

God to Man and Man to God

A close western follower and disciple, Charles Purdom played a significant role in introducing Meher Baba to the Western world — through articles published in *Everyman*, a magazine that Purdom himself edited, and especially through his early biography *The Perfect Master*, first published in 1937. Purdom wanted to collect Meher Baba's *Discourses* in a single volume and in a somewhat simplified prose style better suited, he felt, for a Western audience. Baba gave him permission to proceed with this undertaking, and the result was *God to Man and Man to God*, an edition that presented sixty of the original discourses in a somewhat pared down form.

God to Man and Man to God was originally released in 1955 in London by Victor Gollanz, a distinguished British publisher. The book was republished in 1975 by Sheriar Press in Myrtle Beach. This second edition incorporated a new introduction and a few editorial emendations by Margaret Craske; it also deleted the final section in Purdom's original version, "The States of God," which contains material from Baba not found in any of the original discourses.

The pdf's on this web site reproduce the text of Purdom's original 1955 edition. Since the text has been scanned and reflowed, the font and lineation will often differ from that of the Gollanz original; but the pagination remains the same.