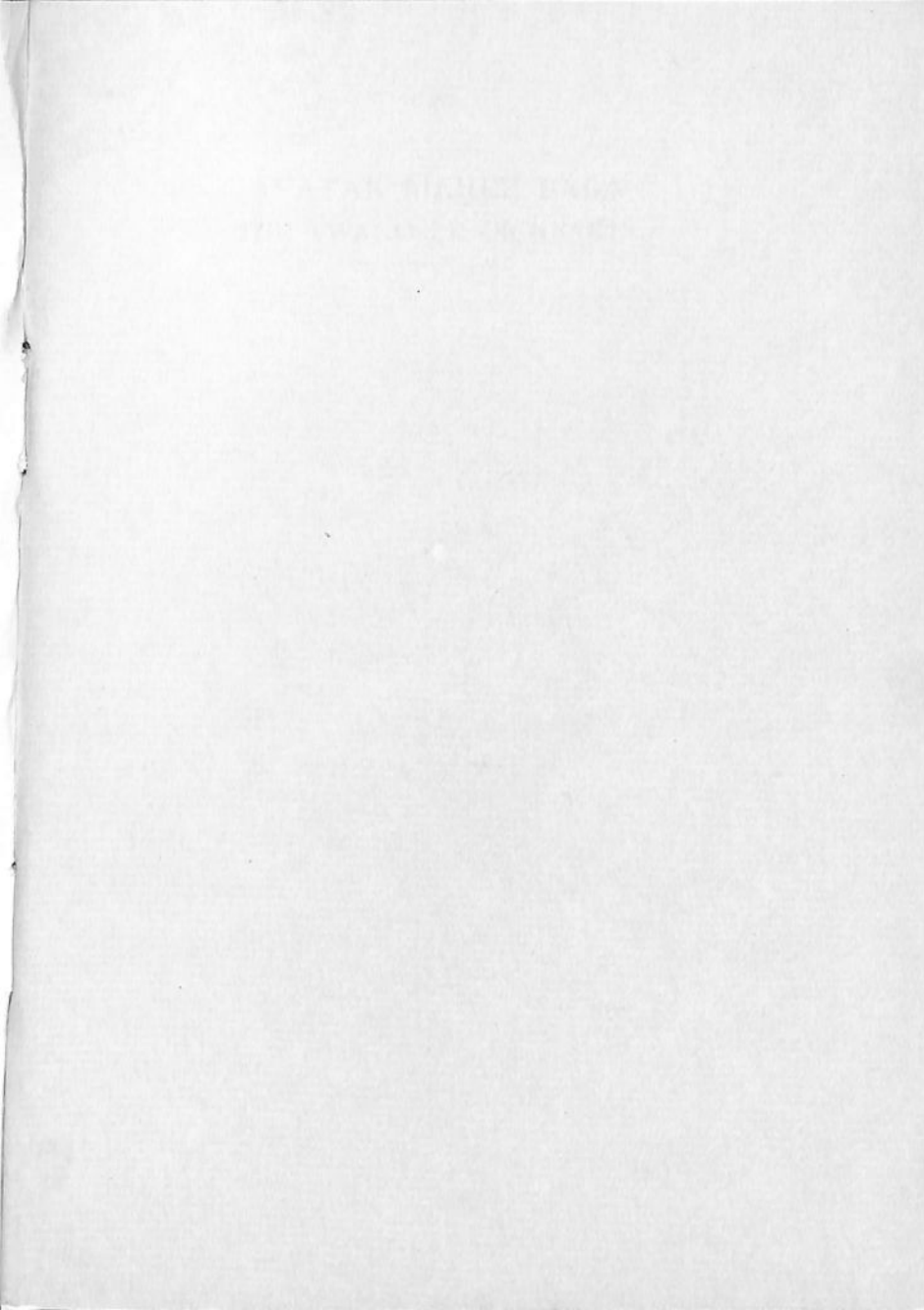


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SPECIAL TRAIN

THE MASSES who follow rites and rituals to attain God as Truth are, as it were, on the freight train, which is indefinitely detained at various stations. Those who sincerely take some name of God with devotion and dedicate their life to the service of humanity are, as it were, in an ordinary train, which stops at every station according to the scheduled timetable. But those who seek the company of the Truth-realized Master and carry out his orders in full surrenderance and faith are, as it were, in a special train, which will take the aspirant to the Goal in the shortest possible time without any halts at the intermediate stations.

Meher Baba

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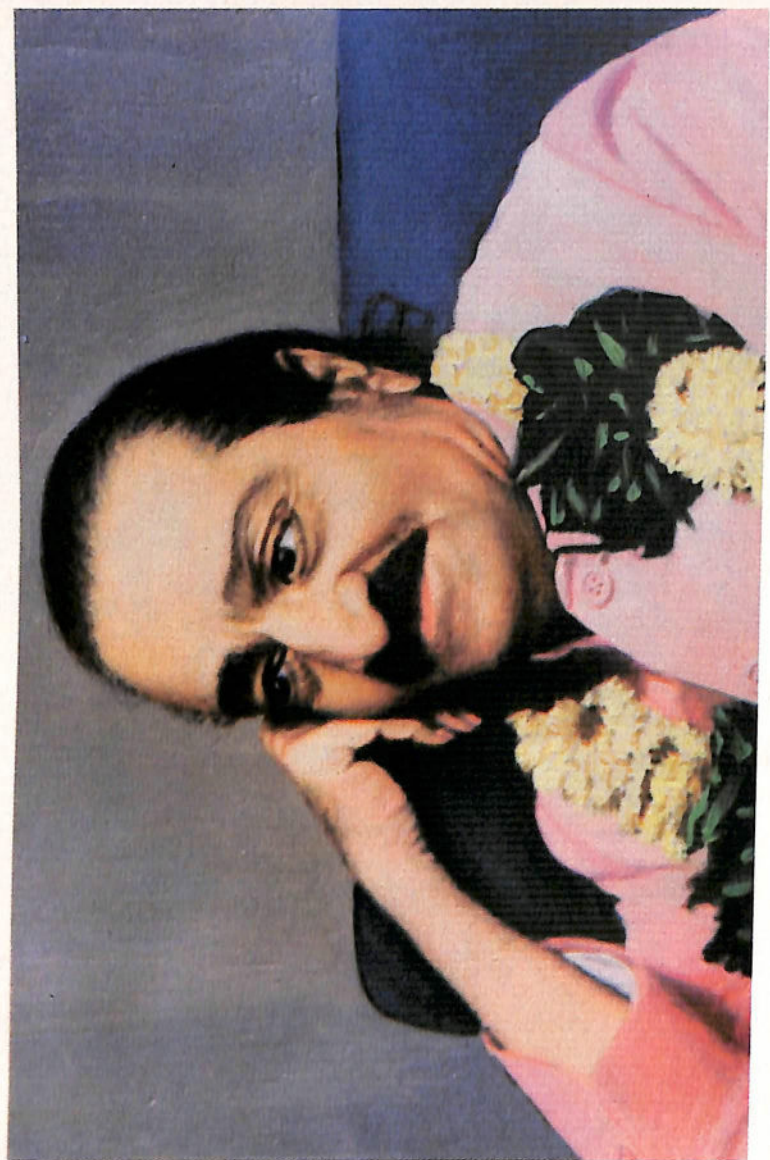
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PREFACE

Swami Vivekananda during his speech on 19.9.1893, at the World Parliament of Religions at Chicago said "The Star arose in the East; it travelled steadily towards the West, sometimes dimmed and sometimes effulgent, till it made a circuit of the world and now it is again rising on the very horizon of the East, the borders of the Sanpo, a thousandfold more effulgent than it ever was before." The rising of the Star indicates the impending birth of God in human form.

True to the prophecy of Swami Vivekananda, the God-head has descended on this Earth, with all its glory, on 25.2.1894 in the form of Meher Baba.

During His Avataric Mission on this Earth, Meher Baba did His work on the inner planes of Consciousness for the spiritual upliftment of mankind, paving the way for the birth of a New Humanity. He gave us the everlasting Divine Treasure, which increases when shared with others. He showed us the way to liberate ourselves from this endless cycle of births and deaths.

Meher Baba says: *"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."*

In this book, a brief account of the Life and Work of Avatar Meher Baba was given; as also the significance of His Avataric Advent and His Divine guidance for a better living; which can bring about a transformation in the heart of mankind, leading to a Golden Age of Universal Brotherhood and peace on Earth.

Let us keep our connection always with the Power-House of Avatar Meher Baba, so that when the Power-House is switched on, all connected with it will be enlightened.

V. Sita Ramayya

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GOD IS SHY OF STRANGERS

GOD EXISTS. If you are convinced of God's existence then it rests with you to seek Him, to see Him and to realize Him.

Do not search for God outside of you. God can only be found within you, for His only abode is the heart.

But you have filled His abode with millions of strangers and He cannot enter, for He is shy of strangers. Unless you empty His abode of these millions of strangers you have filled it with, you will never find God.

These strangers are your age-old desires—your millions of wants. They are strangers to God because want is an expression of incompleteness and is fundamentally foreign to Him who is All-sufficient and wanting in nothing. Honesty in your dealings with others will clear the strangers out of your heart.

Then you will find Him, see Him and realize Him.

Meher Baba

(From *The Everything and the Nothing* by Meher Baba, 1989, p. 7)

AVATAR MEHER BABA

THE AWAKENER OF HEARTS

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

COME ALL UNTO ME...

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

Avatar Meher Baba



In this age, the Avatar (God in human form) came on February 25, 1894. That was when Merwan Sheriar Irani (Meher Baba) was born to Zoroastrian parents in Poona, India. He led a happy childhood, excelling in games, especially cricket. He was a leader of the team and loved by all his friends.

One day, in 1913, while on his way to Deccan College in Poona, 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 the time. She embraced Merwan, and after that he lost all interest in his studies. He took to sitting with her regularly for hours, especially at night.

Sometime 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, Upasni Maharaj, helped Merwan regain complete

consciousness of Creation while retaining His God consciousness and in 1921, established Merwan in his role and status as the Avatar of the Age.

Although Babajan and Upasni Maharaj played the major roles in the Divine Lila of unveiling the Avatar, Merwan visited all five Perfect Masters of the time. In fact, before visiting Upasni Maharaj, Merwan first went to see Sai Baba of Shirdi, the Head of the spiritual hierarchy (Qutub-e-Irshad), who hailed him as Parvardigar (the Preserver and Protector of all). Earlier, Merwan had also contacted Tajuddin Baba and Narayan Maharaj.

Returning to Poona from Sakori in December 1921, the power of Merwan's personality, his overwhelming presence and the almost palpable aura of perfection which surrounded Him, attracted followers who began to call Him Meher Baba. Baba now began a life of intense activity, establishing for various periods of time, schools, hospitals, dharmashalas and ashrams.

As part of His Avataric work, on 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?" to which Baba answered, *"I have come not to teach, but to awaken."*

There were many who were puzzled by Baba's silence and repeatedly pressed Him to break it and speak. Once Baba commented, *"If my silence cannot speak, of what avail words!"* On another occasion Baba dictated, *"You have asked for and been given enough words, it is now time to live them."* To those who still felt bereft of guidance because of Baba's silence, He assured, *"I am never silent, I speak eternally. The voice that is heard deep within the soul is My voice . . . the voice of inspiration, of intuition, of guidance. Through those who are receptive to this voice, I speak."* At a different time Baba remarked, *"Things that are real are given and received in silence."*

In spite of His silence, Meher Baba continued to serve the needs of humanity on material as well as spiritual levels. However, some were bewildered by Baba's method of disbanding the institutions He established (schools, hospitals, etc.) when they were flourishing. Baba once explained that, worthy as such endeavors might be, they were only scaffoldings for His inner spiritual work which is the Avatar's perennial mission of awakening people's hearts to the reality of God's love.

To this end, Meher Baba travelled extensively throughout India (and what is now Pakistan) and gave His personal touch to the hundreds of thousands who flocked to Him during public darshan programs. Baba also went to considerable lengths to contact His "beloved children," the *masts* (those whose minds have become over-powered by their love for God), to comfort them, to answer the yearning cries of their hearts and to give them a spiritual push in their journey to God. This seems to have been a phase of work that was unique to this Avataric Advent.

Meher Baba also made thirteen visits to the West. In fact, He twice completely circled the globe in His travels. In the '50s He met with two serious automobile accidents: one in May 1952 in America near Prague, Oklahoma, and the other near Satara in India in December 1956. He suffered excruciating physical pain and it was difficult for Him to walk after the second accident. 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 Center, which He called His "home" in the West. During His visit to Australia in 1958, He stayed at a place on Kiel Mountain in Queensland which He named "Avatar's

Abode." These two centers 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 one's journey to God, God's Advent as Man and His eternal relationship with humanity. The main books authored by Baba are *God Speaks* and the *Discourses*. The latter includes enlightening articles on meditation, reincarnation, occultism, maya, the formation and removal of the ego and sanskaras, etc. Baba, however, always put more emphasis on loving God than understanding metaphysics. As He explained once to a university professor, philosophy is only *'a simple thing made difficult.'*

Meher Baba never asked His followers to leave their respective religions. *'All religions are revelations of God,'* He explained, but He asked them to follow the innermost core of the religion. As for Himself, Baba stated, *'I belong to no religion. Every religion belongs to Me. My personal religion is my being the Ancient, Infinite One, and the religion I impart to all is love for God, which is the Truth of all religions.'*

Avatar Meher Baba's biography, in one 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. It seemingly concluded on 15th October 1949. The next day ushered in 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 total reliance on God. This phase ended in February 1952 and gave way to the "Life" phase.

This "Life" 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."* But in every phase, the central message of Baba's life can be summed up in the words He greeted some Westerners with when they came to see Him, *"Inscribe these words upon your heart: Nothing is real but God; nothing matters but love for God."*

On February 10, 1954, during His visit to the district of Hamirpur in Uttar Pradesh, Meher Baba in a momentous moment spelt on His alphabet board, "Avatar Meher Baba Ki" and raised His right hand as the crowd around Him enthusiastically joined in the "Jai!" From that time, Baba began to unequivocally assert at all times, publicly and privately, that He is God in human form—the Avatar of the Age.

During Meher Baba's second glorious tour of Andhra, the last place He visited was Kakinada. During one of the house visits, the host requested Baba to give a message. Baba spontaneously dictated from His board:

It is possible through love, for man to become God. And when God becomes man, it is due to His love for His beings.

If people were to ask Me, 'Have you seen God?' I would reply, 'What else is there to see?' If they were to ask Me, 'Are you God?' I would reply, 'What else could I be?' If they were to ask Me, 'Are you the Avatar?' I would say, 'Why else have I taken this human form?'

So, the only message I could give, and have ever been giving

is—Love Me . . . and you will find that your own Self is nothing but God.

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, which included a great sense of humor, however, often puzzles those who have preconceived ideas of spirituality and the 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 awakening humanity, in silence, to God's love and giving everything in Creation a spiritual push towards God. 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 uses 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. Don't worry, call on Me and I will help you.'* Those who accept this invitation soon find themselves drenched in His unconditional love.

For, as Baba declares:

I am the Divine Beloved who loves you more than you can ever love yourself.

I am the Ocean of Love. I have only love to give and all I want is Love.

Meher Baba's silence remained 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, India has become a focal point for those who 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. It is also possible to do this in your own heart, wherever you may be in the world, for as Avatar Meher Baba has explained:

The Avatar awakens contemporary humanity to a realization of its true spiritual nature For posterity is left the stimulating power of His divinely human example—of the nobility of a life supremely lived, of a love unmixed with desire, of a power unused except for others, of a peace untroubled by ambition, of a knowledge undimmed by illusion. . . .

I bring the greatest treasure it is possible for man to receive—a treasure that includes all other treasures, that will endure forever, that increases when shared with others. Be ready to receive it.

The Avataric period is the "springtide" of Creation. The Avatar has come and has given His clarion call. Let us harken

to it. This will awaken love within us to help us lead a life with clarity of thought, honesty in action, and purity of heart.

Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai ! ! !

Bal Natu



- ★ The mind is the treasure-house of learning, but the heart is the treasure-house of spiritual wisdom.
- ★ You can earn livelihood with the sweat of your brow, and you can earn Godhood with the blood of your heart.
- ★ The real untouchables are those who cannot enter the temple of their own hearts and see the Lord therein.
- ★ Do not search for God outside of you. God can only be found within you, for His only abode is the heart.
- ★ God is not to be found in the skies or in the caves of the Himalayas. God is in the heart of each one. Once your heart is clean, God will shine out in it.
- ★ Even the worst sinners can become great saints if they have the courage and sincerity to invite a drastic and complete change of heart.
- ★ Shut the trap of your mind and end all your worries. Open the trap of your heart and release love.
- ★ The only place that can hold Me is the heart. Keep Me close with you. I am always there.

Meher Baba

THE DIVINE TRUTHS REVEALED BY AVATAR MEHER BABA

GOD

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.

God alone IS.¹



God cannot be explained, He cannot be argued about, He cannot be theorized, nor can He be discussed and understood. God can only be lived.²



Mind stopped, is God.

Mind working, is man.

Mind slowed down, is mast.

Mind working fast, is mad.³



To know God you have to be 100% honest; hypocrisy drives God away.⁴



Do not try to conquer others—conquer yourself and you will have conquered the world. The simplest way to do this is to love God. Begin to love God by loving your fellow beings. Begin to see God by seeing Him in all beings and things. Give without thought of return, serve without thought of reward.⁵

LIVE FOR GOD AND DIE FOR GOD

PEOPLE are making unlimited sacrifices and enduring untold sufferings for the sake of their country or political ideology. They are therefore capable of the same sacrifices and endurance for the sake of God, or the Truth. All religions have unequivocally claimed man for a life in the Truth; thus it is sheer folly to fight in the name of religion. It is time humanity had a fresh vision of the truth that all life is one and God is the only thing that is real and that matters. God is worth living for, and He is also worth dying for.⁶

THE RICH AND THE POOR

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.

In the eyes of God the only difference between the rich and the poor is the intensity and sincerity of their longing for God.⁷



The poorest or the most illiterate person has an equal right and an equal chance as that of the richest or most intelligent person to know God through love.⁸

GOD'S DIVINE BUSINESS

SAINTS are God's assets and sinners are His liabilities. God, the infinite source of wisdom and justice, goes on eternally turning His liabilities into assets.⁹

THE INFINITE TREASURE

THE untold Infinite Treasure is within you. The only problem is that you do not seek it within you. You look without The Perfect Master has the key that opens the last gate which opens to the Infinite Treasure.¹⁰

SPIRITUALITY

THE most practical thing to do in the world is to be spiritually minded. It needs no special time, place or circumstances. It is not necessarily concerned with anything out of the way in anyone's daily life and day-to-day routine. It is never too late or too early to be spiritual.

It is just a simple question of having a right attitude towards lasting values, changing circumstances, avoidable eventualities and a sense of the inevitable. Spirituality is neither restricted to nor can it be restricted by anyone or anything, anywhere, at any time. It covers all life for all time.¹¹

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR GRACE

WHEN a person avoids backbiting and thinks more of the good points in others than of their bad points, and when he can practice supreme tolerance and desires good for others even at cost to himself—he is ready to receive the grace of the Master. One of the greatest obstacles hindering this spiritual preparation of the aspirant is *worry*. When, with supreme effort, this obstacle of worry is overcome, a way is paved for the cultivation of the divine attributes that constitute the spiritual preparation of the disciple. As soon as the disciple is ready, the grace of the Master descends; for the Master, who is the ocean of divine love, is always on the lookout for the soul in whom his grace will fructify.¹²

RELIGION

THERE is no difference in the realization of Truth either by a Muslim, Hindu, Zoroastrian or a Christian. The difference is only *of words and terms*. Truth is not the monopoly of a particular race or religion.¹³



The various religions are like patent medicines. Just as it is necessary to approach a specialist for a speedy and radical cure, so it is imperative to approach a spiritual Master in order to become spiritually perfect.¹⁴



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.¹⁵



Meher Baba is equally connected with Islam and its Sufism, Christianity and its Mysticism, the Orient and its Vedantism, broad Buddhism, practical Zoroastrianism, Jainism 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.¹⁶



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.¹⁷



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.¹⁸



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.¹⁹



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.²⁰



The established religious rites and ceremonies are comparable to spiral or winding staircases. They take man on a daily round of duties; and when a day begins, man finds himself doing exactly the things which he has done on previous days.²¹



All the religious creeds, though useful for the time being, have to be completely left behind; and the inner spiritual path has to be actually traversed before anyone can realise the infinite Truth in his own immutable experience.²²



As stated by a seer, wealth may be sacrificed for health; wealth and health for self-respect; and all three (wealth, health and self-respect) for one's own religion. But to gain God, everything, including religion, may be sacrificed without any hesitation.²³

MIND AND HEART

THE BEST way to cleanse the heart and to prepare for the stilling of the mind is to lead a normal life in the world. Living in the midst of your day-to-day duties, responsibilities, likes and dislikes becomes the very means for the purification of your heart.

For the purification of your heart leave your thoughts alone but maintain constant vigil over your actions. Let thoughts come and go without putting them into action.²⁴



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 forms of words the transcendent 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 follow only the death of the false; and that dying to ourselves—the true death which ends all dying—is the only way to perpetual life.²⁵

HAPPINESS

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. Man is constantly feeling thwarted and limited, and he is ever in the clutches of unrelieved agony of suffering, because, not knowing his own true nature, he identifies himself with the body or the desires or the limited individual mind, and thereby becomes a victim to their respective limitations and sufferings.

It is only by knowing himself to be different from and beyond all these that he can fully enter into the Divine Heritage of the Abiding Happiness, which is inalienable from his true being as God.²⁶

MIRACLES

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.²⁷



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.²⁸

LIFE AT ITS BEST

IF understood, life is simply a jest;
If misunderstood, life becomes a pest.
Once overcome, life is ever at rest.

For pilgrims of the Path, life is a test.
When relinquished through love, life is at its best.²⁹

WAR

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 Noah's Flood, hell was let loose in the world. Scientists and statesmen now declare that if total war comes, the whole world may perish.³⁰

HUMANITY

THE world is now drawing very close to the great upheaval This upheaval will entail great suffering to humanity, but this suffering will work a profound change of heart and will sweep the world clean for the new and vital phase that must follow³¹



As in all great critical periods of human history, humanity is now going through the agonizing travail of spiritual rebirth. Great forces of destruction are afoot and seem to be dominant at the moment, but constructive and creative forces that will redeem humanity are also being released through several channels.³²



Humanity is not going to be saved by any material power—nuclear or otherwise. It can be saved only through divine intervention. God has never failed humanity in its dark and critical periods. The greatest danger to man today is not from any natural catastrophe, but from himself.³³

BODY AND FOOD

THE physical body cannot exist without food, and therefore in an indirect sense they are one and the same. The body assimilates that portion of the food which is useful for its maintenance, and throws out that portion which is useless. That which is discarded is as much part of the food that was consumed as that which is assimilated. If man is so supremely indifferent to the eliminated refuse, why should he not feel the same detachment towards the assimilated food which, for practical purposes, becomes his body? Why should he shed tears when, after death, the body itself is cast off to the care of earthworms or to consuming flames?³⁴

AMERICA

AMERICA now leads the material side of the world and yet has such potential that she can lead the world spiritually, if awakened. Awakening is love for God in the form of Jesus—God crucified. And God will do it. He can do it. And now the time is near, very near when the spiritual upliftment has to take place. America is destined to lead the world spiritually.³⁵

THE AWAKENER

I AM not this body that you see. It is only a coat I put on when I visit you. I am Infinite Consciousness.³⁶



I have come to give a new understanding of spiritual value and truth to every one. This truth is unlimited and cannot be imprisoned in any dogmas or creeds, religions or sets of beliefs. Inherit this vast Truth which is ever-renewing, while I am in your midst!³⁷



I belong to no religion. Every religion belongs to Me. My personal religion is My being the Ancient Infinite One, and the religion I impart to all is Love for God, which is the Truth of all religions.³⁸



I have come to sow the seed of love in your hearts so that, in spite of all superficial diversity which your life in illusion must experience and endure, the feeling of oneness, through love, is brought about amongst all the nations, creeds, sects and castes of the world.³⁹



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 should be heard universally, God will make me break my silence.⁴⁰



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.⁴¹



Age after age, when the wick of Righteousness burns low, the Avatar comes yet once again to rekindle the torch of Love and Truth. Age after age, amidst the clamour of disruptions, wars,

fear and chaos, rings the Avatar's call:

"COME ALL UNTO ME"

Although, because of the veil of illusion, this Call of the Ancient One may appear as a voice in the wilderness, its echo and re-echo nevertheless pervades through time and space, to rouse at first a few, and eventually millions from their deep slumber of ignorance. And in the midst of illusion, as the Voice behind all voices, it awakens humanity, to bear witness to the Manifestation of God amidst mankind.

The time is come. I repeat the Call, and bid all come unto me.⁴²



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.

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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.⁴³



I may give you more, much more, than you expect—or may be nothing, and that nothing may prove to be everything. So I say, come with open hearts to receive much or nothing from your Divine Beloved. Come prepared to receive not so much of my words but of my Silence.⁴⁴



To love me for what I may give you is not loving me at all. To sacrifice anything in my cause to gain something for yourself is like a blind man sacrificing his eyes for sight. I am the Divine Beloved worthy of being loved because I am love. He who loves me because of this will be blessed with unlimited sight and will see me as I am.⁴⁵



I veil myself from man by his own curtain of ignorance, and manifest my Glory to a few. My present *avatic* Form is the last Incarnation of this cycle of time, hence my Manifestation will be the greatest.⁴⁶



I have not come to establish anything new—I have come to put life into the old. I have not come to establish retreats or ashrams. I create them for the purpose of my universal work, only to repeatedly dissolve them once that purpose has been served.⁴⁷



When my universal religion of love is on the verge of fading into insignificance, I come to breath 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.⁴⁸



Through endless time God's greatest gift is continuously given in silence. But when mankind becomes completely deaf to the thunder of his silence, God incarnates as man. The Unlimited assumes the limited, to shake *maya*-drugged humanity to a consciousness of its true destiny and to give a spiritual push to the world by

his physical presence on earth. He uses the body for his universal work, to be discarded in final sacrifice as soon as it has served its purpose.⁴⁹

MY COMMANDMENTS

- ★ Desire for nothing except desirelessness.
- ★ Hope for nothing except to rise above all hopes.
- ★ Want nothing and you will have everything.
- ★ Be angry with none but your own weaknesses.
- ★ Hate none but your own lustful self.
- ★ Be greedy to own more and more wealth of tolerance and Justice.
- ★ Wage war against your desires, and Godhood will be your victory.
- ★ Serve others with the understanding that in serving them you are serving Me.
- ★ Be resigned completely to My Will, and My Will will be yours.
- ★ Let your temptation be to tempt Me with your love in order to receive My Grace.⁵⁰

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF AVATARIC ADVENT

CONSCIOUSLY or unconsciously, knowingly or unknowingly, man expresses his gratitude for what God accomplishes for mankind by stooping down to the level of man as the Avatar in the critical periods of human history. He does this in response to the call of ailing human hearts oppressed by the burden of suffering. In fulfilment of His ancient promise given in the *Bhagavad Gita* that he would come to awaken mankind to the One God, One Humanity and One brotherhood, he sows the seed of love in human hearts and re-establishes *Dharma* (unity of all life). This occurs when separative tendencies born out of forgetfulness of true spiritual values of life divide human society and destroy all that is noble in human life.

What has Meher Baba done for mankind? The awareness of oneness of life in love is already discernible amongst all people of this earth in all walks of life and fields of activities. Forces are now visibly at work to awaken the masses to this awareness. Besides, all the power and knowledge man claims to have today and all the amenities of life man enjoys today are the direct outcome of the physical presence of and self-giving love and self-withering services rendered by Meher Baba. The truth of this statement, apparently enigmatic, can be grasped by one and all if an effort is made to gain an insight into the significance of what is being called 'an Avataric period' and the function of God as the Avatar.

"Avataric periods are like the springtide of creation. They bring a new release of power, a new awakening of consciousness, a new experience of life—not merely for a few, but for all. Qualities of energy and awareness, which had been used and enjoyed by only

*a few advanced souls, are made available for all humanity. Life, as a whole, is stepped up to a higher level of consciousness, is geared to a new rate of energy"**

As the sweet fragrance of blossoming flowers at dawn invites bees, the advent of the Avatar of God on this earth of ours attracts souls from worlds[†] invisible to us, but inhabited by human beings possessing varying degrees of physical, intellectual and emotional advancement. Attainment of spiritual freedom, the goal of all life, which depends upon the balancing of head and heart, is only possible on this good earth of ours. That possibility is a thousandfold enhanced when the Avatar walks on this earth as Man, and souls from all other worlds rush to incarnate on this earth. This heavy rush of souls from other worlds towards this earth accounts for the frightening problem of what we call "population explosion." Immigration of souls from worlds where men have attained highest percentage of intellectual advancement accounts for the unprecedented and tremendous advancement of science in our time, such as satellite communication and space research for example, bringing in a new release of power, a new awakening of consciousness and new experience of life for all.

Nothing can happen unless willed by God and in an *Avataric period* God as Man lives that Will of God giving spiritual stimulation to the mind-hearts of humanity. Thus one can see today the outcome of what Meher Baba, assisted by a few of his disciples, had done at Meherabad, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra State (India)

* *From Discourses by Meher Baba, 1987, p.268.*

† *During his summer stay at Guruprasad in Poona Baba once revealed that there are 18,000 worlds in Creation which are inhabited, some by human beings with 100% intelligence, others with lesser and varying degrees of it. (82 Family Letters, by Manija S. Irani, 1976, p. 164)*

during 1924-1936, at Nasik (1936-1937) and at many other places during his lifetime (1894-1969). Steadily manifesting all around us today with a force irresistible is the changing of the age-old established order of human society in its moral, religious, social, cultural and economic outlook and thought. This explains what Meher Baba meant when he said that the institutions he established and demolished at various places and at various times were like scaffoldings around a building under construction. He was silently building a new world order on a firm foundation of the true spiritual values of life in the heart of the world, and preparing it for the New Humanity he was ushering in.

In answer to a question on his actions, Meher Baba once said: *'My actions however trivial have their reverberations outside. My feeding and clothing the people means the economic betterment of the world'*

Meher Baba's activities at a given time might have appeared insignificant, or meaningless or unintelligible, but as a Perfect Master (Qutub) and particularly the Avatar of the Age they had reactions and for laymen they can be understood as spiritual stimulations into the mind-heart of man.

Today when we put on the switches of the radio, or television or tape-recorder and so many other mechanical, electrical and electronic equipments few are aware that we are using those qualities of energy and awareness, which had been used and enjoyed by a few advanced souls, popularly known as yogis, saints or mahatmas in the past. They are made available for the use and enjoyment of all mankind by the Will of God activated and executed by the physical presence and work of the Avatar.

Meher Baba's self-withering work with the God-intoxicated and also with advanced souls, sadhus and the poor, the magnitude

of which is beyond the reach of intellect, was a process of releasing the energy and awareness accumulated in such souls, who were in continuous communion with what men call God (spiritual power house) and who were, so to say, sub-stations of spiritual power. When he was caring for the mad men in the Mad Ashram he had established at Meherabad, Ahmednagar (1936-1938) with his personal touch in the matter of feeding, clothing, bathing and even cleansing the lavatory and finally making them enact a drama entitled 'Raja Gopichand,' he was spiritually preparing for the restoration of a war-crazy world governed by power-mad political leaders to normality through a blood-bath of which we today know as the second world war.

In short, mankind has been given enough power, knowledge and skill to enable them to live a noble life of lasting peace and happiness on this earth as children of one Father—God, but the stains of self-interest so clings to the mind of man ignorant of the true spiritual meaning of life, that it does not allow the full expression of the qualities of his heart. Probably it may need another holocaust of an atomic bath before man is fully awakened to accept and see the eternal truth of 'Unity of All Life' and induce him to live a life of love in oneness. In the meantime, let those who have been fortunate to have come in personal contact with the Avatar of God—had the privilege of sitting at His sacred feet and receiving His unbounded love which He smiled into their lives inspiring them to love and serve God, who resides in every heart, a smile which continues to inspire them to a life of self-giving love and self-effacing service for the Cause of Truth—experience the bliss of His love, sharing it with all those who are receptive.

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THE GREAT EVENT*

MEHERAZAD is pleasant and peaceful, but we feel that everything is vacant. It is like feeling some presence in a vacuum; feeling ourselves, so to say, in a vacuum. Our daily routine continues to be as it used to be when Meher Baba was with us in his physical presence. The Mandali continues to stay in Meherazad. The women, they do their duties; and the men perform their duties. In the midst of our duties we sadly miss the familiar phrases 'Baba wants you,' 'Baba said so,' 'Baba wants you to do this.' These phrases are no longer heard, nor are they said.

We don't feel Baba's absence, yet we sorely miss him. And we miss his silence too, because we found his silence wherever Baba was. Baba and his silence were inseparable for the past 44 years. In the midst of all his activities, Baba's silent gestures, Baba's very silence gave forth words—vibrant words, the words that went deep into the hearts of his lovers, that made his lovers fall at his feet, that made his lovers ready to give their lives at a signal from him. That Silence we miss now. The Silence that spoke is no longer with us.

MANIFESTATION

THE LOVERS of Baba too believe that Baba is in their midst, although his physical presence is out of sight. He seems to have come into their hearts more forcefully than ever before. They feel his presence without seeing him, and I can quite believe that, because I too feel it the same way. I feel his presence without seeing him.

We, the Mandali, feel that there will come a day when the world will know about the Avatar of the age, about his silence,

about the Word of all words, that will be released and felt by the world. We still believe that he will manifest to the world, so that the world can know that the much anticipated Avatar lived amongst them, suffered for them and dropped his body and left them. Some came to know of him while he was still in the flesh, some came to know him when he rested in the Tomb giving darshan in silence, and the rest will come to know of him when he will manifest in their hearts. And, I believe that the time for that manifestation will not be far, it must happen soon; and I would not at all be surprised if Baba were to appear in his body, at different places to his lovers, at one and the same time, or at different times, giving them his 'darshan.' This I will consider as his world-wide manifestation.

A VISION OF BABA

DURING the days of the Great Event when Meher Baba dropped his body, a Zoroastrian priest, dressed in priestly robes came for Baba's darshan at the Tomb. He was the Parsi high priest of Ahmednagar. On January 31st[@] he got up for his early morning prayers at about 4 o'clock and after completion of the prayers went back to bed. Before long he saw a vision—Baba sitting on a white horse rode past him and told him that he was going to his Manzil (destination). He saw that Baba was bathed in a bright halo. He immediately jumped out of his bed and resolved to find out about Meher Baba.

In his years of priesthood, he respected Baba, but had no love for him. Later, he was shocked to learn of Baba's dropping his body. He rushed to the Tomb to pay his last respects. He was so overpowered by the vision that he even went down into the crypt and touched Baba's feet. This is an unusual act. Members of the Parsi priestly class never touch a corpse. But for him Baba still lived. This is how Baba, even at the last minute obliged one,

took care of one's feelings as he did all along while he was with us. He was so patient with us, so kind, so loving, so compassionate; because of all this we felt him, knew him, to be the Ancient One.

STORY OF MECCA

MUSLIMS from all over the world go to Mecca to pay their respects at the Kaaba, the most sacred place of pilgrimage for members of the Islamic faith. For the past fourteen hundred years Muslims visit the Kaaba to pay their respects. Coincidentally, it was reported in the newspapers, that from January 31, 1969 to February 7, 1969[†], the Hajeess were not able to go round the Kaaba, their usual seven rounds, because it was submerged in 6.5 feet of water. Such a thing had never happened, even once, during the last fourteen hundred years.

From this piece of reportage, I felt, that Baba in this Avatavic form gave a sign to all the followers of his advent that the Tomb at Meherabad was now the Kaaba of the Age.

Eruch Jessawala

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† Avatar Meher Baba dropped His body on 31.1.1969. His body was kept in the crypt of the Tomb for Darshan by His followers and the crypt was closed only after 7 days i.e. on 7.2.1969.

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(From "Catalog of Books" by Meher Baba Information, U.S.A.)



No other work has yet been published which takes the reader so deeply into the fundamental mechanics of life and the universe. *God Speaks* is a minutely detailed description of the journey of the soul from the time of its "creation" until it has completed its function in the evolution and involution of consciousness, and has returned to the Over-Soul from which it originated.

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Students of philosophy and religion will find much material which is entirely new or which had previously been advanced only in very fragmentary form. With precision and lucidity Meher Baba clarifies and defines formerly diffuse concepts. Regarding evolution and consciousness, he says, *'It is well to remember always that the beginning is a beginning in consciousness, the evolution is an evolution in consciousness, the end, if there be an end, is an end in consciousness.'*

On concluding the volume, one is left with the conviction that, regardless of the mechanism by which it may have been accomplished, truly the voice of God has been heard.

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be done in a flash—the situation has generally eased afterwards, sometimes in quite a remarkable manner.

I think what is needed is that we should, so to speak, turn on the electric switch within ourselves, so that the current of Baba's influence can flow through us and illumine not only us but all in our neighbourhood . . .

Baba says, in His *DISCOURSES*: *'From the good the soul passes on to God. Selflessness is merged into Universal Selfhood, which is beyond good and bad, virtue and vice and all other dual aspects of Maya. The height of selflessness is the beginning of the feeling of one-ness with all. In the state of liberation there is neither selfishness nor selflessness in the ordinary sense; but both of these are taken up and merged into the feeling of Selfness for all. Realization of the unity of all life is accompanied by peace and unfathomable bliss. It does not, in any way, lead either to spiritual stagnation or the obliteration of relative values. Selfness for all brings about undisturbed harmony without loss of discrimination and unshakeable peace without indifference to the surroundings. And this Selfness for all is not an outcome of merely subjective synthesis. It is a result of an actual attainment of union with the Ultimate Reality which includes all.'*

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THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

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*—the only One worthy of worship.

Meher Baba

(From *Glances of the God-Man*, Meher Baba, Vol.IV by Bal Natu, 1984, pp. 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 backbiting.

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.

Meher Baba

(From *Glances of the God-Man*, Meher Baba, Vol.III by Bal Natu, 1982, pp. 180-181)

A PRAYER FOR BABA LOVERS

BELOVED God, help us all to love You more and more,
And more and more and still yet more,
Till we become worthy of union with You;
And help us all to hold fast to Baba's *Daaman* till the very end.

Meher Baba

(From *The Path of Love* by Meher Baba, edited by Filis Frederick,
The Awakener Press, 1986, p. 129)



The ideal prayer to the Lord is nothing more than spontaneous praise of His being. You praise Him, not in the spirit of bargain but in the spirit of self-forgetful appreciation of what He really is. You praise Him because He is praiseworthy. Your praise is a spontaneous appreciative response to His true being, as infinite light, infinite power and infinite bliss All hymns and prayers reach out towards the eternal Truth of Godhead only to merge those who utter them in silent and unending adoration But all prayers with a motive fall short of the ideal prayer which is without motive. In the entire spiritual panorama of the universe nothing is more sublime than a spontaneous prayer. It gushes out of the human heart, filled with appreciative joy

Meher Baba

(From *Beams from Meher Baba on the Spiritual Panorama*, edited by
C.D. Deshmukh, 2nd ptg. 1968, pp. 74-76)

THE HOLY TOMB-SHRINE OF AVATAR MEHER BABA

THE HOLY Tomb-Shrine of Avatar Meher Baba is at MEHERABAD, 8 Kms. from Ahmednagar in Maharashtra, on Dhond-Manmad Railway line. The Tomb is open for Public Darshan everyday from 7.00 A. M. to 7.45 P. M. The Amartithi of Avatar Meher Baba is observed every year on 31st January at Meherabad. Thousands of Baba lovers from all over India and abroad gather here in loving remembrance on this day, to pay homage to the Avatar of the Age.



While bowing down at the Tomb, I want you all to remember two things:

- (a) *To love Me wholeheartedly. Love does not mean the outward expression. You should love in such a way that you forget yourself in Me, the Beloved. . . .*
- (b) *To give happiness to others at the cost of your happiness or comfort.*

Meher Baba

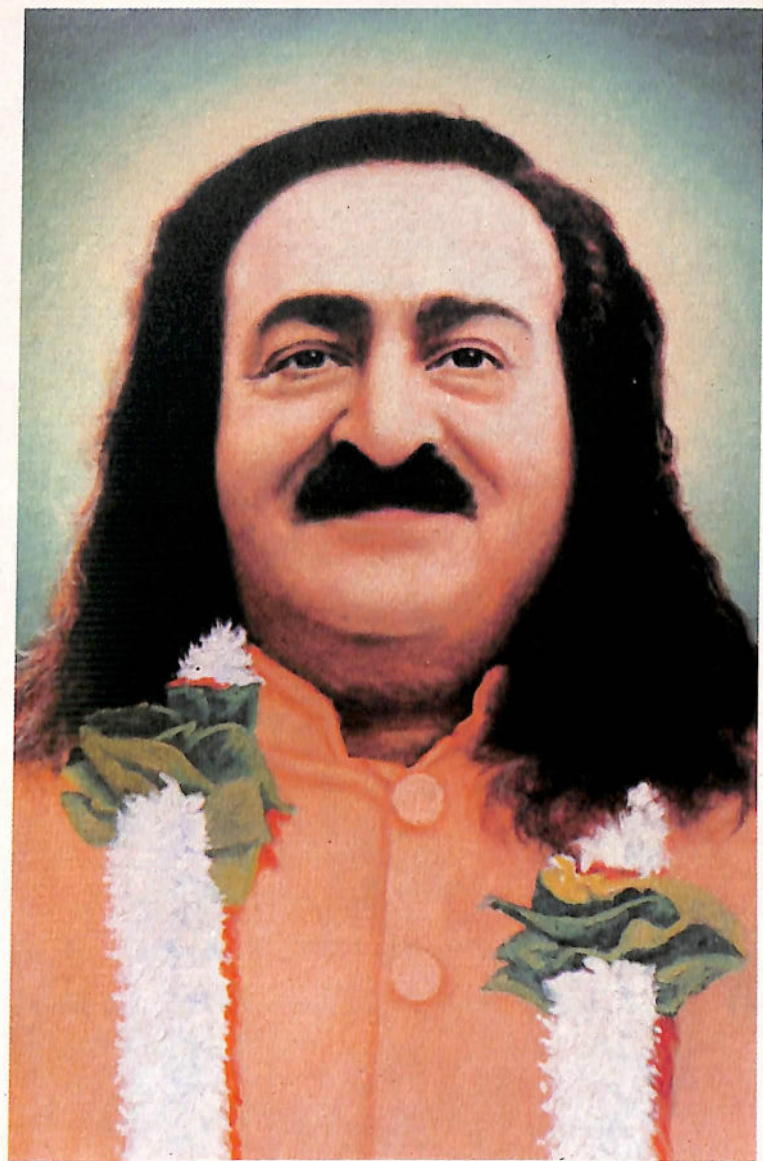
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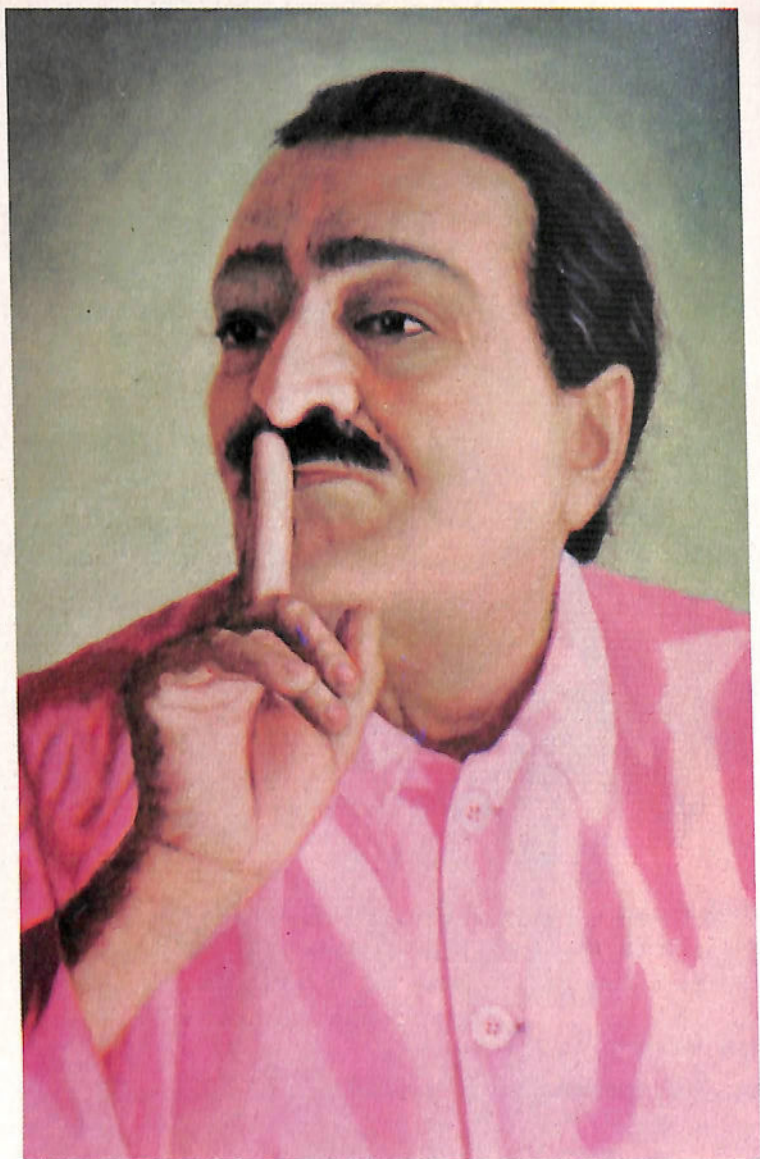


. . . After seventy years this place will be a place of great privilege and pilgrimage . . . to whose Samadhi (Tomb) will flock one day, from all over the world, all the lovers of God, philosophers and worshippers to pay their homage!

Meher Baba

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"The universe is my ashram, and every heart is my house . . ."

"The heart of each should be my shrine, and my lover the priest of that temple of love."

Meher Baba

AGE AFTER age the infinite God wills through His infinite mercy to come among mankind by descending to the human level in a human form. His physical presence among mankind is not understood and He is looked upon as an ordinary man of the world. When He asserts His divinity by proclaiming Himself the Avatar of the age, He is worshipped by some who accept Him as God, and glorified by a few who know Him as God on earth. It happens invariably though that the rest of humanity condemns Him while He is physically among them.



The Avatar is always one and the same because God is always one and the same. This eternally one and the same Avatar repeats His manifestation from time to time in different cycles. He adopts different human forms and different names, coming to different places to reveal truth in different clothing and different languages. This He does to raise humanity from the pit of ignorance and help free it from the bondage of delusion.



Of all the high roads which take the pilgrim directly to his divine destination, the quickest lies through the God-Man (Christ, Messiah, Avatar). In the God-Man, God reveals Himself in all His glory, with His infinite power, unfathomable knowledge, inexpressible bliss and eternal existence. The path through the God-Man is available to all those who approach Him in complete surrenderance and unwavering faith.

Meher Baba

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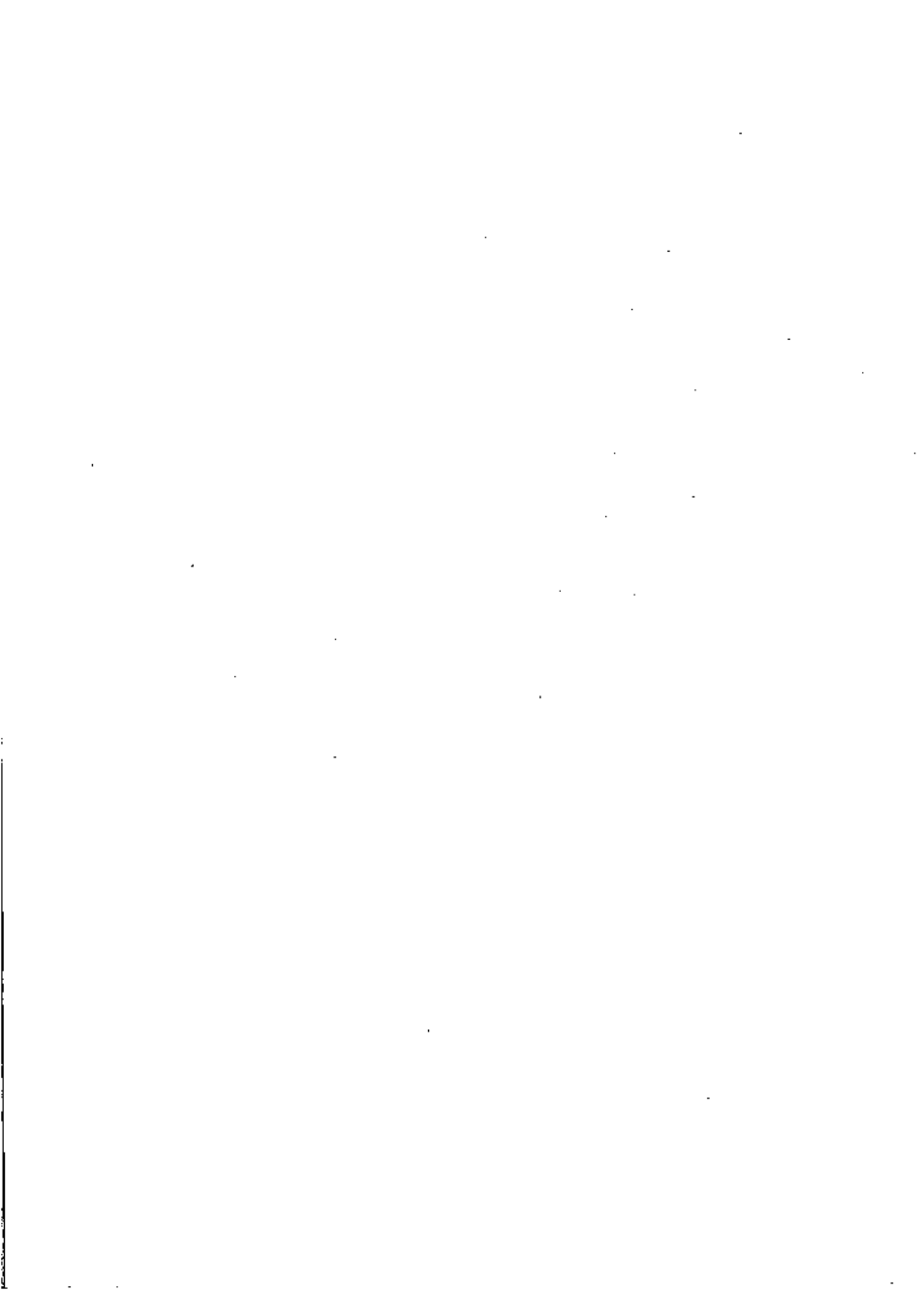


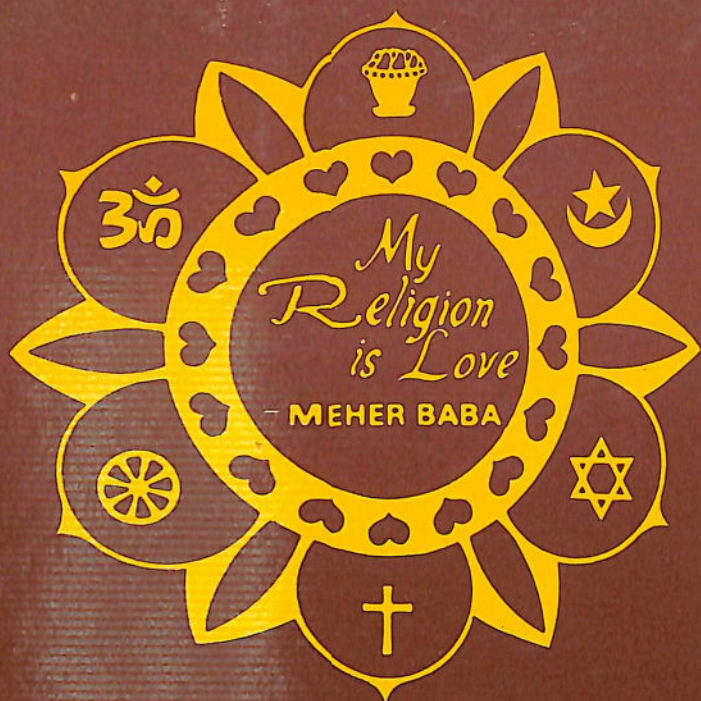
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