

Who is a Real Worker ?
and
What Baba Means by Real Work ?



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man dedicated to the cause of international peace is a statesman of the world or an international peacemaker.

A close observation of the above line of development of human mind will reveal that man through his work as a self-centred being, as a family minded man, as a social worker, as a politician, and ultimately as an international peace-maker, unconsciously seeks to attain for himself enduring peace and eternal existence, which in fact is his real nature. In other words, man unconsciously seeks to find himself as an immortal being, possessing infinite power, knowledge and bliss. This, in fact, is the DIVINE PLAN working itself as the law of causation—the law of cause and effect, in which the Almighty God first lost Himself in man, for man to lose himself in God to become God. To serve or to work for the good of the world is to serve God, for this world is but a manifestation of God in His multifarious aspects. Modern social, political and philosophical ideologies come to recognise in principle (it seems not in practice yet) the equality of man and labour hard to establish lasting peace and happiness for man on earth.

Even amongst the religious leaders of the world, there is an awakening that accepts in principle (not in practice yet) that the essentials of all religions and faiths are one and the same, and there are various religious organizations working hard to bring together people of various faiths on one platform, hoping thereby to bring the kingdom of God on earth. And what do the religions of the world attempt to achieve ? Each religion in its essentiality teaches man that he is divine and helps man to attain this divinity inherent in him so that man may live life-divine on earth. This is what is meant by bringing the kingdom of God on earth.

Yet, in spite of the existence and functioning of so many organizations, social, political and religious, working day and night for the good of the world, we find ourselves getting

farther and farther away from the peace and happiness we seek. Why? One answer to this question is that the social and political world, the world scientists and the world of philosophers do not recognize or at least do not feel the inherent divinity in man. Even the world of religion that accepts this, in principle does not live it in life. Hence Meher Bab says, " Let principle in work and honesty in life prevail."

The 'REAL WORK'—the message we reproduce in this booklet was given by Avatar Meher Baba in His Darbar held at Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh on the 1st & 2nd of March 1954. Although addressed to His lovers and workers in Andhra, the message in itself is universal in spirit and practicality, and applicable to any organization working for the good of the world. We also reproduce here extracts from 'Warning from Baba to His Lovers'—given at a meeting held at Guruprasad (bungalow) Poona on the morning of 19th May 1957, which we, in terms of work and humiliation feel, is a light giving and effective stimulus to any worker in the field of selfless service. In a correct understanding of the message and an honest application of it in the work we profess to do, lies the solution to the problems facing man today.

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What Baba Means by Real Work ?

Addressing His lovers and workers of Andhra, Baba said, " This meeting is for the Divine Cause, and it reminds Me of My former meetings during My previous Incarnations. During those periods, the circumstances were different; but since eternity the same God-incarnate has been presiding over the meetings for the same cause—the Divine Cause. It has never been truer than in the Spiritual Cause, that history repeats itself.

" ... You all honestly act up to what I want to emphasize. The Apostles or the 'Asahabs' who worked for My Cause did the work at the cost of everything, even at the cost of life itself. So, listen very carefully and be very attentive.

" ... I tell you all with Divine Authority that the addresses you all have been presenting Me with and the messages that I have been giving you all, mean nothing on the spiritual path. To chant My Arti, to perform My Puja, to garland Me, to offer Me fruits and sweets, and to bow down to Me mean absolutely nothing. From ages eternal, gods have been performing My real Puja.

"It is wastage of money on garlands, fruits and sweets as offerings to Me, for the conventional Puja and a sheer wastage of breath and energy to merely chant My Arti. WHAT I WANT FROM ALL MY LOVERS IS REAL, UN-ADULTERATED LOVE, and FROM MY GENUINE WORKERS I EXPECT REAL WORK DONE.

" I also want to draw your attention to the fact that many miracles experienced by My devotees and admirers, both in the West and in the East, have been attributed to Me. But on the basis of My Divine Honesty I tell you that in this Incarnation till now I have not consciously performed even a single miracle. Whenever a miracle is attributed to Me, it is always news to Me. What I want to emphasize is that by attributing such miracles, people make Me very cheap and

lower My status of the Highest of the High. But today I do say this, that the moment I break My silence and utter that Original Word, the first and the last miracle of "Baba" in this life will be performed. It will be the miracle as I never have 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 make people blind to illusion and make them see God as Reality.

"Now with this introduction, let us switch on to the main points of "My Work & Baba's Workers." Those who have assembled here have been called workers of Baba; therefore, you must necessarily understand first what My work is.

"...It is natural that amongst workers of any cause—political, social or spiritual—there are bound to be differences of opinion. But these very differences of opinion and competitions and jealousies lead to absolute break-down of the very basis of work.

"...You have been called upon to do Baba's work, and you have been called Baba's workers. But is it necessary for you all to work for Baba? If I am the Highest of the High and God-incarnate, then where is the necessity for Me in My work to have workers and entanglements of organizations and centres and directives through messages and Mass Darshan Programmes? If I am not the Infinite One, but just one like you, then thousands of centres, and such programmes would be of no avail. Can I not in My own silent way do the Universal Work? If I am Baba, which definitely I am, then even if the whole world goes against Me or worships Me, it is all the same to Me.

"The only reason why I call upon every individual to work for Me is to make each one share the Divine Cause; and the programmes such as Mass Darshans are created just to give opportunity for expressions of individual and collective love.

"So if you are prepared to share My Universal Work, the work must be done cent per cent honestly, and that work is to spread My Message of Love.

“ If you are prepared to work, I now let you know and explain to you how you should work.

“ First of all, bear in mind that you should not at all seek appreciation from Me or from others. Though this sounds so easy while I just dictate, it is so difficult to put into practice. Remember this much that work in itself is its own appreciation. The moment you seek appreciation, work is undone. Therefore, seek not any appreciation for the work you do for Me.

“ Secondly, do not depend upon some one or some help to make you work for Me. It is true that some of you are ready to work for My Cause cent percent; yet because some of you have been poor and have large families, you cannot devote your time and means for My work. But why work then beyond your means? The moment the worker depends upon anyone and anything, work is undone. Therefore, do as much as *you* can, but do it honestly.

“ Thirdly, if money is collected for the work and spent without being accounted for, then all work, in the name of Divine Cause, must be stopped immediately by the so-called workers.

“ One penny or one pie extracted in My name, without true basis, is dishonesty. Even a pie so earned will be the cause of millions of births. So today I want every one of you to pour out your hearts and decide once and for all, either to work or to stop the work.

“ My dear friends, if you want to make people love Me, show them that *you* really love Me. Don't merely make them read My books and messages; but *you live such a life of sacrifice that others may automatically love Me.*

“ ...If instead of doing the real work, you have been doing propaganda for Me, it is absurd. I do not want propaganda or publicity. I want love and honesty. If you cannot show that, you all stop working. I am quite capable of doing My Universal Work all alone. The very words—propaganda and publicity—look Me down. Baba's work needs no money. My work

had been done ages ago without money. When money came into vogue, it was absolutely for money that Judas sold Me.

“ Of course, it is but natural for those workers who are poor to think that they must have money for Baba’s work, for spreading far and wide the Message of Love. But from My point of view, to depend on money for Baba’s work and to extract money by hook or crook is absolutely dishonest.

“ Now I will tell you about money and what I think about it. From the day I kept silence, I have stopped touching money and have also stopped writing till today. And you have no idea how much money has flowed through My hands. You do not know. And yet I have no money. I am a ‘Fakir.’ But money comes and goes. If you depend on money for My work, then do not work for Me, because how will you get money? Let us be very practical.

“*Live* such a life that you show others that you love Me. But to ask people to give money and then in return to propagate Baba’s Message of Love does sound absurd.... Begin to *live* the life of sacrifice, love and honesty so that by your living, others may come to Me in all sincerity. Let there be no compromise in this; otherwise, the whole thing would merely be a show of a mixture of honesty and dishonesty. Absolute honesty must be there, and there will be no “Baba” without it. I am Baba and I know everything.

“Let each Baba lover be Baba’s Centre, personified for Baba’s work, radiating the eternal Message of Love through living the life of sacrifice, love and honesty for the Divine Cause. Let every lover whoever and wherever he may be; be Baba’s Centre in telling people Baba’s Message that God alone is real and everything else is unreal and that therefore all should love Baba.

“Let true workers become Baba’s Centres. And for God’s sake, for Baba’s sake, beware of money. One pie taken from others with false pretensions makes one die million

deaths ! LET PRINCIPLE IN WORK AND HONESTY IN LIFE PREVAIL.

“I know, each one of you loves Me whole-heartedly and works for Me whole-heartedly. And now I want all workers to *live* whole-heartedly the life of sacrifice, love and honesty. During the programmes of Darshan to the masses I said that I shall be the slave of those who love Me. That was not just an idle talk. Yet I have not known who loves Me as I want. There are about 220 men and women from East and West who have surrendered to Me in such a way as to do anything I say. And it is a fact that if I order them anything, they will carry out My order cent per cent, even if they were to cut themselves to pieces. What I am driving at is this—that ‘*to surrender is higher than to love*’ – and paradoxical as it may seem, yet it is a fact that ‘*to love Me as I ought to be loved is impossible, and to obey Me is possible.*’ Therefore to call yourselves as My workers and yet not to obey Me would be hypocritical....I want your hearts towards each other to be clean. Clean your hearts and live for Baba if you love Baba.

“You are the lovers of Baba. Those who have money and can afford to go from place to place should spread My Message of Love in every distant nook and corner. But those who have little money can easily go round their own town spreading My Message of Love by living the life of love and doing the service of God. And those who have no money having big families and no spare time, they should convert their own homes (families) towards Baba’s love. For My work, there is now no need of any centres, or of offices, no botheration of accounts, for people won’t be asked for money. Let Baba’s Love only be there as the Centre, as the office, as the help and as the work.

“ ... God means All-knowing, All-present. So I am in everyone, and know everything. I am in everything, I am everything and I do everything. ... I am fed up with this board and My silence, and I must break My silence soon.

You all who have come into contact with Me will have some glimpse of Me. Some will have a little, some a little more and some still more. When the powerhouse is switched on, wherever there are electric bulbs, and if they have connection with the power-house, there will be light. If some of the bulbs are of small candle-power, the light will be little. If some of the bulbs are of high candle-power, the light will be bright. If the bulb is fused, there will be no light at all.

“ ...All connected with Me will be enlightened, so it will be not only here, but throughout the world. That is why I have been telling you all to love Me more and more. All this talk of books, literature is good for preparing the ground : but the time for the “ Power-house ” to be switched on is so near that anything that will count *now* is Love. Love Me whole-heartedly. That is the only thing that matters. Love Me, love Me and love Me; and then you will find Me. Those who love Me are My centres.

“ ...Again I say, if you want to make the world love Me and make them feel My love for them, then it is in your own individual hands to do so. This does not mean that you must necessarily work individually. I never said that. I say each one of you be ‘ Baba-Centre ’; this does not mean that each one of you should work individually when even all of you can work collectively as ‘ Baba-Centre ’ or can work in groups as Baba-Centres.

“ ... I have now shown you how to work. But bear in mind, it is now all your own responsibility. I will have no concern with any centres. You yourselves will be concerned with them. It is all your concern and not Mine. But, do bear in mind this much, that those who really want to work for Me should live the life of Baba’s lovers -i. e. show people how you love Baba and then you will have Baba-lovers all around you.

“ ...From the world I do not want anything—no surrender, no mind, body, no possessions. *Only I want love.* What I want

is, those who really love Me and want to work for Me, should each become 'Baba-Centre.' How those, who can afford and how those, who cannot afford can work for Me, has been explained by Me. I am the Servant and the Master simultaneously....

" Let Me now see how you love Baba, and how you work for Baba. *I am everywhere. I am in you too ...* When love is not at its height it always creates mess. I want money-less love. Only remember, that although I do not perform miracles, I will give anything; whoever asks for it from the bottom of his heart. If I am Baba, I can do anything. You ask whole-heartedly and you will get from Me. But this I tell you too that *the one who asks for My love will be the chosen one.* Time is very near when I will break My silence and then within a short period, all will happen—My humiliation, My glorification, My Manifestation and My dropping this body. All this will happen soon and in a short period. So from this moment, love Me more and more.

" But don't do false propaganda. What your heart says and your conscience says about Me, pour out without hesitation. Be unmindful of whether you are ridiculed or accepted in pouring out your heart for Me to others.

" If you take Baba as God, say so; don't hesitate.

" If you think Baba is devil, say it out; don't be afraid. I am everything that you take Me to be and I am also beyond everything; then why hesitate to say out or be afraid to express what you feel and what you think of Me? Say it out frankly. I am both. But do not overrule your conscience and do not exaggerate merely for propaganda. If your conscience says that Baba is Avatar, say it, even if you are killed for it; but, if you feel I am not that, then say that you feel Baba is not Avatar. Do not fear, but be prepared to say out what you feel. On My own account, I say again and again—I am the Ancient One—The Highest of the High."

Addressing the meeting of His lovers and workers held at Guruprasad, Poona, on the morning of 19th May, 1957, Baba touched on the subject of differences of opinion developing amongst His workers and said, " Better you do not work for Me than develop such an attitude. I will appreciate your competitive spirit only in your surrender to Me and love for Me. To get yourselves divided while doing My work shakes the very foundation of that work. That will defeat its own end. It is the height of hypocrisy to say, ' I alone can do Baba's work.' When you get divided, I and My work are set aside. You open a Centre to spread Brotherhood, but first see for yourselves how you behave among the group! If you cannot work together with concord, why open new Centres for Me ? If you want to further My Cause, there is no escape but to become like dust in My work. There cannot be any compromise. Each of My lovers must become like dust. Then people of their own accord will flock around him and his own life will radiate My Message of Love to others.

" I do not object to having Centres. There, lovers of Baba can meet and exchange their ideas and feeling of love for Me. But there should be concord. There must be a spirit of giving in. Today we must fix something - whether to have Centres or to dissolve them. The only solution is to become like dust in My work.

" But what do you understand by becoming like dust ? How will you become like dust ? If you could but do what I ask you to do, what else could you be but like dust ? It is extremely difficult for you to do what I ask you to do. It is only possible when your heart is kindled with love for Me. If you cannot love Me as I ought to be loved, at least try to hold fast to My ' daman '. I will help you. Dust never complains even though we walk over it, trample upon it or use it in any way we like. If any number of calamities befall you and still you keep a smiling face, this may lead you to become like dust. You can become like dust only if you possess the highest type of love

for Me. Becoming dust-like is the only link that would bring you together. Let there not be any expectation in your heart when you work for Me. Let there be concord among yourselves.

“ Hold fast to My ‘daman’. Spread My Message of Love to all and become like dust in Baba’s work.”

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For Me, becoming united with His will and that which unites
you together. Let there be no expectation in your
heart when you work for Me. Let there be no reward
yourself.

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