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Tenth July is a day of great significance. Tenth July, 1925, Avatar Meher Baba began His unique Silence and maintained it till He dropped His body on 31 January 1969 after the completion of His Avataric work on this earth. Silence is the symbol of Divinity, because God is Infinite Silence. GOD HAS BEEN EVERLASTINGLY WORKING IN SILENCE, UNOBSERVED, UNHEARD, EXCEPT BY THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE HIS INFINITE SILENCE.

Silence is the language of God, because knowledge of Brahman or Spiritual Truth can be imparted only through silence. Meher Baba said : I HAVE COME NOT TO TEACH BUT TO AWAKEN. Hence, Silence was the medium of Avatar Meher Baba's work.

Meher Baba began His silence saying it was for a period of one or one and half year. But when His silence continued indefinitely much curiosity was aroused in the minds of those

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who followed Him, those who met Him and those who came to know about Him. Baba gave a number of declarations on His Silence, and said that he who would deeply ponder over the Truth which He declared, shall eventually be initiated into the Life Eternal.

In order to help all to ponder over His declarations while observing silence on Tenth July some of His messages on silence are given :



# The Messages of Meher Baba

## On His Silence

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★ 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.

★ God's first Word was, "Who am I" ?  
God's last Word is, "I am God."

And the Word that I, the God-Man will utter soon will be the sound of my infinite silence.

★ I am not limited by this form. I use it like a garment to make myself visible to you; and I communicate with you. Don't try to understand me. My depth is unfathomable. Just love me.

I eternally enjoy the Christ-state of consciousness, and when I speak I shall manifest my true self; besides giving a general push to the whole world, I shall lead all those who come to me toward light and truth.

★ 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.

God has come again and again in various forms, has spoken again and again in different words and different languages the same one Truth - but how many are there that live up to it? Instead of making Truth the vital breath of his life, man compromises by making over and over again a mechanical religion of it - as a handy staff to lean on in times of adversity, as a soothing balm for his conscience or as a tradition to be followed in the footsteps of the past. Man's inability to live God's words makes them a mockery. How many Christians follow Christ's teaching to 'turn the other cheek' or 'to love thy neighbour as thyself'? How many Muslims follow Mohammed's precept to 'hold God

above everything else'? How many Hindus 'bear the torch of righteousness at all cost'? How many Buddhists live the 'life of pure compassion' expounded by Buddha? How many Zoroastrians 'think truly, speak truly, act truly'? God's Truth cannot be ignored; and thus by mankind's ignorance and weakness a tremendous adverse reaction is produced - and the world finds itself in a cauldron of suffering through wars, hate, conflicting ideologies and nature's rebellion in the form of floods, famines, earthquakes, and other disasters. Ultimately when the apex is reached, God manifests in human form to guide mankind to the destruction of its self-created evil, that it may be re-established in the Divine Truth.

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 brotherhood of man. My silence had to be. The breaking of my silence has to be - soon.

☉ I have come to sow the seed of love in your hearts so that, in spite of 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.

In order to bring this about, I am preparing to break my



silence. When I break my silence, it will not be to fill your ears with spiritual lectures. I shall speak only ONE WORD, and this WORD will penetrate the hearts of all men and make even the sinner feel that he is meant to be a saint, while the saint will know that God is in the sinner as much as in himself.

✧ To ask whether my followers will be informed of the time and the place of the breaking of my silence would be ridiculous and in itself would show that the significance of the breaking of my silence has not been truly understood.

✧ If you were to ask me why I do not speak, I would say I am not silent, and that I speak more eloquently through gestures and the alphabet board. If you were to ask me why I do not talk, I would say, mostly for three reasons. Firstly, I feel that through you all I am talking eternally. Secondly, to relieve the boredom of talking incessantly through your forms, I keep silence in my personal physical form. And thirdly, because all talk in itself is idle talk. Lectures, messages, statements, discourses of any kind, spiritual or otherwise, imparted through utterances or writings, are just idle talk when not acted upon or lived up to.

If you were to ask me when I will break my silence, I would say, when I feel like uttering the only real word that was spoken in the beginningless beginning, as that word alone is



worth uttering. The time for the breaking of my outward silence to utter that word is very near.

✧ When I speak, it will be only one Divine Word. This Word will have to be harkened by the heart, and not merely by the mind. It will go home to you and bring you the Awakening.

✧ I intend, when I speak, to reveal the One Supreme Self which is in all. This accomplished, the idea of the self as a limited, separate entity will disappear, and with it will vanish self-interest. Co-operation will replace competition, certainty will replace fear, generosity will replace greed. Exploitation will disappear. The benefits that shall accrue to different nations and countries when I bring about the spiritual upheaval will be largely determined by the amount of energy each possesses. The greater the energy - however misapplied - the greater the response.

✧ When I break my silence, the greatest miracles of all times will happen. Be worthy to receive the Divine Grace.

✧ The moment I break my silence and utter the Original Word, the first and last miracle of Baba in this life 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 in God. I won't give sight to the blind, but will make people blind to illusion and make them see God as Reality.

✧ 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 its utter and indefinable simplicity. It will mark the moment of fulfillment of the Divine Life. It will bring new hope to despairing humanity.

✧ Although I appear to be silent, I speak through you all. I am ever silent and everlastingly speaking, but the time has arrived when soon I will break this apparent silence, and then those who love me will see my Real Self.

✧ Remember, that although I do not perform miracles, I will give anything to whosoever asks from the bottom of his heart. But this I tell you, too - that the one who asks for my love will be the chosen one.

✧ My Word of words will touch the hearts of mankind and spontaneously this divine touch will instill in man the feeling of oneness of all fellow beings. This feeling will supercede the

tendency of separateness and rule over the hearts of all, driving away hatred, jealousy and greed that breeds suffering, and happiness will reign.

✪ This much I can say now, that soon God will make me break my silence and then it will mean God manifesting Himself; and within a short period, humiliation and glorification will come, and then will follow my violent physical death. I will come back again after 700 years; this I can say now.

✪ When I speak that Word, I shall lay the foundation for that which is to take place during the next 700 years. When I come again after 700 years, the evolution of consciousness will have reached such an apex that materialistic tendencies will be automatically transmuted into spiritual longing, and the feeling of equality in universal brotherhood will prevail. This means that opulence and poverty, literacy and illiteracy, jealousy and hatred, which are in evidence today in their full measure, will then be dissolved through the feeling of oneness of all men. Prosperity and happiness will then be at their zenith.

✪ The word that I shall speak will go to the world as from God, not as from a philosopher; it will go straight to its heart.

✧ 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. To those who are receptive to this voice, I speak.

✧ God in the Beyond-Beyond state is likened to a soundless, shoreless Ocean. The "Whim" of God for knowledge of Himself ("WHO am I ?") manifested as Sound. This Oceanic Sound is God and contains, and is, His experience of Power, Knowledge, Bliss. The emergence of this Sound through what is called the "Om-Point" or Its Creative Utterance produced the worlds of Mind, Energy and Matter. This primal Oceanic Sound is the Root of all forms and creatures and men and they are continuously connected with It and derive their life from It... This Original Oceanic "M-m-m" is called Brahm-Nad (Sound or "Word" of God) or Unhud-Nad (Limitless Sound or "Word"). It is continuous and is the eternal Root and continuous cause of all causes and effects.

In this present age when words, through accumulation and accretion, have become meaningless and all My previous words in the form of Precepts are neglected and distorted, I maintain Silence. When I break My silence and speak, it will be the Primal Oceanic "M-m-m" which I will utter through My human mouth. And because all forms and words are from this

Primal Sound or Original Word and are continuously connected with It and have their life from It, when It is uttered by Me, It will reverberate in all people and creatures and all will know that I have broken My silence and have uttered that Sound or Word. The effective force of this Word in individuals and their reaction to It will be in accordance with the magnitude and receptivity of each individual mind.

☼ I veil myself from man by his own curtain of ignorance, and 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. When I break my Silence, the impact of my Love will be universal, and all life in creation will know, feel and receive of it. It will help every individual to break himself free from his own bondage in his own way. I am the Divine Beloved who loves you more than you can ever love yourself. The breaking of my Silence will help you to help yourself in knowing your real Self.

☼ Come prepared to receive not so much of my words, but of my silence.

☼ Drown all sound in my silence to hear my Word of words.

☼ 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 conflict and hatred are but a shadow-play of their own ignorance.

Although all are my children they ignore the simplicity and beauty of this Truth by indulging in hatreds, conflicts and wars that divide them in enmity, instead of living as one family in their Father's house. Even amongst you who love me and accept me for what I am, there is sometimes lack of understanding of one another's hearts.

Patiently I have suffered these things in silence for all my children. It is time that they become aware of the presence of their Father in their midst and of their responsibility towards Him and themselves. I shall break my silence, and with my Word of words, arouse my children to realize in their lives, the indivisible Existence which is GOD.

Throughout the years I have been giving many messages and discourses. Today I simply want to tell you who are gathered here in my love to shut the ears of your minds and open the ears of your hearts to hear my Word when I utter it.

Do not seek my Blessing which is always with you, but long for the day when my Grace will descend on all who love me. Most blessed are they who do not even long for my Grace, but

simply seek to do my will.

✧ My outward silence is no spiritual exercise. It has been undertaken and maintained solely for the good of others.

✧ I will break my silence and manifest when on the one hand, science reaches its highest level, and on the other hand, anti-God elements rise to their peak. Accordingly, my spiritual manifestation will also be of the highest...what will happen when I break my silence, is what has never happened before.

✧ I perform no miracles and will perform none until I manifest on breaking my silence. Then I will perform One Miracle whose greatness and glory you cannot even imagine, and which will benefit not only those around me, but the whole world - each and every being in consciousness.

✧ Of my own I shall not break my silence; universal crisis will make me do so. When the crisis reaches its absolute culmination, it will make me utter the Word at that moment. Circumstances are converging and fast gathering momentum towards precipitating the right moment, which will come completely unawares - at any time, any hour, any day. The moment is not far away.



- ✧ When I break my silence the world will come to know whom the world is waiting for.
- ✧ The one Word full of meaning has produced innumerable meaningless words; and when I utter that Word, all words will have meaning.
- ✧ I must break my silence soon. When I do, all who have come into contact with me will have some glimpse of Me. Some will see a little of it, some a little more and some still more. It will be as when the "Power House" is switched on, wherever bulbs are connected to it, there will be light. From the bulbs that are of small candle power, the light will be dim; from those who are of high candle power, the light will be bright. If the bulb is fused there will be no light at all. I perform no miracles, but when I break my silence the first and the last miracle will be performed. The time for the "Power House" to be switched on is so near that the only thing that will count now is Love.
- ✧ My silence and the breaking of my silence at the appointed time will make silent those who talk of everything but God.
- ✧ My silence must break; there is no escape for it. I shall

not lay down my body until I have given the Word to the world.

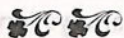
✪ It is not through words that I give what I have to give. In the silence of your perfect surrender, my love which is always silent can flow to you - to be yours always to keep and to share with those who seek me. When the Word of my love breaks out of its silence and speaks in your hearts, telling you who I really am, you will know that, that is the Real Word you have been always longing to hear.

✪ When I say that my manifestation is connected with breaking of my silence, people should not expect the outpouring of verbosity. I will utter the Word of words that will irresistibly impart to those who are ready, the 'I am God' (Anal Haq or Aham Brahma - asmi)state. When you try to speak with your mouth completely closed, a particular sound resembling 'OM' is without exception uttered in a certain unfailing uniformity. This is the seventh shadow of the Word of Truth.

✪ 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 this time when I break my silence. That will be my first and last miracle in my present incarnation. Expect no other miracle from me.

★ The incomparable miracle I will perform is when I speak. I am like a Lion - but at the moment a caged lion. Those who recognise me feel the strength of my power but only in a small degree. When I speak, I will uncage myself; and then, you will know my divine strength.

★ Things that are real are always given and received in silence.





"I and the Truth which I bring are inseparable,  
one from the other. I am one with the Truth.  
May you all, too, break through the numberless cages  
and realize that you are one with the limitless  
Truth of divine life.  
The divine Beloved is always with you,  
in you and around you"

- Meher Baba.





When  
I break  
My Silence,  
the impact of My Love  
will be Universal  
and all life  
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- Meher Baba.