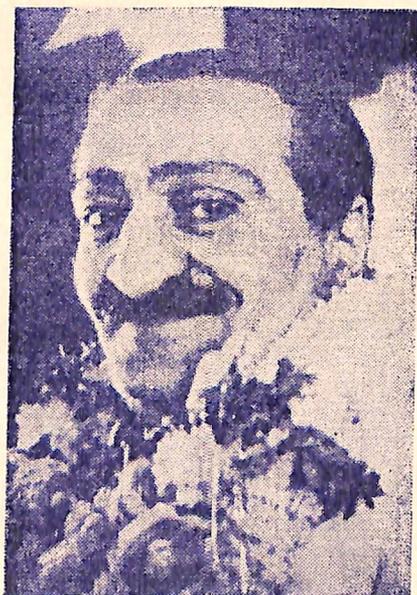


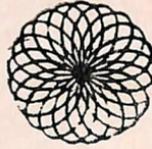
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Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai

An Episode in Avatar Meher Baba's Andhra Tour of February 1954 at Vijayawada

Out of sheer compassion, as the Compassionate Father, Avatar Meher Baba once in a jovial mood expressed, "I love Andhra very much, but I don't know why?" and yet on another occasion He declared, "Hamirpur is My heart and Andhra is My Head". Such is the place given to us, the blessed Andhras, in His Universal Heart and again He gave us this unique opportunity to celebrate this SAHAVAS in His love at a place where He first gave His physical public Darshan at Vijayawada on the evening of 21-2-1954.

Rejoiced with the thundering ovation from the Andhra during His 1953 January Andhra tour, Avatar Meher Baba, the Beloved, yielded to His Andhra lovers' wish on their ardent whole-hearted invitation to visit Andhra again in 1954 and gave His consent appointing K. D. R. M. (T. S. Kutumbha Sastry of Nidadavolu, Dr. T. Dhanapathirao Naidu of Tadepalligudem, Y. Rangarao of Eluru and I. C. Mallikarjunarao of Nidadavolu) as the General Organisers for the same.

Very much in advance of His planned visit, Baba sent a number of circulars with special instructions to be followed very strictly along with the usual general instructions, to all the Organisers, both local and general, stating, "This time I am coming there as a mere Sadhaka. So, no one should bow down to Me prior to my bowing down to them, and no one should touch My feet".

Accordingly, the programme was chalked out making all necessary arrangements to receive the Highest of the High from

"The Love and quest for freedom are principle characteristics of humanity."

- MEHER BABA

Poona, first at Vijayawada on 20 th February 1954. The Poona-Vijayawada passenger train carrying Meher Baba along with His 45 Mandali Members, including Francis Brabajan of Australia, steamed into the Vijayawada station at 8-30 p. m. The local hosts, Majety Ramamohanarao, Chinta Sarvarao, Y. Manikyalarao and Rayana Ramulu, along with the Organisers and lovers, received the Avatar and His party very warmly by garlanding Baba amidst the cries of "Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai". Thus Baba arrived and sanctified this land of Andhra once again with His lotus feet. Enquiring about the host, Majety Ramamohanarao, Baba surprisingly caught hold of the hand of Majety, who was standing one among the masses on the platform, even without prior introduction. Holding the hand, Baba took Majety upto the car arranged for Him. Baba was driven by N. Dharmarao Naidu, the charioteer of Baba throughout this Andhra tour, in his car to Majety's residence at Kothapeta - the present Meher Abode and Baba's Centre - arranged for the Divine personality's stay for 2 days along with 5 Mandali Members. The rest of His Mandali were lodged in Kanyakaparameswari Choultry within 1 Km distance from the Master's Abode. Enroute to the venue Baba's car was stopped for a while at Majety's cloth shop on request. Sitting in the car itself, Baba peeped through the window at the Shop when Chinta Sarvarao garlanded and presented clothes to Him in His honour.

At about 5. 30 A. M on 21-2-1954, Baba in His lodging dictated 3 Special Messages meant to be read out by Mandali in all the Darshan programmes and meetings in this tour. The messages are as follows :

1) Don't listen to the voice of the mind. Listen to the voice of the Heart. Mind wavers, Heart does not falter. Mind fears, Heart is not daunted. Mind is the house of doubts, reasoning and theories; Heart, when purified, becomes the dwelling of Beloved God. So, get your Heart rid of desires, temptations and selfishness and God will manifest in you as your own self.

"Man must try to remedy his own defects instead of clamoring about the faults of others."

- MEHER BABA

2) Be content with your lot, rich or poor happy or miserable. Understand, the God has designed it for your own good and be resigned to His will.

You eternally were and always will be. You have had innumerable forms as man-woman, beautiful-ugly, strong-weak, healthy-sickly, powerful-helpless, and here you are again with another such form.

Till you gain spiritual freedom, you will be invested with such many other forms.

So, why seek temporary relief which has in its wake mere bindings? Ask God not for money, fame, power, health, children; But ask for His grace of Love, which would lead you to eternal bliss.

3) For the rich, I am the richest. For the poor, I am the poorest. For the literate, I am the most literate. For the illiterate, I am the most illiterate. Thus I am one of you, one with you and one in you. We are all one.

To realise this oneness, love God whole-heartedly and honestly sacrificing everything at the altar of His Supreme Love and you will realise the Beloved within you.

After this, the breakfast was finished and Baba along with His Mandali left for Guntur, to give His first public Darshan in this tour, and to lay the foundation stone for the Mandir of Shirdi Sai Baba.

It is hearty to tell an affair of the heart, at Vijayawada, The venue arranged for Baba's public Darshan was at this same place where we are now participating in His Sahavas programme. It was all open and known as the 'Municipal Auditorium grounds and is now named as "Thummalapallivari Kshetraiah Kala Kshetram" after construction of this Auditorium building. It is here during the Darshan programme, Baba, for a moment,

"True knowledge (Gnosis) is the product of ripening experience that attains increasing degrees of clarity"

— MEHER BABA

again for the second time felt HIS ORIGINAL ONENESS in His Divine consciousness and nothing else existed for Him-the state first He felt when Hazarat Babajan kissed Him. Such is the importance of this place where a decorated huge perdal with a dias was made ready to receive the Lord.

On the way to Vijayawada from Guntur, Baba on His orders got the car stopped in the middle of the cause-way barrage road on the river Krishna and touched the living waters exposing that, when a Perfect Master does such an act, He usually has to perform a miracle and the place where it is done is purified for those who come after. As Baba's car was stayed back Adi. K. Irani-Has disciple and Secretary arrived in advance at the meeting venue in his car and after enquiring about the delay of Baba's arrival, A. V. Raghavulu along with Prasadarao proceeded in a Police Officer's car towards the barrage to know the whereabouts of Baba. From a distance they noticed the Baba's car stopping at the middle of the barrage.

Seated on the rear seat, along with Eruch. a Mandali member and mouth-piece of Baba, Baba wore dark glasses and wound round His face with a scarf, was seen in a mood totally out of this world.

Hearing the situation from Raghayulu, Baba proceeded but instead of going to the Darshan programme, He ordered to take Him straight to His lodging at Majety's residence, with a plea to change His dress. On reaching the lodge, Baba went up to His room and immediately got down alone to the ground-floor by the back stairs. Baba then roamed in all the rooms, stood for a moment before the Pooja Mandir, asked the lone Ratnamala, wife of Majety Ramamohanarao for tea, who was with her little son, Sampath Baba and went up. Then Ratnamala with her son followed Him with a cup of tea prepared in advance as per the instructions of her husband, who speculated that Baba might ask for tea any time. She sent the tea to Baba through Sampath, herself staying behind in the adjacent room. Baba took the tea, sipped it once and gave it back to the fortunate Sampath to have it,

"Man's humanity is born of God's divinity."

-- MEHER BABA

Thereafter without changing the dress or taking rest, Baba left for the Darshan programme indicting His Omniscience. Baba reached the pendal at 5 P. M, two hours behind the schedule.

The pendal and the premises was packed with an ocean of humanity gathered from far and wide to have the great Divine Darshan and on making the way through the crowds by the volunteers and Mandali, Baba straight went on to the Dias, and first He bowed down to the masses with folded hands when He was garlanded and the Welcome address was read out and Arati was given. After this, Baba in His ever blissful mood got down the dias and sat on the ground near it when He became out of sight for the distant masses. Snatching a glimpse of His radiant beautiful Divine personality, the gathered humanity, on His becoming out of sight, could not but swarm with noises towards Him to have a closer view to their heart's content. Baba looked at the enthusiastic masses with compassion and stood up 3 or 4 times gesturing to the crowds to be quiet and seated. With the Divine hand's sway, in a magical spurt, the whole atmosphere there became quiet and serene as if all the sounds were drowned in His silence. Then Baba gave this following message dictating on the alphabet board.

"I want you to feel that I am one of you and that is why I sat here on the ground with you all. I am on the level of each one of you. Whether poor, rich, small, big, I am like each of you, but I am approachable only to those who love Me. Only those who could lose themselves in My love, would find themselves in Me. This is not an idle talk but an authoritative statement that eternally I have been and will always be the slave of My lovers".

Then the message, "PLAYING WITH ILLUSIONS" was read out in English by Ramjoo, a Mandali member.

This was followed by the Prasad distribution with the Divine hands to the masses. The Prasad was plantain fruits, arranged in huge heaps, sufficient enough for distribution to the

"Love alone will lift the veil between a Lover and the Beloved."

— MEHER BABA

huge crowds, which were supplied without a second thought by a fruit vendor, K. Ma-kandeyulu - a person who never heard of Baba before, on the very request of Manikya'arao and A. V. Raghavulu.

For the Prasad distribution, people were asked to form separate queues of men and women and firstly women were allowed. At one moment Baba Himself ordered to stop the women and allow the men to receive the Prasad which created a confusion among the masses. So in an attempt not to lose the chance of receiving the Prasad from the Divine hands, people in an over-anxious eagerness, moved en'bloc pushing each other towards the dias, creating chaos which could not be controlled either by the volunteers or by the Police.

All the time till this moment, A. V. Raghuvulu was staying at the Lord's feet carrying out implicitly the instructions by not allowing any one to touch the Beloved Baba's feet.

On noticing the situation becoming worse by stampede, Baba was protected allaround by the volunteers and the Mandali and He was virtually carried away on arms by two of His mandali members upto the car. Baba boarded the car and as usual N. Dharmarao Naidu drove Him to His lodging place. It was then 6 p. m.

This last event impeding the success of the function, caused much displeasure and disappointment among the Baba lovers as well as the Mandali members. Noticing the disdained and desperate moods of His followers at the lodge, Baba, the all-knowing, expressed unasked, "Today's programme I like. I like it very much. First of all I sat down there on the ground in their midst at their level. I sat there not for show, but whole-heartedly. I stood up 3 or 4 times, but as Sathrugna says, had I really wished, there would not have been this confusion, because it was I who repeatedly asked for women to be stopped and men to be called for receiving Prasad. I liked the programme."

"I never expect any one to do the impossible."

MEHER BABA -

- MEHER BABA

At this stage, Sathrugna Kumar, said. "Since Baba Himself created the confusion at the Darshan programme it occurred and not due to the women; and He relished it, rather enjoyed it."

On this, Baba said It makes all the more attentive to Baba, you have no idea about this. I was in the happiest mood. If you had marked and believe Me when I say the absolute Truth, that for one moment after some years, today I felt ALL ALONE in that whole crowd. God the Absolute Honesty is witness. I was all alone there for a moment. Actually alone in experience. Honestly I was merged in them."

Then hurriedly one Andhra lover asked Baba, "How are we to know Your Oneness?". Baba immediately put him off by replying, "Even I sometime don't understand why I am so infinite; honestly I tell you. How can you understand Me unless you become Me?"

With this all present there, got satisfied, with their moods elevated and then Baba asked every one to disperse and retire for the night.

It was then about 9.30 p. m. when Manikyalarao was with Majety and Chinta in the ground floor of Baba's lodging. At that moment Rayana Ramulu, along with Digavalli Seshagirao came in a jeep and reminded them of the scheduled programme of Baba's visit to the Vijayawada Meher Centre, located in Gudivadavari Street in the first floor of G. Perraju's house, about one kilometre away from Majety's residence, where nearly 2000 town gentry were awaiting to receive the Avatar with garlands and gifts.

Forgotten totally about this programme, in a desperate mood Manikyalarao became helpless not knowing what to do, since no one should disturb Baba at that hour. By God's grace, exactly by then Pendu, a Mandali member, was going up with a Homeo - medicine kit. Noticing this immediately Manikyalarao rushed to him, with reviving hopes expressing apologies for his forgetfulness, requested him to convey this matter to the Beloved.

"The greatest difficulty lies in the easiest matter."

- MEHER BABA

By then Baba, the embodiment of Love, looking much tired at the dining table, ready to have His dinner served, heard about this and asked to call Manikyalarao in for details. Manikyalarao saw Baba mixing a morsel of rice with all the side dishes and was watching to see how the Divine Person takes His food. Baba, turning towards Manikyalarao, gestured to him to open his mouth by showing His mouth wide open, when Manikyalarao could see the toothless Divine mouth clearing his long cherished doubt about Baba's teeth. Then Baba with His own hands fed the lucky Manikyalarao the morsel and immediately wiped off HIS hands with the napkin, without Himself taking the dinner, which fact He reminded at Tadepalligudem on His birthday celebrations. Meanwhile Eruch came in, enquired about the matter, verified the fact from the programme card shown by Manikyalarao and was telling about the impossibility of Baba's going over at that odd hour, without all the Mandali members, when Baba looked at Eruch sympathetically expressing His willingness to spare 5 minutes to fulfil the desire of the waiting masses at the Centre. Even then, Eruch vehemently resisted and told, "Let Angels come down from the Heavens, Baba will not stir out from here." Immediately, Baba got up with a gesture of holding Eruch's chin requesting him to be calm and took Manikyalarao by the hand to His bed room directing to help Him wear the Shadra, by stretching His arms backwards. Unaware of the technique Manikyalarao was fumbling when Eruch came and took over the Job. Dressed up and ready to pay the visit, Baba, imposed 3 conditions to be followed implicitly by the waiting masses at the Centre, lest the programme should be cancelled. The conditions were; 1) No one should say "Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai"; 2) No one should bow down to Him or touch His feet"; and 3) No one should offer gifts or garland Him". The very next moment, Baba enquired about conveying these conditions to the people at the Centre prior to His arrival there and to know their acceptance. He also enquired about the conveyance arrangements to go over there and return. Manikyalarao told that jeep was there for the conveyance of Baba and that he himself would go by foot to the

"As you leave ME you should take as much of ME as you can."

- MEHER BABA

Centre to convey and have their consent before Baba's arrival there. Noting the practical difficulty, Baba asked Manikyalarao also to come along with Him in the jeep, offering him a seat on the thighs of Siddhuji, one of the four Mandali members who followed Baba in the jeep, due to dearth of space and instructed him to show a circuitous route to the Centre avoiding the direct route for reasons unknown. Accordingly the circuitous route was taken and in his inquisitiveness Manikyalarao on nearing the choultry on the way, where the Mandali members were lodged, showed it to Baba. At this Baba remarked jocularly, "Why? You have disturbed Me now and you want to disturb them also at this hour?" By now the jeep reached the venue when Manikyalarao alone got down and went up to the Centre-hall and conveyed the conditions to all the waiters there. On receiving the assurance signal, Baba along with the 4 Mandali members, went up directly into the hall amidst perfect silence. First, He bowed down with folded hands before the installed, framed, hand-drawn picture of His own, drawn by Y. Rangarao. Then He turned towards the anxiously waiting audience, relaxed all the 3 conditions imposed by Himself and gave His magnificent Darshan to the utmost satisfaction of nearly 2000 gentry, much to the amazement of Manikyalarao. It was then about 11 P. M. Baba returned to His abode for the night's rest ignoring His own comforts for the sake of His lovers' ardent request.

Next day, on 22 nd Feb. 1954 morning, in His lodging room, Baba had the following discussion with the K. D. R. M about the Penugonda programme when He was pressed for it. Baba said, "I know you love Me, but do people of Penugonda love Me? I don't want unnecessary crowds. I want lovers. Why do I keep the crowds away? I can make the whole world come to me. But what I want is Love. Are there lovers in Penugonda?"

Then some one uttered to keep up the promise given to Penugonda people, Baba exclaimed, "I am an "USTAD" (Expert) in not keeping promises since eternity. First promise I gave to

"Trust God completely and HE will solve all difficulties."
- MEHER BABA

God. I kept it and the whole Creation has come around My neck. The last promise. when I speak I will fulfil. In the mean-time, since you all the four-K. D, R. M are saying, let us go to Penu-gonda."

Immediately after this the breakfast was finished and Baba along with the Mandali left for Masulipatam. Thus the remarkable Darshan programme at Vijayawada ended remaining afresh in the memories to continue for ever the Eternal Truth of oneness in His Divinity.

To conclude let us remember some of our Beloved's Golden Sayings and atleast let us try to follow to some extent if not cent percent.

- 1) "You must not do what I do but do what I tell you to do."
- 2) "Give up parrotry in all aspects. Start practicing what ever you truly feel to be true and justly to be just"
- 3) "Let your own life of Love for Baba be the message of Baba's love for one and all."
- 4) "Let principle in work and honesty in life prevail."

JAI MEHER BABA

"I will not let down MY Lovers."

- MEHER BABA

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 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 whole-heartedly 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.

"To know me as I really am, become a child (in heart) and become as wise as men of wisdom."

- MEHER BABA

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. I 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.

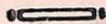
Suffering comes through ignorance or attachment to illusions. Most people play with illusions as children play with toys. If you get caught up in the ephemeral things of this world and cling to illusory values, suffering is inevitable. It is not easy for little children to give up their toys, for they 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.



"My miracle will be to make you become Me."

"Attachment to miracles is only a continuation of the habit of playing with Illusion."

- MEHER BABA

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.



"God loves most the so-called destitute and helpless."

"Love is a mighty force. It not only enables one to put the ideal of Selfless Service into practice but also transforms one in to God."

- MEHER BABA

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 super-natural 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.



"The aim of Life is to Love God." "The goal of Life is to become one with God."

- MEHER BABA

THE ATMAN'S LOVE OF PLAY

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.

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 whole-heartedly.

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.



"Divine Love harbours no thought of the self at all."

- MEHER BABA

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.



"The fundamental link between the spirit and matter can be seen in the necessary connection between ideas and deeds."

— MEHER BABA

INTERNAL CONVICTION

MATERIAL AND SPIRITUAL SCIENCE

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.



"Have rock-like faith and flame-like Love for God, nothing in the world will effect you."

"A man becomes wise by practicing, not by preaching virtue."

- MEHER BABA

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, Dhyana 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.



Freedom without responsibility is a doubtful boon.

- MEHER BABA

SELF LOST IS FREEDOM GAINED

LIBERATION

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, Dhyana 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.

In Karma Yoga one tries to lose one's 'self' in selfless service for others; in Dhyana 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

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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.

There are individual as well as national and universal problems which need the spiritual guidance of Perfect Masters and Avatars. A greater and more Golden Guide Humanity through their Divine Messages. Even after the passage of their physical bodies these Messages are carried to the remotest corners of the world by their disciples, devotees and followers who spread the Lord's word even at the cost of life.

The Avatars and Perfect Masters give to the guidance and direction to the human race and the world in their own unique and irreplaceable way which is beyond the grasp of the human intellect. The Perfect Masters are the true saviours of the world.

"Deny your false self, and your real self asserts itself."

"The heart of each should be My Shrine and My Lover the Priest of that temple of Love."

- MÈHER BABA

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 Godmen 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 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 unfailing faith love and devotion, and with the longing to receive my Divine Love and Grace.



" Want nothing and you will have every-thing."

"To love Me for what I may give you is not loving ME at all. To sacrifice any thing in My cause to gain something for yourself is like a blind man sacrificing his eyes for sight."

"The essence of faith lies not in the shape or manner of man's belief, but in the depth and sincerity behind it."

- MEHER BABA

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."



"Don't do false propaganda. Tell others only what you honestly take ME to be."

"One must act by principles and not by rituals."

"It is better to deny God than to defy HIM."

- MEHER BABA

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."

"Desires and longings are the root cause of all sufferings."

"Think of ME more and more and all your worries will dwindle into nothing, for they are really nothing."

"Do not seek the material pleasure and you will find the Spiritual treasure."

- MEHER BABA

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 unfailing 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 undefinable 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 unfailing 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 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."



"Only in the complete internal silence is Truth found."

"I am never silent, I speak eternally. The voice that is heard deep within the Soul is MY voice."

"I am ever prepared to give the gift, but you must also prepare yourself to receive it."

— MEHER BABA

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

dictated by

AVATAR MEHER BABA

O PARVARDIGAR, the Preserver and Protector of All !

You are without Beginning, and without End ;

Non-dual, beyond comparison ; and none can measure You.

You are without colour, without expression, without form, and without attributes.

You are unlimited and unfathomable, beyond imagination and conception ; eternal and imperishable.

You are indivisible ; and none can see You but with eyes Divine.

You always were, You always are, and You always will be ;

You are everywhere, You are in everything ; and You are also beyond everywhere and beyond everything.

You are in the firmament and in the depths. You are manifest ; and unmanifest ; on all planes, and beyond all planes.

You are in three worlds, and also beyond the three worlds ;

You are imperceptible and independent.

You are the Creator, the Lord of Lords, the Knower of all minds and hearts ; You are Omnipotent and Omnipresent.

You are Knowledge Infinite, Power Infinite, and Bliss Infinite.

You are the Ocean of knowledge, All Knowing, Infinitely-Knowing ; the Knower of the past, the present and the future ; and You are Knowledge itself.

You are All-merciful and eternally benevolent.

You are the Soul of souls, the One with infinite attributes ;

You are the Trinity of Truth, Knowledge, and Bliss.

You are the Source of Truth ; the Ocean of Love.

You are the Ancient One, the HIGHEST OF THE HIGH ; You are Prabhu and Parameshwar ; You are the Beyond-God, and the Beyond-Beyond-God also ; You are Parabrahma ; Paramatma ; Allah ; Elahi ; Yezdan ; Ahuramazda ; God Almighty ; and God the Beloved.

You are named EZAD ; i. e., the Only One worthy of worship.



REPENTANCE & PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

OM PARABRAHMA-PARAMATMA, Ya-Yezdan, Ya-Allah,
O God, Father in Heaven !

We repent, O God most merciful, for all our sins, for every thought that was false or unclean for every word spoken that ought not to have been spoken, and for every deed done that ought not to have been done.

We repent for every deed and word and thought inspired by selfishness, and for every deed and word and thought inspired by hatred.

We repent most specially for every lustful thought. and every lustful action; for every lie; for all hypocrisy; for every promise given but not fulfilled, and for all slander and backbiting.

Most specially also, we repent for every action that has brought ruin to others. for every word and deed that has given others pain, and for every wish that pain should befall others.

In your unbounded mercy. we ask you to forgive us, O God, for all these sins committed by us, and to forgive us for our constant failures to think and speak and act according to your Will.



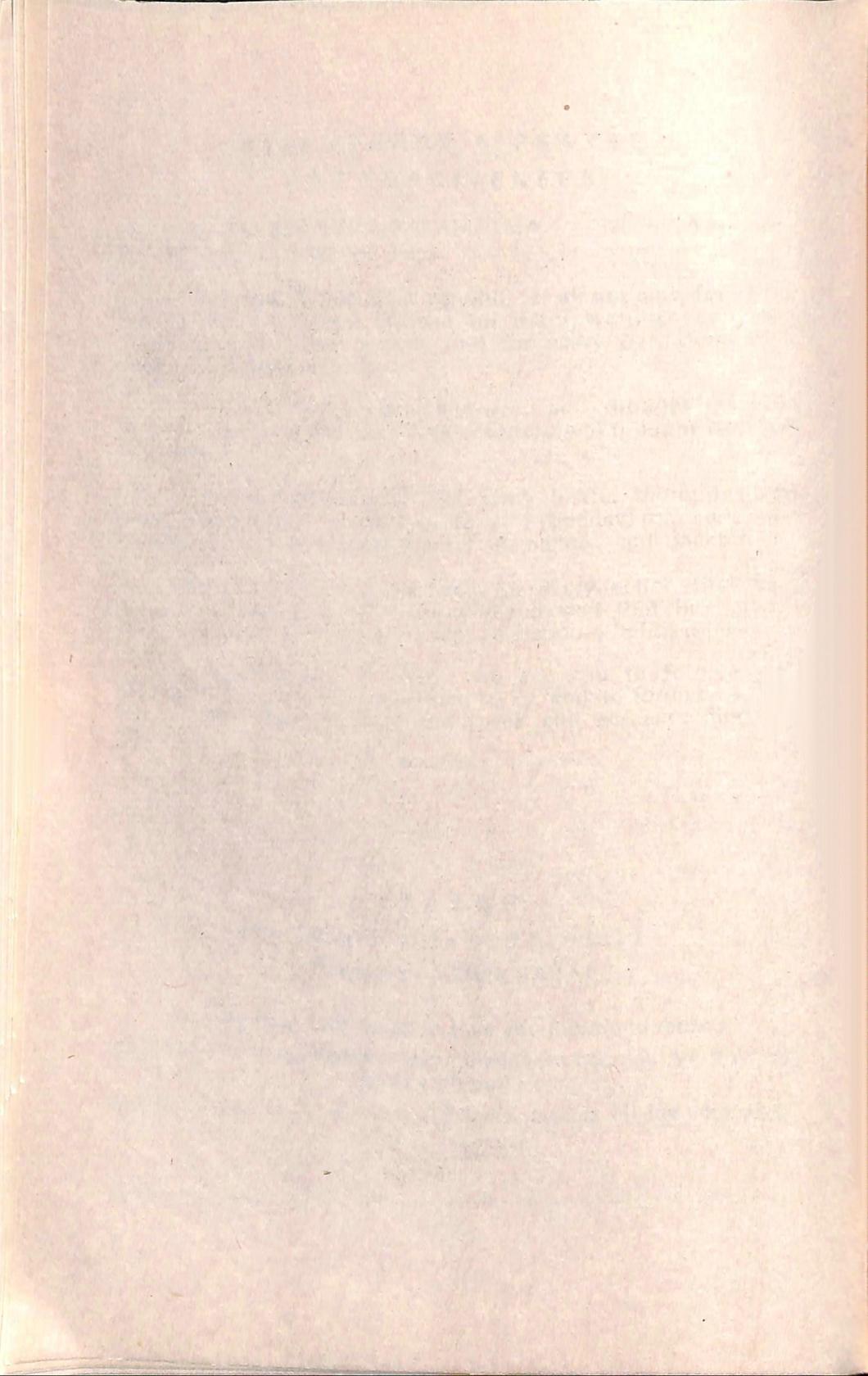
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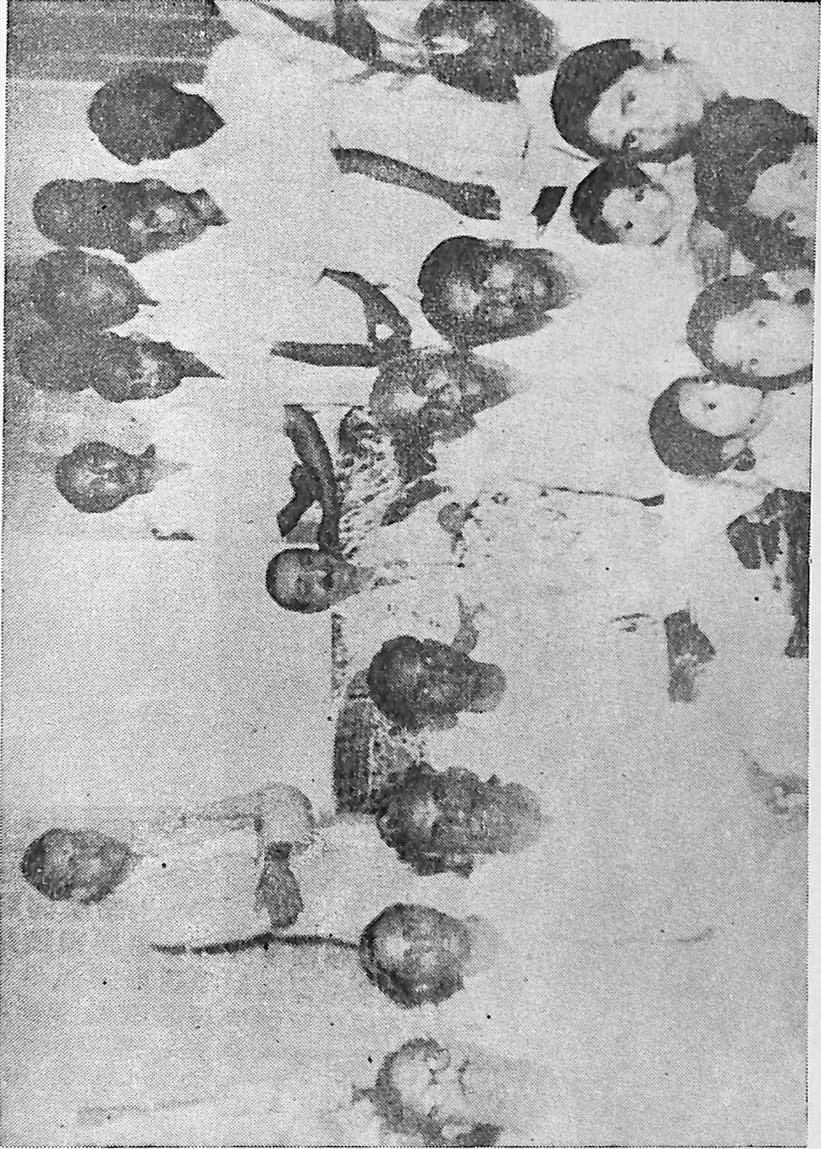
For Baba-Lovers And Mandali

[Dictated by MEHER BABA]

Beloved God, help us all to love you more and more ;
and more and more and still yet more till we become worthy of
Union with you ;
and help us all to hold 'fast to Baba's *daaman* till the very end.







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