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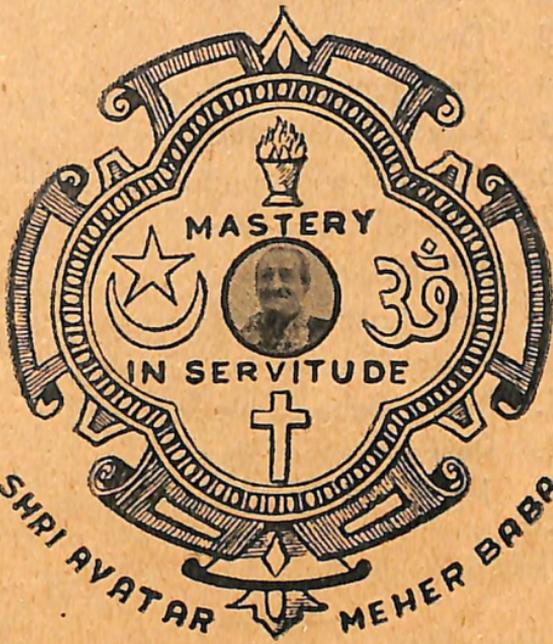
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MEHER BABA
on
THE REAL DARSHAN

I am happy to be in your midst.

It is the love of some of my lovers that has drawn you all together today to have my darshan.

But to have my Real Darshan is not easy.

To see me at close quarters, to do obeisance to me, to offer me fruits and flowers, to bow down to me and then to return to your homes can never mean that you have had my darshan.

Having seen me with your eyes you have still not seen me as I am. You have not had even a glimpse of my true Being in spite of your having gone through the convention of so called 'darshan'.

To have my Real Darshan is to find me.

The way to find me is to find your abode in me.

And the only one and sure way to find your abode in me is to love me.

To love me as I love you, you must become recipient of my grace. Only my grace can bestow the gift of Divine Love.

To receive my grace, you must obey me wholeheartedly with the firm foundation of unshakable faith in me.

And you can only obey me spontaneously as I want when you completely surrender yourselves to me so that my wish becomes your law and my love sustains your being

Age after age, many aspire for such a surrender; but only very few really attempt to surrender themselves to me completely as I want.

He, who succeeds, ultimately not only finds me, but becomes me and realises the aim of life.

My being in your midst today would serve its purpose even if one from this multitude has understood what I want you all to know.

I give my blessings to you all.

MEHER BABA
on
PLAYING WITH ILLUSIONS

I appreciate the faith, which has brought you here. I also appreciate your love and devotion. It has made me very happy.

I know and understand your difficulties and problems, sufferings and expectations. Not only the individuals, but the whole world is in the throes of suffering. When suffering comes, it comes according to the divinely established law of *Karma*. It must then be accepted with grace and fortitude. But it must be remembered that your actions are the cause of *Much of your suffering*. *Through wise action, it can be minimised*. What humanity needs is spiritual wisdom; and for this, it must inevitably turn to the Perfect Masters and Avatars.

Suffering comes through ignorance or attachment to illusions. Most people play with illusions as children play with toys. If you get caught up in the ephemeral things of this world and cling to illusory values, suffering is inevitable. It is not easy for little children to give up their toys, for they become the victims of a habit, which they cannot undo. In the same way, through millions of lives, you have got into the habit of playing with illusions; it is difficult for you to get disentangled from them.

For ages and ages, the *Atma* (Soul) has been seeing its own shadow and getting engrossed in the illusory world of forms. He gets *addicted to the spectacle*

of his own creation and desires to see it through cycles and cycles of creation. When the soul turns inwards and longs to have self-knowledge, it has become spiritually minded. But even there, this habit of wanting to see some spectacle persists for several lives. *The soul wants to experience some miracles or spectacular phenomena, or in more advanced stages, it wants to perform miracles and manipulate phenomena.* Even spiritually advanced persons find it difficult to outgrow this habit of playing with illusions. *Persistent attachment to miracles is only a further continuation of the habit of playing with illusion.*

It is not Miracles, but understanding, which can bring you true freedom. If you have firm faith and unfaltering love for the God man, your way to the Abiding Truth is clear and safe. Then you have no time to waste in playing with things that do not matter. *Be Ye Guided By Love and Truth. This is the simple way that leads to God.* Not by endless manoeuvring of alluring illusions, but by loyalty to the Unchangeable Truth, can ye hope to be established in Abiding Peace.

When I speak, it will be only one Divine Word; but it will be the Word of words or the Manifestation of Truth. This World will have to be hearkened by the heart and not merely by the mind. It will go home to you and bring you the Awakening.

My love and Blessings.



MEHER BABA
on
DIVINE LOVE

My message always has been and always will be Love Divine. When one whole-heartedly loves God, one eventually loses oneself in the Beloved and enters the Eternal Life of God.

Like a tree, this Love has branches : branches of whole-hearted devotion perfect non-violence, perfect selfless service, self-denial, self sacrifice, self-renunciation, truth and self annihilation.

In this Love are embodied all the Yogas known to saints and seekers. The highest aspect of this Love which surpasses that of love itself, is the aspect of complete Surrenderance to the Will of Beloved, that is, absolute obedience to his wishes, whatever the cost.



MEHER BABA
on
THE ATMAN'S LOVE OF PLAY

Each and every seemingly individual soul (*atman*) is destined to realize its One Indivisible Self. As soon as the *atman* begins to unfold to the first faint consciousness of its Infinite and Eternal State, it is confronted by its own shadow. The *atman* gets immediately lost in the consciousness of this shadow and from then on becomes involved in the interminable 'play' of Illusion. This hankering after play and display, show or tamasha, persists, in one form or another, throughout the soul's journey to Truth. In a child it derives pleasure in playing with toys. As a man, it demonstrates its fondness for play through the enjoyment of sport, drama and adventure. This addiction persists even when man has embarked on the spiritual Path, when he still indulges in his love for 'play' and display by exhibiting his supernatural powers in the form of ostentatious miracles.

Unless and until man stops seeking escape from his Ultimate Destination by losing himself in the childish play of illusory pleasures, he cannot grasp spirituality seriously. It is time to stop playing with the scintillating toys of Illusion and yearn for the attainment of the One and Only Reality.



MEHER BABA
on
LOVE UNADULTERATED

Love, as it is generally and commonly understood, is but an attachment with selfish thoughts and motives involved.

Pure, real unadulterated Love has in it, not even a tinge of lust. Lust for sex, lust for power, lust for name, lust for fame, lust for self-comforts defile the purity of Love.

Pure, real Love has also its stages, the highest being the gift of God to love Him. ~~Him~~

When one truly loves God one longs for union with Him, and this supreme longing is based on the desire of giving up one's whole being to the Beloved.

When one loves a Perfect Master one longs to serve Him, to surrender to His Will, to obey Him wholeheartedly.

Thus pure, real Love longs to give and does not ask for anything in return.

Even when one truly loves humanity one longs to give one's all for its happiness. When one truly loves one's country there is the longing to sacrifice one's very life, without seeking reward and without the least thought of having loved and served. When truly loves one's friends there is the longing to help them without making them feel under the least obligation. When truly loving one's enemies one longs to make them friends. True love for one's parents or family makes one long to give them every comfort at the cost of one's own.

Thought of self is always absent in the different lovings connected with the various stages of pure, real love; a single thought of self would be love adulterated.



MEHER BABA
on
MATERIAL AND SPIRITUAL SCIENCE

Just as God is Infinite, imagination is also infinite and all that has come out of imagination, which is called the Shadow of God, is likewise infinite. We can imagine anything and everything *ad infinitum*.

Science, as it is understood today, deals with energy and matter. This material science is in the domain of the mind, but there is also Spiritual Science, which deals with the beyond-mind state. Material and Spiritual Science can both yield proofs-material science by bringing results through the intellect, Spiritual Science, through Love. When Love is fully experienced, the source of Spiritual Science, which is God the Infinite, is realized and all else is then discovered to be just illusory phenomena.

Spiritual Science being based on Love alone is beyond systematic mental understanding. It is full of apparent contradictions and vagaries, which love alone can face and overcome. Whereas material science enhances the ego-life, Spiritual Science annihilates it.



MEHER BABA
on
INTERNAL CONVICTION

There are two kinds of experiences-external and internal. External experience can be had by gross means. What we actually see of the gross world with gross eyes gives us a sort of conviction, but there are times when even this conviction is based on a false analysis. For example, if we happen to see a man under a Toddy tree, drinking milk from a bottle, we feel convinced that he is drinking Toddy, which conviction is false. But that which is seen with the inner eye gives absolute and definite conviction and can never be false, as when with the inner eye one actually sees God as the Infinite Existence.

So what is actually needed is not mere theorizing and reasoning but actual experience to give eternal conviction. This can be had only through Love.



MEHER BABA
on
LIBERATION

God is Eternally Free.

To realize God is to attain Liberation from the bondage of illusion.

The greater the strife and the more intensified the struggle to attain liberation the more the shackles of illusion are felt, as this very action brings greater awareness of the illusion which then becomes all the more impressive and realistic.

All actions, whether good or bad, just or unjust, charitable or uncharitable are responsible in making the bond of illusion firmer and tighter.

The goal is to achieve perfect inaction, which does not mean mere inactivity. When the self is absent one achieves inaction in one's every action, however excessive, Karma Yoga, Dnyan Yoga and other Yogas can be instrumental in one's achieving the end to all actions by practising inaction in the midst of intense activity.

However, the only way to live a life of absolute inaction is to completely surrender to a Perfect Master, so that one dies to oneself entirely and lives only for the Perfect Master, to act and fulfil the dictates of the Beloved One.

My blessings to you all.

MEHER BABA
on
SELF LOST IS FREEDOM GAINED

God manifests His Presence when and where Lust, greed, anger, jealousy, hatred, back-biting and selfish desires are totally absent. But, as they are the outcome of impressions (Sanskaras) of past lives and must necessarily be expressed, getting rid of them is ordinarily impossible; it would be like a rock trying to lift itself.

Nevertheless, past impressions must be expressed to be got rid of; but at the same time that these past impressions are being expressed and spent, new ones are forged, because of the presence and assertion of the lower self. If one is to be free of the endless chain of impressions, past and present, this assertive lower self must be abolished.

Only when one's assertive self is removed can the impressions be automatically spent without incurring the binding of fresh sanskaras. One who has achieved this can never be bound by or held responsible any more for his action, good or bad, which are the expression of his past impressions of virtue, patience, lust, anger, etc. Thus, with the cessation of new sanskaras, all past impressions naturally unwind to the finish, and one is free of all impressions.

To follow the path of the true yogas (karma, yoga, Dnyan Yoga, Raj Yoga, Bhakti Yoga) is the remedy for the uprooting of this heritage of evils derived from past impressions, expressed by constant actions and sustained by the continual formation of new ones.

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In Karma Yoga one tries to lose one's 'self' in selfless service for others; in Dnyan Yoga one tries to lose one's self in contemplation and meditation. In Raj-Yoga one tries to lose one's identity with the individual self and establish Identity with the Universal Self by aiming, through constant mental poise and non-attachment, to be *in* the world and yet not *of* it. In Bhakti Yoga one tries to lose one's self in devotion to God. Even in these yogas, only when the zenith is reached can the individuality of the lower self be lost yet consciousness remain.

But the easiest and safest way to lose one's self is by completely surrendering to the Perfect Master. Then the past, present and future of the one who has surrendered are drowned in the Master, and he is no longer either bound by or responsible for any of his actions whether good or bad, expressed during his implicit obedience to the Master.

Thus, Complete Surrenderance to the Perfect Master is, in itself, Freedom.



MEHER BABA
on
MASTERS' LOVE AND GRACE

It makes me very happy to see you all here and I appreciate the feeling of love and devotion with which you have approached me.

I know and understand your difficulties, problems, sufferings and expectations these you need not voice to me either by word or action.

The world has been suffering from natural and unnatural calamities in various forms. The picture of the whole human race is indeed a sorry one, but suffering is the heritage of mankind. There is not only individual suffering, but the whole world is suffering in the grip of fear and anguish. It is the Divine Will that lies behind human suffering, for nothing happens without the Divine Will.

There are individual as well as national and universal problems, which need the spiritual guidance of Perfect Masters and Avatars. Age after age these God-men guide Humanity through their Divine Messages. Even after the absence of their physical bodies these Messages are carried to the remotest corners of the world by their disciples, devotees and followers, who spread the Beloved's word even at the cost of life.

The Avatars and Perfect Masters give their divine guidance and protection to the human race and the world in their own unique and imperceptible ways, which are beyond the grasp of human intellect. The

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Perfect Masters are the true Saviours of mankind and not of the selected few only. Their Love and Grace alone sustain the universe.

A disciple or devotee should never approach a Perfect Master with a mind clouded with doubts and queries of why, when and wherefore. This can be a hindrance to his receptivity of the Master's grace, which is beyond the probings of the intellect.

So I say with divine authority, approach me with unfailling faith, love and devotion, and with the longing to receive my Divine Love and Grace.



MEHER BABA
to
HIS FOLLOWERS

"When some of my devotees, through their zeal and enthusiasm, speak of me in the highest terms it is natural for us to encourage them. But if, later on, that enthusiasm wanes and they speak of me in the lowest terms then, although we do not encourage them we should at least not check them, harass them, or try to stop them from saying what they feel.

It is not what the world thinks of us that matters; but what God knows about us that matters. Unless we are stripped of all egoistic tendencies and desires, and unless our soul attains its original naked state, we cannot embrace God the Beloved who is Eternally Naked in His infinity."



MEHER BABA
on
RELIEF FROM SUFFERING

“Man or woman, rich or poor, great or small, each is under the spell of some sort of suffering. The relief from every kind of suffering is within ourselves if we try, under all circumstances and in every walk of life, to think honestly, act honestly, and live honestly.”

“When we put our whole-hearted faith in God, that relief will be found. We are already in possession of infinite power and happiness; but it is our way of life which prevents us from enjoying these eternal treasures of God.”



MEHER BABA
on
THE WORD OF WORDS

"When I say that my Manifestation is connected with the breaking of my Silence, people should not expect an outpouring of verbosity. I will utter the word of words that will irresistibly impart to those who are ready, the 'I am God' state (*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 unfailling uniformity. This is the seventh shadow of the word of Truth. 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 fulfilment of the Divine Life. It will throw open new gates to Eternity. It will bring new hope to despairing humanity. But for the fulfilment of the Divinely Ordained Plan, it is necessary that humanity should throw away all its accumulated impediments and surrender unconditionally to the abiding love of God-the unfailling and supremely universal Beloved. God has to be accepted in all simplicity and not by laboriously proved intellectual conclusions.

"Wine is prepared by the crushing and further crushing of grapes, when it acquires the capacity for intoxication which usually takes away one's command of understanding. Close and repeated feeling of love for God also brings intoxication, but this takes you

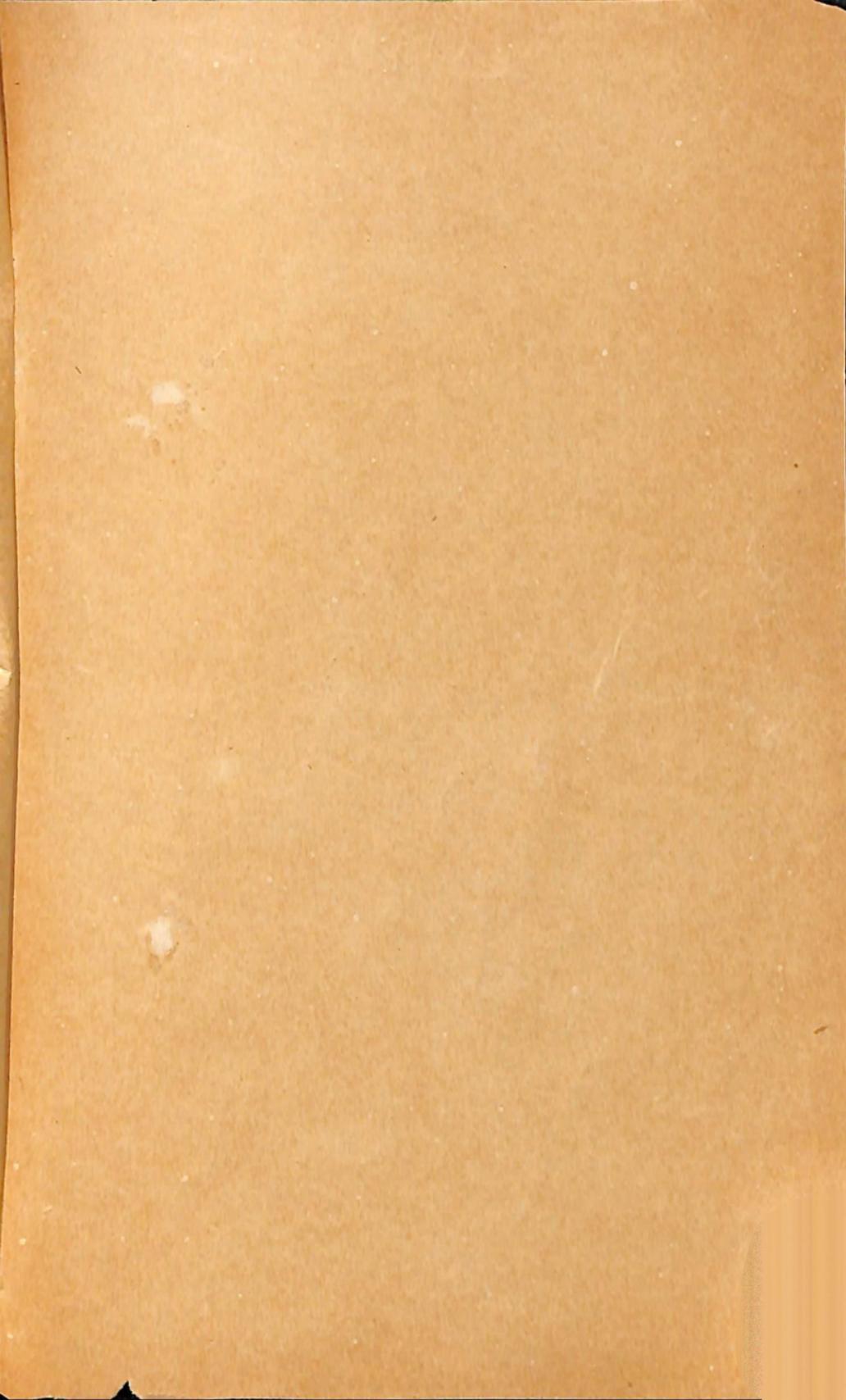
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towards true understanding. This understanding is not gained through reason or intellect. As long as you remain separated from God and try to understand Him, He cannot be understood. There is no separation between you and God. Lover and Beloved are One. You yourself are the way. You are God.

"The word that I will speak will go to the world as from God, not as from a philosopher; it will go straight to its heart. With the dawn of the realization of the Unity of all life, hatred and dissension will come to an end. There will be unfaltering love and unfailing understanding and men shall be united in an inviolable brotherhood, based on the realized Oneness of God."



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