

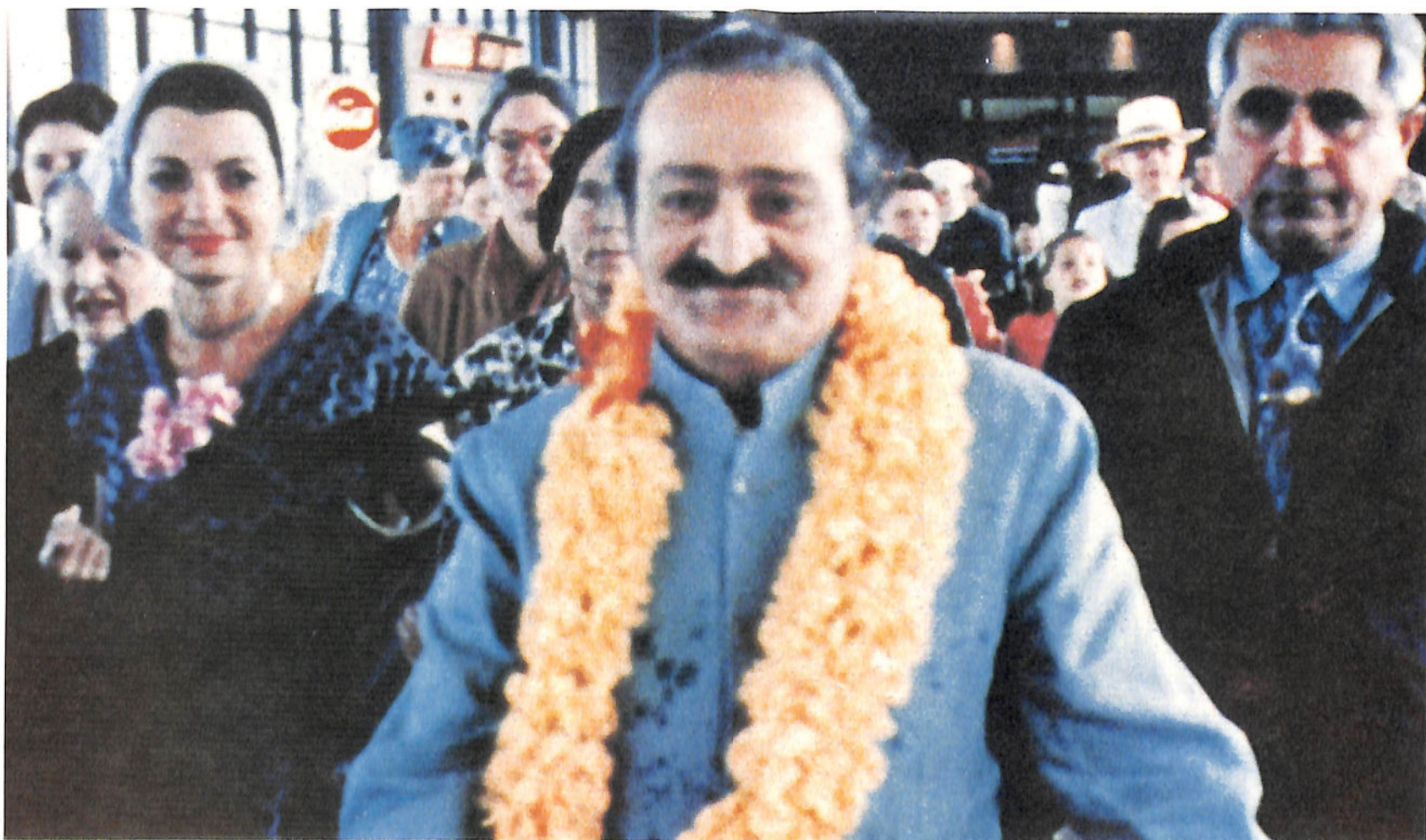
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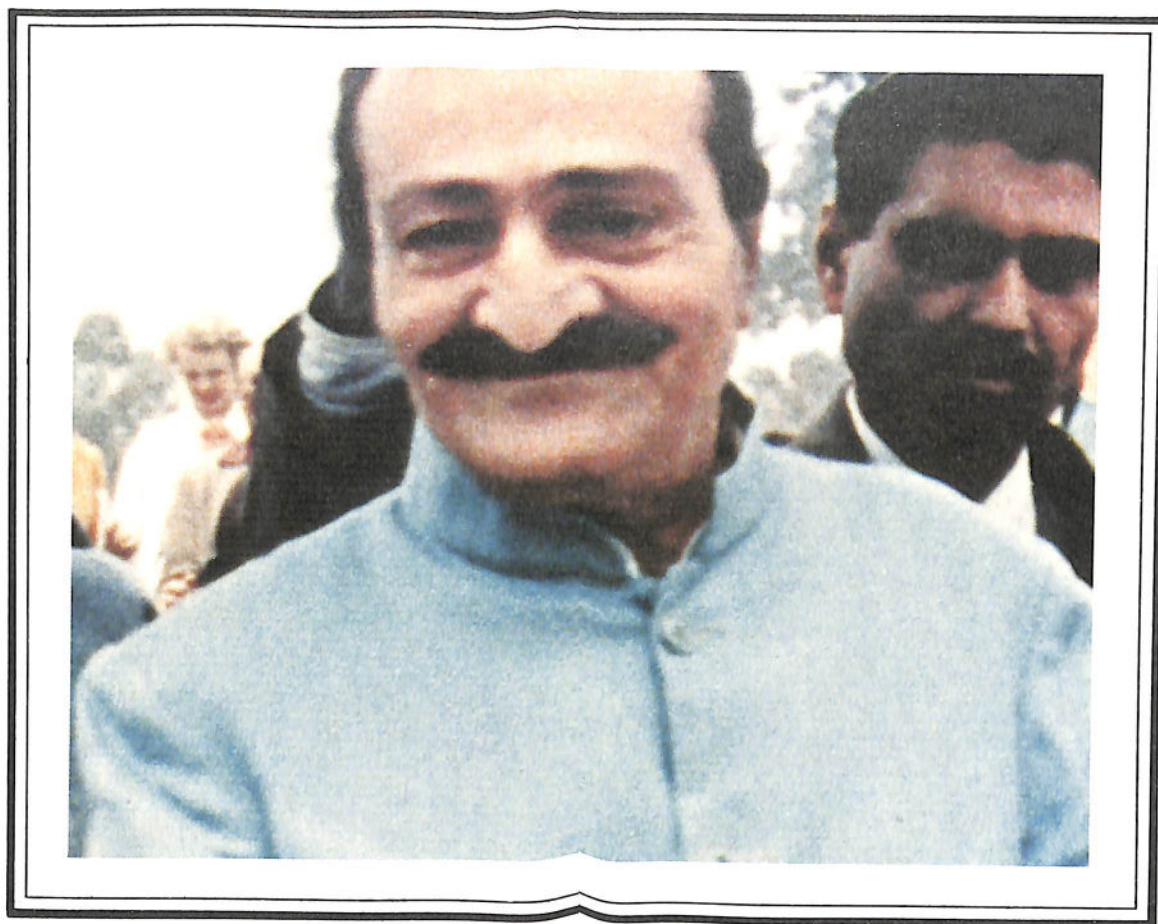
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If You Can Love Me More and More, There Will Be a Day
When You Will Realize Me as I Am.

The Two Ways of Loving God

"When you become One with God the bliss that you experience is eternal, infinite. There is no break in that bliss; it is continual. And then you can make others happy. You get the authority to make others happy.

"The only thing that I have been repeating ever since the first time I came, is *Love God*. Age after age I have been saying nothing but, *Love God*.

"*Love*. Everyone now uses the word *love*; it has been made so very cheap. If one really loves, one would never utter that word. What does it mean to love God? It is a very, very great thing. The true lover of God never says anything. He forgets that he loves God.

"How will you love God? How should you love God? Not through meditations, not through so-called prayers or other things. There are two ways. One is to leave all and everything. That means to have nothing of your own, not even your own body . . . to renounce absolutely everything. Everything means not only your surroundings but everything, including yourself.

"The second thing is something great. There you don't have to renounce anything. You can lead a family life, be in the world, do your work or business, attend your services, attend theatres, parties, everything. But always—do one thing! Constantly think, constantly try, to make others happy, even at the cost of your own happiness. That is the second way of loving God."

A Message of Hope from Avatar Meher Baba

The Travail of the New World Order

The world-storm which has been gathering momentum is now having its greatest outburst and in reaching its climax it will work universal disaster. In the struggle for material well-being, all grievances have assumed fantastic proportions, and the diverse differences of human interest have been so accentuated that they have precipitated distinctive conflict. Humanity has failed to solve its individual and social problems, and the evidence for this failure is very clear. The incapacity of men to deal with their problems constructively and creatively reveals a tragic deficiency in the right understanding of the basic nature of man and the true purpose of life.

The world is witnessing an acute conflict between the forces of Light and the forces of Darkness. On the one hand there are selfish persons who seek their happiness blindly through lust for power, unbridled greed and unrelieved hatred. Ignorant of the real purpose of life, they have sunk down to the lowest level of culture. They bury their higher selves in the wreckage of crumbling forms which linger on from the dead past. Bound by material interests and limited conceptions, they are forgetful of their divine destiny. They have lost their way, and their hearts are torn by the ravages of hate and rancour. On the other hand there are persons who unveil their inherent higher selves through the endurance of pain and deprivation and through noble acts of bravery and self-sacrifice. The present war is teaching man to be brave, to be able to suffer, to understand and to sacrifice.

The disease of selfishness in mankind will need a cure which is not only universal in its application but drastic in nature. It is so deep-rooted that it can be eradicated only if it is attacked from all sides. *Real peace and happiness will dawn spontaneously when there is a purging of selfishness. The peace and happiness which comes from self-giving love are permanent.* Even the worst sinners can become great saints if they have the courage and sincerity to invite a drastic and complete change of heart.

The present chaos and destruction will engulf the whole world, but this will be followed by a very long period in which there shall be no war. The passing sufferings and miseries of our times will be worth enduring for the sake of the long period of happiness which is to follow. What will the present chaos lead to? How will it all end? It can only end in one way. Mankind will be sick of it all. Men will be sick of wanting and sick of fighting out of hatred. Greed and hatred will reach such intensity that everyone will become weary of them. The way out of the dead-lock will be found through selflessness. The only alternative which can bring a solution will be to stop hating and to love, to stop wanting and to give, to stop dominating and to serve.

Great suffering awakens great understanding. Supreme suffering fulfills its purpose and yields its true significance when it

awakens exhausted humanity and stirs within it a genuine longing for real understanding. *Unprecedented suffering leads to unprecedented spiritual growth. It contributes to the construction of life on the unshakable foundation of the Truth.* It is now high time that universal suffering should hasten humanity to the turning point in its spiritual history. It is now high time that the very agonies of our times should become a medium for bringing a real understanding of human relationship. It is now high time for humanity to face squarely the true causes of the catastrophe which has overtaken it. It is now high time to seek a new experience of Reality. To know that life is real and eternal is to inherit unfading bliss. It is time that men had this realization by being unified with their own selves.

Through unification with the higher self, man perceives the Infinite Self in all selves. He becomes free by outgrowing and discarding the limitations of the ego-life. *The individual soul has to realize with full consciousness its identity with the Universal Soul.* Men shall reorient life in the light of this ancient Truth, and they will readjust their attitude towards their neighbors in everyday life. To perceive the spiritual value of oneness is to promote real unity and cooperation. Brotherhood then becomes a spontaneous outcome of true perception. *The new life which is based upon spiritual understanding is an affirmation of the Truth. It is not something which belongs to utopia, but is completely practical.* Now that humanity is thrown into the fire of bloody conflicts, through immense anguish it is experiencing the utter instability and futility of the life which is based upon purely material conceptions. The hour is near when men in their eager longing for real happiness will seek its true source.

The time is also ripe when men will ardently seek to contact the embodiment of Truth in the form of a God-Man, through whom they can be inspired and lifted into spiritual understanding. They will accept the guidance which comes from divine authority. Only the outpouring of divine love can bring about spiritual awakening. In this critical time of universal suffering, men are becoming ready to turn towards their Higher Self and to fulfill the will of God. Divine love will perform the supreme miracle of bringing God into the hearts of men and of getting them established in lasting and true happiness. It will satisfy the greatest need and longing of mankind. Divine love will make men selfless and helpful in their mutual relations, and it will bring about the final solution of all problems. *The new brotherhood on earth shall be a fulfilled fact and nations will be united in the fraternity of Love and Truth.*

My existence is for this Love and this Truth. To suffering humanity I say:

"Have hope. I have come to help you in surrendering yourselves to the Cause of God and in accepting His grace of Love and Truth. I have come to help you in winning the one victory of all victories—to win yourself."



I Have Crossed the Limited Earthly Oceans to Bring To
You All the Limitless and Shoreless Ocean of Divine Love.

It is my God-ordained work to awaken humanity to the inviolable unity and inalienable divinity of all life. Know that you are in essence eternal, and heirs to infinite knowledge, bliss and power. In order to enjoy your unlimited state, all that is necessary is to

shed your ignorance which makes you feel that you are separate from the rest of life. The separative ego or "I" can disappear only through divine love, which will be my gift to mankind.

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I Am the Ocean of Love. Fear Me Not But Love Me More and More.

Love and coercion can never go together, but while love cannot be forced upon anyone, it can be awakened through love itself. Love is essentially self-communicative; those who do not have it catch it from those who have it. Those who receive love from others cannot be its recipients without giving a response which, in itself, is the

nature of love. True love is unconquerable and irresistible. It goes on gathering power and spreading itself until eventually it transforms everyone it touches. Humanity will attain to a new mode of being through the free and unhampered interplay of pure love from heart to heart.

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Lincoln's Birthday

Washington's Birthday



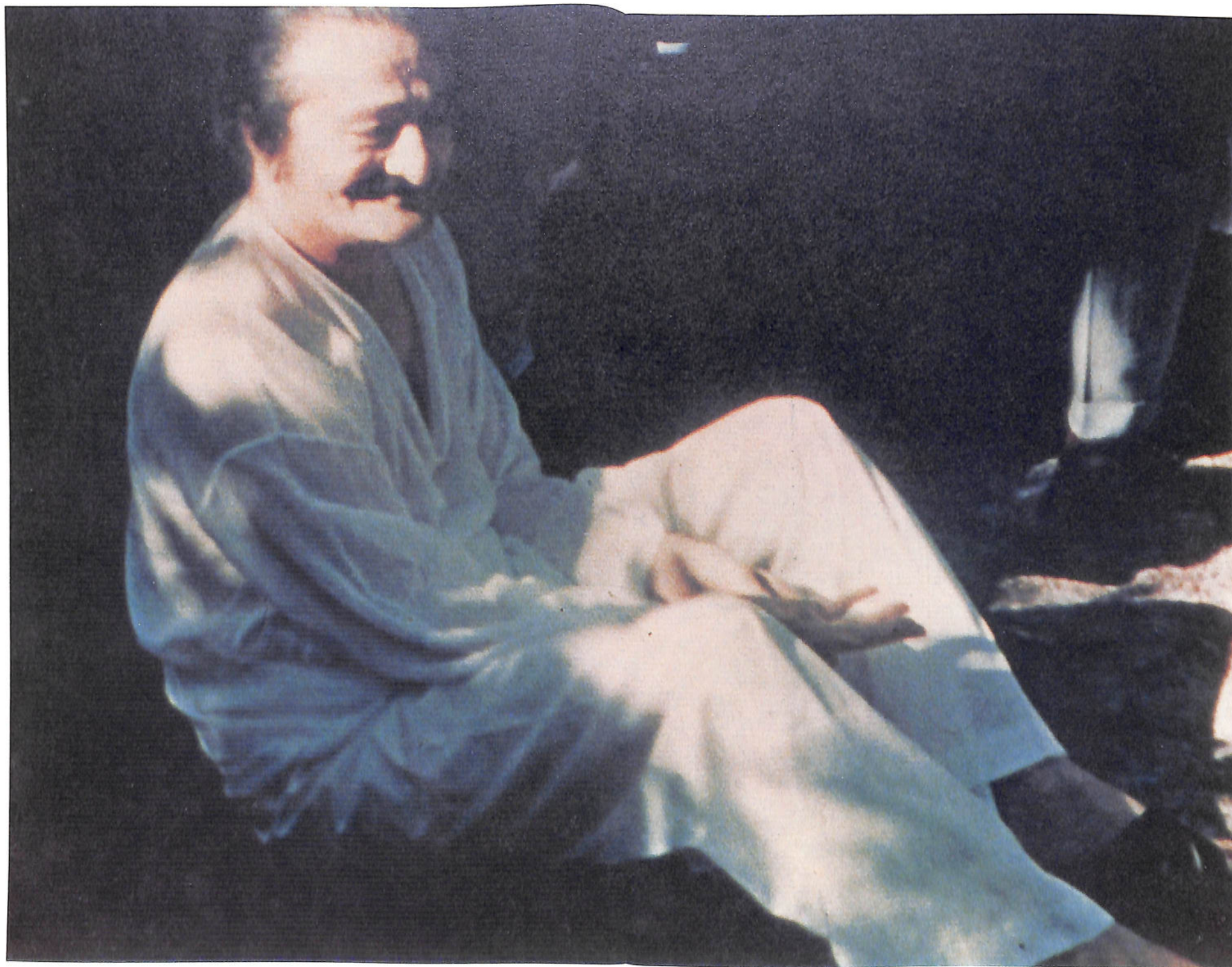
Do Your Best—Then, Don't Worry! Be Happy in My Love.

I do not perform any miracles, I do not change the circumstances at all, but there is one thing that is certain: that my spiritual status is so high, so great that any man in any difficulty, in any corner of

the world, at any time, if he remembers me with all his heart, then the difficulty is immediately solved. . . . This is not idle talk, it is a fact. I am the Lord of the Universe and the slave of my lovers.

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God Can Be Loved as He Ought to Be Loved by Trying to
Make Others Happy Even at the Cost of One's Happiness

As God, the God-man sees all souls as His own; He sees Himself in everything and His universal mind includes all minds in its scope. The God-man knows Himself to be identical with God and is thus eternally free. He also knows Himself to be one with the other souls in bondage and is thus vicariously bound; and though He

constantly experiences the Eternal Bliss of God-realization, He also vicariously experiences suffering owing to the bondage of other souls, whom He knows to be His own forms. This is the meaning of Christ's crucifixion . . . I am the Christ.

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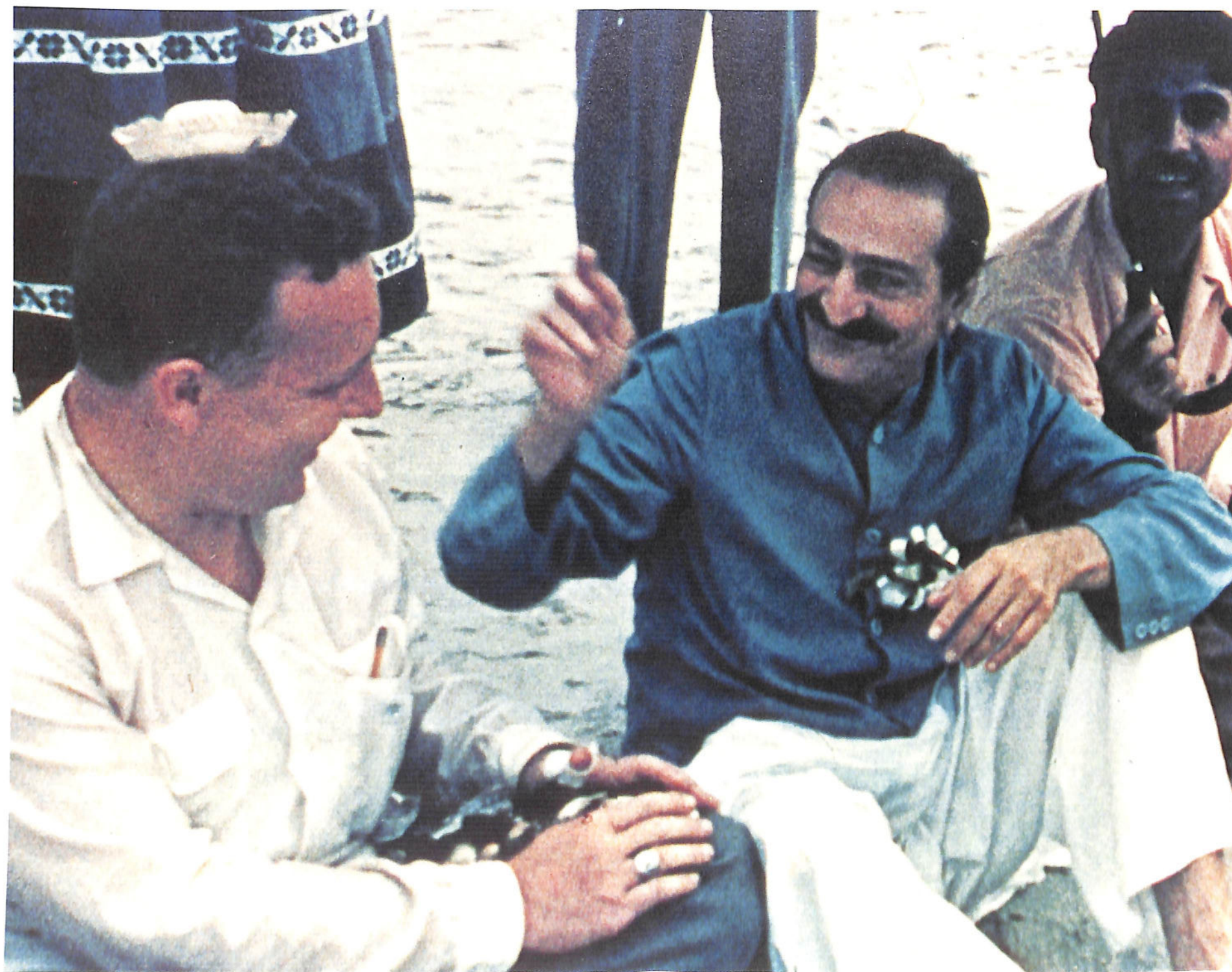
It Is Because of My Love for You That You All Love Me.

The source of eternal bliss is the Self in all. The cause of perpetual misery is the selfishness of all. As long as satisfaction is derived through selfish pursuits, misery will always exist. Only because of the infinite love and mercy of God can man learn to realize through

the lessons of misery on earth that inherent in him is the source of infinite bliss and that all suffering is his labor of love to unveil his own infinite Self.

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Try to Love Me More and More And One Day You Will Know Me.

I come down to your level to such an extent that I mix with you all. I appear to be gay, cheerful, playful. But you have no idea of My Divinity, of my all-pervading state. I have the greatest sense of humor, like Krishna. That sense of humor should not mislead you or make you forget who I really am. Don't mix me up as one of you!

It is possible only for the saints and those on the higher path, the real saints of higher consciousness, to know me a little. If you had just a glimpse of me, you would loose your body consciousness completely.

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I Give My Love to You All. I Know That You All Love Me.

When I break my silence, the world will come to know that I am the one whom they were waiting for . . . I will utter the Word of Words that will irresistably impart to those who are ready the "I am God" state. My mission is to utter this word of truth which will pierce the mind of the world and go to its very heart. It will convey

the simple truth in all its utter and indefinable simplicity. The word that I speak will go to the world as from God, not as a philosopher; it will go straight to its heart. With the dawn of the realization of the Unity of all life, hatred and dissention will come to an end.

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If Anything Ever Touches My Universal Heart It Is Love.

When it is recognized that there are no claims greater than the claims of the universal divine life which, without exception, includes everyone and everything, love will not only establish peace, harmony and happiness in social, national, and international spheres, but it will shine in its own purity and beauty . . . Through Divine Love the New Humanity will learn the art of

co-operative and harmonious life; it will free itself from the tyranny of dead forms and release the creative life of spiritual wisdom; it will shed all illusions and get established in the Truth; it will enjoy peace and abiding happiness; it will be initiated in the life of Eternity.

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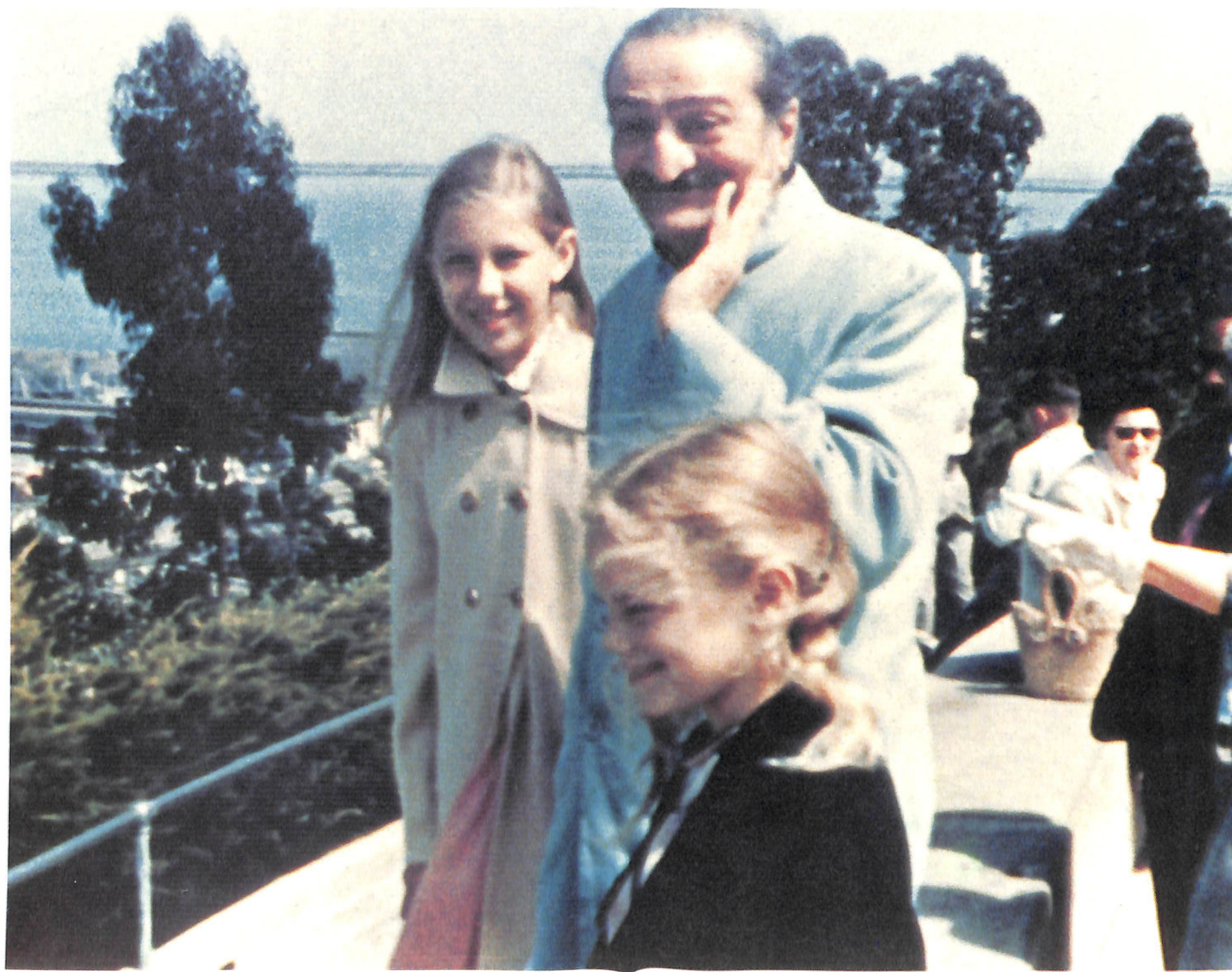
I Am the Universal Thief: I Steal Hearts.

Everywhere today man is rightfully occupied with the problem of world peace . . . It can be ensured only by a release of unarguing and unconquerable love which knows no fear or separateness. 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 . . .

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

September

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I Am Not This Physical Form.
I Am the Ocean—The Unlimited Ocean of Love.

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. I have come to sow the seed of love

in your hearts so that . . . the feeling of oneness through love is brought about amongst all nations, creeds, sects and castes of the world.

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I Am the Lord of the Universe and the Slave of My Lovers.

The Flash from the Eternal. The act of a Perfect Master is not repetitive. It is not merely the re-doing of something previously experienced in the context of a new setting. It is the doing of something that can not be done within the restrictions of the experiences of duality. It is a creation of the utterly new, a descent

of the Truth into the false. Hence its creativity is infinite. The redeeming act of a Perfect Master is a flash of the Eternal in the midst of what is otherwise nothing but rigidly determined causation. This is the mystery of divine grace bestowed by the Perfect Master.

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Love Me More and More till You Get Drowned in Me. Dive
Deep and Gain the Priceless Pearl of Infinite Oneness.

Pure love is matchless in majesty; it has no parallel in power and there is no darkness it cannot dispel. It is the undying flame that has set all life aglow, yet it must be kindled and rekindled in the abysmal darkness of selfish thoughts, selfish words and selfish

deeds. As it is fired anew, it bursts out in magnificent light to serve as a beacon to serve for those who still grope in the darkness of selfishness, be that darkness deep blue or all black.

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In publishing these color photographs of Meher Baba's American Tour in July and August of 1956, it is intended that loving and joyful tribute be paid to the immeasurable gift of Love that He has poured out on us, unstintingly, without sparing Himself from infinite pains. On this twentieth Anniversary of that historic Visit, we thank God for all the countless signs and expressions of His Love for one and all, that can so clearly be seen everywhere.

It is sincerely hoped that all will treasure and enjoy these precious documentary proofs of the God-man's boundless love for us all, love that is abundantly evident in each gesture, action, word and loving glance that came from His beautiful Person. No kindness however small escaped Him, and His consideration for those around Him was nothing short of miraculous.

Because of their inestimable historic value, which will greatly increase as more and more of the world's millions do come to know that the Avatar has again come amongst mankind, the photos have been preserved just exactly as they were taken at New York, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Los Angeles, and San Francisco. It is hoped that those of His dear ones among whom He is seen mingling will not feel that their personal privacy has been embarrassingly invaded by the sharing of these precious moments in the intimacy of the Master's Divine Company, one moment of which is worth more than a hundred years of sincere prayers, and it is hoped that they will not feel that they themselves are in any way being called attention to.

Finally, it is hoped that these wonderful photographs and the love and blessing which they contain will bring us all closer and closer to Him in Love.

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