba. After sitting with him for one hour the party returned to the local Dak Bungalow to break their fast.

MADURAI :

Meher Baba contacted a mast whose name is not known, in Jan. 1940. He had a giant-like physique and eccentric behaviour. He is a stout and very tall old man who wears four or five coats, and walks about in sandals made from old hose pipes. He has a taste for cigars. He sleeps in the great Meenakshi temple of Madurai. He was brought to the Travellers Bungalow where he was bathed by Meher Baba. He remained with Meher Baba for a few hours, and Meher Baba told Jal Kerawala to give his overcoat to this man.

NAGORE :

Nagorewalah Baba : A very good, mast, very old and lean, with a long beard and wearing good cloths. He has grotesquely long finger nails, each as long as a cigarette and he sits near a beedi shop close to a shrine in Nagore. Meher Baba contacted him in Jan. 1942.



THE RICH AND THE POOR

I repeat and emphasize that in my eternal experiencing of reality, no difference exists between the rich and the poor. If however such a question of difference between affluence and poverty were ever to exist for me, I would consider the one really poor who possessed worldly riches but not the wealth of love for God. I would know that he was truly rich who owned nothing but possessed the priceless treasure of love for God. His is the poverty that kings may envy, and that makes even the king of kings his slave.

—Meher Baba

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In the eyes of God the only difference between the rich and the poor is the intensity and sincerity of their longing for God.

—Meher Baba

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MESSAGES OF AVATAR MEHER BABA

I. ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

1. Jesus was never serious about anything, except about God, whose incarnation He was. He was serious about himself and God, with whom He was one. Otherwise, He was so lighthearted that He even got crucified for others, with the same "lightness" of heart. Why? Because He had no wants at all. He did not want; He gave. So the only thing that God wants is not ceremony, not **yogas**; He wants love-the love that makes you forget yourself in him.

2. Christ often said, 'I forgive you, I forgive you'. Those who loved Christ accepted His **Prasad** (offering) of forgiveness. But those who would not recognize Christ naturally could not understand Him. His words were just words to them.

3. Jesus, being God and omnipotent, allowed himself to be helpless, humiliated and crucified. He knew it all, because he had planned it all, long ago, and he did it for all. But to have the right results, he had to experience the helplessness and suffering.

4. The Divine Pretence :

Jesus had Christ-consciousness. This means that Jesus was conscious of Himself as Christ. Jesus the Christ was in Judas; and as Jesus the Christ in Judas He knew that Judas would betray Him. Yet He remained as though He knew nothing.

This divine Pretence of the All-knowing is the principle of His Leela-the Divine Sport of the eternal Christ.

5. The kind-hearted Jesus knew very well that his nearest disciple would betray him and thus lead to his crucifixion; but, because of the Divine sense of humor, Christ could not help getting himself crucified, although the world rightly continues to look upon him as the Savior of humanity.

6. The greatest service was Judas' betrayal. When he kissed Christ on the cheek, he did nothing. God did all. He behaved under a veil. He had the most difficult thing to do for the Master of all the disciples.

7. It is part of legend among Hindus, Tibetans and Muslims that Jesus lived and died in India. On August 23rd 1925, Meher Baba remarked: "There is one secret about Jesus which the Christians do not know. When Jesus was crucified, he did not die, he entered the state of **Nirvikalp Samadhi** (the "I Am God" state without bodily consciousness). On the third day, he again became conscious of his body and he traveled secretly in disguise eastward (with some apostles) to India. This was called Jesus' resurrection.

After reaching India, he traveled farther east to Rangoon in Burma where he remained for some time. He then went north to Kashmir where he settled. When his work was finished on earth, he dropped his body and entered **Nirvikalp Samadhi** permanently. Saints in India have verified these facts about Jesus' travels. Mankind will soon become aware of the true life about Jesus."

II. ABOUT RELIGION

1. From my point of view, all religions are great; but God is greater.
2. So, I love and adore all religions; but I am of no religion. Nor do I seek to establish another religion or add to the numberless illusions that divide man against man. No religion was ever intended to be anything more than the Gateway to God as Truth; but every religion has, in the course of time, got converted into a veil, obstructing the undimmed perception of that One Truth.
3. You have not to give up your religion, but to give up clinging to the husk of mere ritual and ceremony. To get to the fundamental core of Truth underlying all religions, reach beyond religion.
4. Though religion has come into existence to liberate man from all narrowness, it can itself become a cage when not understood properly. All the world religions proclaim the same eternal and universal Truth; yet human weakness has a tendency to carve out some limiting, narrow loyalty which closes its gates upon the shoreless and unbounded ocean of love or divinity. It is not the essentials of religions, but addiction merely to their outer forms, which has tended to divide man from man, thus thwarting the very purpose of the great founders of the world religions.

5. The urgent need of today to resuscitate religion is to dig it out of its narrow, dark vault and let the spirit of man shine out once again in its pristine glory.

III. ABOUT RITUALS AND CEREMONIES

1. The diverse rituals and ceremonies of different religions and cults are intended to release Divine Love, but they mostly bind the soul to the repetitive mechanism of expressive forms. Attachment to the rigid forms of external expressions of love to God not only limits the love itself but creates separative divisions between one religion and another. Therefore the rituals and ceremonies often bind the soul to ignorance and illusory separateness and become an obstacle to real illumination.
2. The devotional rituals followed in religions do not lead the seeker to the true inner journey, for in greater part they are mechanical observances barren of the redeeming experience of divine love.
3. No amount of rites, rituals, ceremonies, worship, meditation, penance and remembrance can produce love in themselves.
4. Rituals and ceremonies cannot carry one very far towards the path, and if they are unintelligently followed they bind as much as any other unintelligent action.
5. God does not listen to the language of the tongue and its japs mantras, devotional songs and so on. He does not listen to the language of the mind and its routine meditations, concentrations and thoughts about God. He only listens to the language of the heart and its message of love, which needs no ceremony or show, only silent devotion for the Beloved.

IV. ABOUT MIRACLES

1. Miracles are justified only when they are performed for the purpose of drawing humanity at large towards the final goal of realizing God; otherwise they are definitely an interference with the natural evolutionary process.
2. Miracles do not consist in bringing the dead to life, but in the living becoming dead to the ego. Miracles are small illusions in the great illusion called the world.

3. It should be clearly understood that attachment to miracles is only a continuation of the habit of playing with illusion. It is not miracles, but inner illumination which will one day bring true freedom.
4. The only miracle which is worthy of the name is the divine grace that knows no fetters, and that can control the entire universe with all of its laws.
5. My miracle will be to make you become me.
6. Ages and ages ago I did perform one great miracle, and the whole of this illusion of creation came from me. I will perform another such miracle at the time when I break my silence. That will be my first and last miracle in my present incarnation.
7. But today, I do say this, that the moment I break My silence and utter the original Word, the first and last miracle of BABA will be performed..... When I perform that miracle, I won't raise the dead, but I will make those who live for the world dead to the world and live for God. I won't give sight to the blind, but will make people blind to illusion and help (make) them see God-the Reality.

V. ABOUT HAPPINESS

1. Real happiness lies in making others happy.
2. In all climes and in all places, man is constantly striving for happiness; but there are very few who have it, because there are very few who truly know the secret of happiness.
3. Consider mental and physical suffering as gifts from God which, if accepted gracefully, lead to everlasting happiness.
4. Happiness and suffering in life do not last long. Remain calm and patient while experiencing these ups-and-downs in life. I am with you.
5. Don't worry—Be Happy.
6. True happiness can come only to one who will find the courage to strike free of the attachments which he has formed throughout a sterile lifetime.
7. It must be remembered that one's own actions are the cause of much of one's suffering, and therefore wise action can minimize it. But real alleviation of suffering requires spiritual enlightenment, and for that man must turn to the Perfect Masters and the God-man (Avatar).

VI. ABOUT HIS GRACE

1. I am an ocean of grace but I am also hard as flint when you try to draw that grace from me. The flow of my grace to you depends upon the intensity of your love, for it is love which attracts my grace to you.
2. The time is rapidly approaching when a tidal wave will rise in the ocean of grace. Then the usual process by which the water in the rivers flows into the ocean will be reversed and the ocean water will rush through the river beds. Be prepared to receive this overflow of grace.

VII. ABOUT HIS LOVERS IN ANDHRA AND HAMIRPUR

My lovers in Andhra have proved themselves real workers in my cause. My name has become a household word in many parts there. The same is true of those who love me and work for me in the Hamirpur area where men, women and children go about singing songs of love for me during their daily lives, whether in the fields or at home or going to school.

VIII. ABOUT HIS SILENCE

1. For ages and ages, God has been working in silence, unobserved and unnoticed except by those who experience His Infinite Silence.
2. Through endless time God's greatest gift is continuously given in silence.
3. My Silence and the imminent breaking of my Silence is to save mankind from the monumental forces of ignorance, and to fulfil the divine plan of universal unity. The breaking of my Silence will reveal to man the universal Oneness of God, which will bring about the universal brotherhood of man. My Silence had to be. The breaking of my Silence has to be soon.
4. When An atom is 'split' an infinite amount of energy is released. Similarly, when my Silence is broken and I utter the WORD infinite wisdom will be released.

WHEN an atom bomb strikes the earth it causes vast devastation. Similarly, when the Word I utter strikes the universe there will be a great material destruction; but there will also take place a tremendous spiritual upheaval.

IX. ABOUT HIS SAMADHI

WHILE TALKING WITH HIS LOVERS on Meherabad Hill during the Sahavas program in February of 1958, Beloved Baba said :

“ After I drop My body, the physical remains will rest here, and this hill will become an important place of pilgrimage for the whole world. You all do not realize the importance of this day. After seventy years this place will be a place of great privilege and pilgrimage. A big town will grow up here. How fortunate you are that you are hearing about the importance of this place in the physical presence of Him to whose Samadhi (Tomb) will flock one day, from all over the world, all the lovers of God, philosophers and worshippers to pay their homage !

“ Those who are determined to bow down and worship here will do so, will grow more and more in Baba's Love, will try their utmost to love Baba with all their hearts and will please all others in their own joy. ”

X. ABOUT MEHERABAD

1. This place (Meherabad) is the most important. It is the best for those on the spiritual path. Despite visiting other places for work, it is best to return here.

7th October 1926

2. My work at Meherabad is like digging numerous canals and placing as many people as possible on the banks, so that when the spiritual flood is let loose, they may be benefited by having the divine flow within their reach.

12th June 1927

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You are without colour, without expression, without form, and without attributes.
You are unlimited and unfathomable, beyond imagination and conception-
Eternal and Imperishable.
You are Indivisible; and none can see You, but with eyes Divine.
You always were, You always are, and You always will be;
You are everywhere, You are in everything; and you are also beyond everywhere; and beyond everything.
You are in the firmament and in the depths, You are manifest and unmanifest; on all planes, and beyond all planes.
You are in the three worlds, and also beyond the three worlds;
You are Imperceptible and Independent.
You are the Creator, the Lord of lords, the Knower of all minds and hearts; You are Omnipotent and Omnipresent.
You are Knowledge Infinite, Power Infinite, and Bliss Infinite.
You are the Ocean of Knowledge, All-Knowing, Infinitely Knowing; the Knower of the past, the present and the future, and You are Knowledge itself.
You are All-Merciful and eternally Benevolent;
You are the Soul of souls, the One with infinite attributes.
You are the trinity of Truth, Knowledge, and Bliss;
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You are named **Ezad**: the only One worthy of worship.

—dictated by Meher Baba

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(From "Glimpses of the God-Man," Meher Baba by Bal Nattu Vol. IV. 1984, P. 94-95).

THE PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

We repent, O God most merciful, for all our sins, for every thought that was false or unjust or unclean ; for every word spoken that ought not to have been spoken ; for every deed done that ought not to have been done.

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

We repent most specially for every lustful thought and every lustful action, for every lie, for all hypocrisy, for every promise given but not fulfilled and for all slander and back biting.

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

In your unbounded mercy we ask you to forgive us, O God, for all these sins committed by us and to forgive us for our constant failures to think and speak and act according to your Will. Amen.

—dictated by Meher Baba
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(From "The Glimpses of the God-Man, Meher Baba" by Bal Nath
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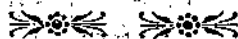
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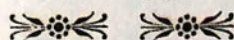
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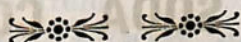
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