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AVATAR MEHER BABA

SHRI MEHER BABA'S 43rd BIRTHDAY MESSAGE AT NASIK, FEB. 1937

The incident of birth is common to all life on earth. Unlike other living creatures which are born insignificantly, which live an involuntary life and which die an uncertain death, physical birth of human beings connotes an important and, if they are extra circumspect about it, perhaps a final stage of their evolutionary progress. Here onwards they are no longer automations but masters of their destiny which they can shape and mould according to will. And this means that human being, having passed through all the travails of lower evolutionary processes, should insist upon the reward thereof, which is 'Spiritual Birth' in this very life, and not rest content with a promise in the hereafter.

No sooner one recoils on himself and is eagerly anxious to elicit replies to interrogative introspection 'Whither and whence', surely, such a one may be said to have had 'Spiritual Birth'. This poise of mind once gained, it automatically and unknowingly brings about a re-adjustment of material surroundings, and the man finds himself in harmony and at peace with the world. Conservatism, intolerance, pride and selfishness will be shed off. Everything will put on a new meaning and assume a purpose. Sinner and saint will appear to be waves, differing in size and magnitude, in the surface of the same ocean, a natural outcome of forces in the universe, governed by time and causation. The saint has neither the pride of place, nor the sinner the stigma of eternal degradation. Nobody is utterly lost and nobody need despair.

My panacea to the worried world is the effort on its part to get an answer to the question 'Whither and whence'. The knowledge that all have the same beginning

and the same end, with life on earth a happy interlude, will go a long way in making the Brotherhood of Man a reality on earth, and this, in turn, will strike at the root of narrow communalism and rigid nationalism, which mean wars and economic exploitation. I bless you all for the realization of this, the aim of life.

AVATAR MEHER BABA

BY PANDIT RAO DESHPANDE

Askes He for love and affection
 Verily the essence of Divine Inspiration
 Awakened He many a soul
 To its pristine state entire and whole
 Adore Him Worship Him always.
 Regard Him as Fountain Head of silent rays
 Miracles He never performed nor worked
 Ever He remains in, silence shrouded
 Heard He Universal call loud
 Entered He into silence like Sun under cloud
 Replete with joy unsubdued and clear
 Beckons He like a lever to lighten their hearts—dear
 Abhors He speech and words tall
 Because beyond Voice It is all
 Allah, Ishwar, Buddha and Christ "He" does recall.

* "I Have No Money, I have Love"

BY MEHER BABA

Those who love Me, would love Me in spite of what I am.

For those who would hate Me, I would still be what I am. I am telling the West also. The resident Mandali—some of them are staying with Me for thirty years or more—they know My ways. Baba has no value for money. He has nothing to do with money. Since the time I have taken to Silence, I have not touched money except for giving to the poor. I have no money. I have LOVE. From the lovers who have been sending money, I accept with Love and distribute for the work. Personally I never touched money for the last thirty years except for giving to the poor and the "Masts". Money has been coming from different parts of the world. Vishnu will tell you that about a crore of rupees passed through him. No sooner money gets finished, "Chatney" (sauce) and "Chapaty" (dry bread) were the only thing to eat and weak tea (without milk) to drink. As soon as money comes, here would be schools, hospitals and so forth. No sooner money got finished, Baba used to say 'Stop all this and dispose off all this', Baba used to reply to all 'I won't have any permanent "Ashram"'. Every individual heart is My "Ashram". When money is available, we have ashrams, schools, hospitals and if money is finished, all are abandoned, and yet we were happy.

All these years how did money flow through his hands—about a crore of rupees—not only for Baba Himself but for Baba's work? This money (amounting to a crore of rupees) did not come by way of miracles. It is love that brings money. Sometimes, I ask for money. In the West and in India, I ask from some one and he gives.

* Given at February 1958 Sahavas

Sometimes, I go about in Narayan Maharaj's ways and ask for it indirectly and I get it. Sometimes I get it without asking; sometimes I accept and sometimes I refuse also. Sometimes Baba has refused even when it automatically comes. So many offered and used to place money near His feet and Baba refused even when it automatically comes. So many offered and used to place money near His feet and Baba refused it and Mandali had to run after them and return it. Not one property is in Baba's name, not even Meherabad (Arangaon) and Meherazad (Pimpalgaon) properties. Only the resting place of Baba (future tomb) on Meherabad Hill is in Baba's name. Even the properties dedicated to Baba were refused by Baba.

MY EXPERIENCE

By

A. SOMASEKHAR

I was resting on that night,
 The night on which I saw a sight.
 First, it came like a gloomy light,
 Then brighter, it became. Right
 At that time I recognised to be the man
 Not only a man but also a Man
 Of Love. These utterings prevailed then,
 "Love Me. I will help you." When
 He spoke, it evoked my thought.
 It was He, whom I sought
 For the way to His cavern
 That is the everlasting Heaven.
 And He was the holder of the name
 Meher Baba, who got Godly fame.

God - Meher Baba's Language

BY

DR. H. P. BHARUCHA, NAVSARI.

Avatar Meher Baba's silence for forty-four years has been an enigma to the world. No one could claim he could fathom the fathomless silence of Avatar Meher Baba while He walked on this earth. Yet, His lovers talked and discussed about His silence from platforms in villages, towns and cities, and over the radio and the T.V. The sudden passing away of Meher Baba has made His lovers more eloquent about His silence. Permuting and combining their views about the breaking of His silence, one may say that there are those who believe Baba has broken His silence; Baba has not broken His silence; Baba will not break His silence at all; Baba will break His silence shortly or sometime in the future; while some have a neutral mind about it, not endeavouring to even think whether He has broken His silence or not; and finally there are some who love Baba and will die for Him, not bothering about the breaking of His silence at all. They are silently burning in the fire of His love and waiting to be consumed in it; they will realise in silence the true meaning of the silence of the silent One who had made many talk about His silence.

Let me add here some food for thought on His silence by quoting some of His parables; let these not wash us away into the realm of imagination hiding Baba the Reality behind the smoke screen of our ignorance, but let them help us to understand, that to try and understand Baba is to misunderstand Him. Let these parables help us to feel more convinced about Avatar Meher Baba's divinity. These parables will help to strengthen our love and faith in Him and will help us to cling on to His daaman more firmly till the glorious sun of His manifestation shall dawn in our hearts.

1. "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".
2. "Hear Me while I am silent, for when I break My silence
there will be nothing left for you to hear".
3. "The fact that I have observed silence, is in itself the
answer that I Must break it. My silence is no vow—I had
the urge to observe silence, and I will equally have the
urge to break it. An urge is independent of time, but the
time, is fast approaching when I will have the urge and
break my silence".
4. "When I break my silence my Presence will flood the
world, and even an inanimate thing like a stone will feel
my Love".
5. "My silence and the breaking of My silence at the
appointed time will make silent those who talk of
everything but God".
6. "I have infinite knowledge. I do not have to use My mind
in order to know—I just know. I use My infinite
knowledge. But, although I have infinite bliss and
infinite power, I do not make use of them. If I were to
make use of the bliss that is at my beck and call, how
could my suffering be suffering? And of what benefit
would it be to mankind? I also do not use infinite power.
If I were to use it, how would I remain helpless? I remain
infinitely helpless because while having infinite power at
my command, I do not use it! I shall use it when I break
My silence to give a universal spiritual awakening; and
when I drop this body I shall use my bliss for 700 years
till My next advent".

7. "Yes, I will speak audibly. In fact, when I break my Silence it will be heard infinitely clearer than the loudest speech uttered by anyone" .
8. I will speak on the 1st of August 1941 the divine word to myself and in myself, the word of the will of God that will begin the resurrection of the dead world and start the general adjustment of the world; and this speaking to myself operation will continue till the 15th of Feb. 1942, the day that I will publicly and universally speak, the day that my world manifestation will come to full expression, the day that the six months self-speaking operation will bring out the subsequent unfoldment of the spiritual revival and the day that the disciples of my circle will realise the Truth."
9. "I want you to know that I will definitely break My silence; and I want you to cling to My daaman till the very end, irrespective of whether I speak or not."
10. "When I speak, there will be many proofs of my spiritual power and of my ability to bestow illumination." "I eternally enjoy the Christ State of consciousness, and when I speak, which I intend doing in the near future, I shall manifest my true self. Besides giving a general spiritual push to the whole world, I shall lead all those who come to me towards Light and Truth. This, in short, is my mission in the world."
11. "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."

12. "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."
13. "My silence and the imminent breaking of my silence is to save mankind from the forces of ignorance, and to fulfill the divine Plan of universal unity, The breaking of my silence will reveal to man the universal oneness of God, which will bring about the universal brotherhood of man. My silence had to be. The breaking of my silence has to be soon".
14. "When I speak, I shall manifest the Divine will, and Worldwide transformation of consciousness will take place".
15. "I shall break my silence and deliver my message only when there is chaos and confusion everywhere, for then I shall be most needed; when the world is rocking in upheavals earth quakes, floods and volcanic eruptions; when both East and West are aflame with war. Truly the whole world must suffer, for the whole world must be redeemed..."
16. "I shall break my silence, and, with my word of words, arouse my children to realise in their lives, the indivisible Existence which is God.
17. "I stress that when I give that word, all of you who love me will know it in your hearts. Much will be revealed to you then. God is the Truth. So why worry about the future?".

18. "Within one year, I will break my silence; then drop my body; my glorification shall last for one year ... "
19. "The One Word full of meaning has produced innumerable meaningless words; and when I utter that Word, all words will have meaning." "Of course I will break my silence. Otherwise, why should I have observed it ?"
20. "For ages I have been giving in silence my silent message of love. You ask me for a message from my silence, but silent are the words of my silence. Silence is love, and the lover loves my silence, and silently adores me in my silence".
21. "I am the Christ... no question of it. And when I break my silence, all the world will come to know about it".
22. "When I break my silence, the world will come to know whom the world is waiting for".
23. "I perform no miracles and will perform none until I manifest on breaking of my silence. Then I will perform the One and Only 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. The moment I break my silence and utter that 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",
24. "I tell you with all authority, as I have been telling others at other places, I am the Ancient One. When I break my silence, the world will know who I am."

25. "When I say that my Manifestation is connected with the 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 state." "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 throw open new gates to eternity. It will bring new hope to despairing humanity." "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."
26. "One thing is definite. Long before I drop my body, I will speak. The breaking of my silence will coincide with the breaking of the long awaited Silence of God". (23rd. March—at Dehradun.)
27. "You have had enough words; I have had enough words. 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 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 is the Real Word you have been always longing to hear."
28. "The breaking of my silence... the signal for my public manifestation ... is not far off. I bring the greatest Treasure which it is possible for man to receive... a Treasure which includes all other treasures... which will endure for ever, which increases when shared with others. Be ready to receive it!

29. "I shall be very ill for two weeks before speaking."
30. "The time has come when I shall break my silence. The whole world will get a spiritual push but the hearts of my intimate lovers shall be opened then. Such a time will not come again and has not come in the past." "The time for the breaking of my silence is very near so hold fast to my daaman."
31. "Once I break my silence, all will come to know me. Fortunate are those who know me now."
32. "In 1950, at Mababaleshwar, Baba declared in the form of a Gazal which was composed by Him—that the signal for his silence to come to an end, would be when His Word and Message are on the lips of every single person—i.e.—when there is a heart-rending cry from each soul."
33. "Many years ago when His silence was in its teens, Baba told His disciples that, "Now I am like a lion that is caged—people come to see it and admire it, can afford to trifle with the majesty of its power, are indifferent or ignorant of its might."
- "But none would be left in ignorance or doubt were the lion to spring from its cage! When I come out of my Silence, my Divine Identity will be manifest to all, my Glory will reveal itself, the impact of my Love will be felt universally."
34. Q. When will be the actual manifestation—what period?
 Baba – "Twelve years after I speak".
 Q. What will be the effect of this manifestation?
 Baba – "Convincing".
 Q. At once or gradually?

Baba. "Gradually... like crops and rain, Rain falls spontaneously in showers, but crops take time to grow. So the fruits of my work will grow gradually during the twelve years of my manifestation".

35. "When I speak, it will be only one Divine Word; but it will be the Word of words or the Manifestation of Truth. This word 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".
36. "I am fed up with this alphabet 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."
37. "The 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".
38. "When I speak that Word, I shall lay the foundation for that which is to take place during the next seven hundred 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 the oneness of all men. Prosperity and happiness will then be at its zenith".
39. The sequence of events that shall occur before and after the breaking of Meher Baba's silence as said by Him in the Final Declaration are as follows:

1. A strange disease shall attack His body. Baba said, "It was said in your language."
2. His humiliation. "It was said in your language".
3. "Before I break my silence or immediately after it three-fourths of the world will be destroyed. The breaking of my silence and uttering the one Word of words was said in my own language and simultaneously in yours, because when I utter that Word, it will be an audible word to you. The destruction of three-fourths of the world; it was said in my own language alone".
4. "My glorification... It was said simultaneously in my language and yours".
5. The stab in my back: was said in my own language alone."
6. "The dropping of my body: it was said in my own language and simultaneously in yours".

P.S. The Final Declaration was given at Meherabad by Meher Baba during the two days meeting of 29th and 30th Sept. 1954. Baba had then said, "Most of you will witness those events; and will recall vividly all that transpires during these two days of your stay at Meherabad."

Baba explains. "My language is such that none can understand or grasp the underlying meaning of what I say; therefore when I want to say a thing, I have simultaneously to make use of your language also, knowing well that you would understand nothing whatsoever if I were to make use of my language alone".

Baba Adds, "All I had declared in my Final Declaration must come to pass exactly in the same sequence and with the same intensity of effect but with modification in the time factor. Therefore with the change in the time limit, the intensity, scope, shape and size of the chain of events

take place without any moderation whatsoever, to bring into effect the destined Plan".

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*MEMORIAL DAY

By DOROTHY L. LEVY

Every day is Memorial Day—
 Since our Beloved Avatar Meher Baba went away ...
 One year ago January 31st. His Family received the
 news
 Having left His Physical Body ...
 His lovers to accept His will this He knew.
 Lonely hearts did not cry out, but did mourn ..
 Knowing THE ANCIENT ONE never dies; nor is
 born ...
 God—again having come into the world taking a
 Form ...
 For His creation ... where His Shadow Maya performs ...
 The eyes cannot see; nor the ears hear
 His Infinite Beauty... creation by His Spoken WORD ..
 ONE Mind ... evolution playing out a role with many
 parts
 GOD IS ALL—EVERYTHING—EVERYWHERE
 tuning our heart ...
 As, shadows (impressions) fade away in the light
 The Sun remains shining, though clouds (thoughts)
 block out sight.
 Beloved Avatar Meher Baba lives forever in our
 hearts ...
 His seeds of love were sewn from creation's start ..
 The wind blowing the seeds that often go astray ...
 Only to be delayed someday to blossom on the way ...
 Nothing is lost in God, He is ever present always—
 Jai –Baba Ki –Jai !

* SONGS UNITE MAN WITH GOD

On this 5th day of our eight days functions celebrating Avatar Meher Baba's 74th birthday in Poona, we had the blissful experience of listening to love-full, sweet and melodious voice of Sangeeth Kohinoor, Shri Pandit Rao Nagarkar. Through his perfect art of singing he has enthralled our hearts and our minds were absorbed into this atmosphere of Baba-Love. Absorption in the love of God, while being actively engaged in life is the ideal or perfect life for every man and woman on this earth.

Songs have a universal appeal. Even snakes, and wild animals, it is said, love music. The flute recital the other day carried my mind to the banks of Jamuna where ages ago Lord Krishna played on His flute and the picture of Gopis dancing around Him, and birds and animals and even trees and plants responding to His divine song, appeared before my mind's eye. Recent researches reveal that plants and trees not only respond to music, but their growth could be influenced and regulated by music. Maulana Jalaluddin Rumi, the great Persian mystic who lived in thirteenth century in Turkey, said, "Mount Sinai didn't tremble but danced with joy when Allah revealed Himself to Moses." Why have songs such universal appeal?

Mr. Francis Brabazon, in his thought provoking spiritual scripture of 20th century "Stay With God" writes, if God did not love music, the world would never have come into being and if men did not love music they would never get to God.

How this world has come into being, how all forms of things and beings originated out of God's love for song is clearly illustrated by Meher Baba in His book 'God Speaks'. A thought or two from that great book I endeavour to place before you all on this auspicious occasion.

* A talk delivered by Shri K. K. Ramakrishnan at Poona Centre Hall on 22-2-1968

"The 'WHIM' of God for knowledge of Himself (WHO AM I) manifested as sound. This oceanic Sound is of God and 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 derives their life from it.

It is thus because of the continual connection of all creatures with the Creative Source of all being and becoming (Brahmahnad) that music derive universal appeal.

"Once men sang purely in the work of their hand,
in the speech of their mouths. They knew that
Avatar and the Perfect Masters were the only God
on the earth, and that the saints were doors to Him
By God men lived—and His Name wrought their works:
they went not out to labour nor sat down to meet
without song attending." — Stay with God.

In ancient times men sang only to praise and please God. Through their songs they lived a life of unbroken awareness of their inseparable relation with God.

When this universal love of music is lost in the life of man, that Primal Sound (Adi Nad) clothes Itself in flesh and blood and walks on this earth as Men, as one of us and one amongst us and sing the songs of divine love into the hearts of mankind and awaken them to love of God. Zoroaster was this Brahmanad clothed in human form. So was Ram, Krishna, Buddha, Jesus and Mohamed. Again and again that Primal Sound (Brahmah Nad) clothes

Itself in human form and walks on this earth. Now, Meher Baba is that Primal Sound in human form. He has been silently singing into the hearts of humanity His message of hope and love for the last above forty-six years.

* "Art is an act of love in likeness of itself—Spirit moulding matter into lovely form." It is God's compassion that moulds itself into Avatar unto men, so that man through his devotion to the Avatar could realize his oneness with God. Avatar is God's own act of love in all its perfection, Avatar is the Artist of the universe.

The business of real art has always been to entertain God with praise of God as Man and with tales of the loverelationship of men to God. The two great epics of India—Ramayana and Mahabharata were songs sung by real artists. Bhagavat Gita itself is called Lord's Song.

* "As the goal of every man and woman is to realize God as Self, Man unrelated to God is as unreal as life unrelated to breath." Today man has to awaken to the spiritual values of life. He has to live his life in the awareness of his inseparable relation with God. Then alone mankind can survive.

Avatar Meher Baba we all know has been observing silence for the last 43 years and the time for the breaking of His silence, Baba repeatedly reminds us, is very near. What is this breaking of His silence means? Meher Baba says, "When I break My silence and speak, it will be this Primal Oceanic Sound (Brahmah Nad or Adi Nad) 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."

* From Stay with God

We all know Meher Baba has been in strict seclusion since May 1965 and He was to come out of seclusion on the 25th of February 1968. The fate of the universe hangs on His Seclusion and the redemption of mankind depends upon His Manifestation. What does this mean? The intense work Meher Baba does in His self-imposed seclusion is to awaken mankind to the art of real living, to make human life on this earth a song of God's glory and power. And man is becoming aware of this, His presence and work on this earth. When He manifests mankind will know the meaning and purpose of life. Extending the period of His seclusion from Feb. 25th to March 25th Beloved Baba again reminded His lovers to realize, what he has said before, that the fate of the universe hangs on His Seclusion and the redemption of mankind depends upon His manifestation. And further He says that His having prolonged His universal work in seclusion is an act of His divine Compassion and love preceding His Manifestation. It simply means that He out of His love for His creatures gives time for mankind to hearken to His Call and save themselves from the great happenings that will precede His manifestation. In order to help Him in this present phase of His work in seclusion and for helping ourselves Meher Baba has asked His lovers to recite once daily the Master's Prayer (O Parvardigar) and the Prayer of Repentance, individually or collectively, till 25th of March 1968. In order to assist all we have started daily prayer gathering in this hall at 7 p,m, since Jan. 25th. All are welcome to join the prayer and thus adhere to the wish of the Avatar.

In a recent message Beloved Baba has asked His lovers to rejoice on His 74th Birthday, because soon after 25th March 1968 something great will happen that has never happened before. This message has disturbed the mind of many in Poona and I am sure everywhere else. Many people are making anxious enquiries as to what would happen after 25th March 1968. How can man measure the depth of God's words. The only thing man can do is to try one's utmost to live according to God's Will.

When Sangeeth Kohinoor Shri Pandit Rao Nagarkar sang, many of us unconscious to ourselves move our physical forms to the tunes of his songs. When God sings the earth will dance and suns and moons and stars will dance. But those who hold firmly to the lotus Feet of God will only hear the sweet song of His Love.

May I end this talk with a remark Meher Baba has very recently made: On the cross at Calvary Jesus raised his head and said, "Father in heaven, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Meher Baba remarked, "I pray, 'Father in heaven, forgive them, for they know not what will happen.'"

Let us all rejoice on Beloved Baba's 74th Birthday and let us all continue to rejoice at all times in His Love. May Beloved Baba bless us all!

Avatar Meher Baba Machilipatnam Centre,
MACHILIPATNAM

The lovers of Avatar Meher Baba Machilipatnam Centre met under the presidency of His Holiness Kavi Yogi Maharshi Sri Suddhananda Bharati on 8-3-1970 and passed the following condolence resolution touching the sudden and sad demise of Dr. V. S. Srouthulu, L.I.M., eulogising his unstinted and yeomen services to the Avatar Meher Baba Free Dispensary instituted in Machilipatnam on 25-2-1965, Beloved Baba's Birth day.

RESOLUTION:

"The lovers of Avatar Meher Baba Machilipatnam Centre place on record their deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Dr. V. S. Srouthulu, L.I.M., and their appreciation of his memorable services to the Avatar Meher Baba Dispensary instituted in the local Tadepalli Vari Choultry Buildings on 25-2-1965, beloved Baba's Birthday, inaugurated by His Holiness Kavi Yogi Maharshi Sri Suddhananda Bharati, The lovers observed due silence and held prayers for the peace of the departed soul. The blessings of Baba were invoked as to assuage the anguish of the bereaved members of the family of Late Dr. V.S. Srouthulu and for their peace, solace and prosperity re-inforced by the good wishes also conveyed by His Holiness Kavi Yogi Maharshi Sri Suddhananda Bharati."

(Sd.) Tadepalli Basavaiah

Sd. Suddbananda Bharati.

Secretary:

Talk Given at Guruprasad, Poona, During the Great Darshan 1969.

BY FRANCIS BRABAZON

I am amazed and filled with joy to discover that the Beloved I have been serving for many years is truly a very mighty Beloved.

Of course, I have known all along that he was God. But there are so many Gods. There is the God which people see in a shape of illusion such as a sunset or a mountain view or a symphony, or whose hand is seen in one's not getting caught in a rain-storm or in obtaining a good job: no doubt a very comfortable and profitable God to have—well worth a Christian candle or some Hindoo incense—but not a God to whom one would offer one's life. There is the God who rules the shining planes of consciousness: but sight of him would blind one. And the God who is beyond the planes is unknowable except by his own Grace. And he is extremely careful to whom he gives that Grace.

So when beloved Baba used to tell us that he was God, I used to think, "Yes, Baba, you are God all right—the One God and all the Gods—but what good is that to me?" In fact, I used to get so fed-up with him being God that I wished he wasn't. Or I wished he was a sort-of-an Old Testament God to whom I could slaughter some fat lambs or a spotless young bull in return for some added acreage. I got so tired of his being so much God that I wrote a song about it and sang it to him. It goes something like, "If only you were a bit less God, a bit more Man, I wouldn't feel so much like someone upside down in a garbage can."

But Baba wasn't going to become more Man just for my sake, so I had to settle for him as the divine Beloved—one whom I could serve sometimes, instead of thinking about my self all the time. After all, although he is God, and sometimes is a Man, being one's own and the world's Beloved is his main job. Others can become as much God or as much Man as he, but only Baba is more beloved than any other beloved. And is infinitely worth serving.

But now a great problem arises. How to serve that One who is All-beloved; for whatever one does with love is done by him. All that is done *for* the Beloved is done *by* the Beloved. And so one arrives at the painful conclusion that the Beloved alone exists—which means that oneself doesn't. And that's a terrible predicament to find oneself in—for one is still *there*!

The only solution I found was to accept the position: "You alone are and I am not, but we are both here." And having arrived at this acceptance Baba now taught me a poetical form capable of expressing all the shades of the impossible relationships of lover and Beloved. Such a form has not existed in English till now, because the lover Beloved dilemma was not part of the British-American consciousness. And, of course, beloved Baba being the author of this new form was (or seemed to be) delighted with my exercises in it.

And here is a delicious piece of humour in connection with this. There was a period when Baba had me read a new poem to him three times every morning. Do you know why three times? Baba was memorizing them. Why memorizing them? So that he could quote them next time he comes back, in seven hundred years! That is really God-Man humour, isn't it? Then there were his extraordinary orders or commissions. His last was for thirty ghazals—ghazal is the name of the new poetical form he taught me. It happened this way. One morning after the usual morning business was finished Baba said he

wanted me to write thirty ghazals. Could I do that? I replied promptly and brightly, "No, Baba." This reply seemed to rather astonish him. He turned to the other mandali and said, "Well, what do you think of that? I ask this fellow to write thirty ghazals and he says, No, Baba." Then Baba turned questioningly back to me. I said, or rather groaned, "I don't know whether I can write one ghazal—and You ask for thirty. I don't think there are any more in my head." Then he says sympathetically and persuasively, "Try, and I will help you." So it was back to the stone-quarry again to cut and build thirty more little poem-houses, each one a bit different; for the Beloved likes variety.

But still I did not know what a mighty Beloved our Beloved is. This knowledge has come to me only recently—since Baba laid aside his body.

Now, the Beloved would not be the Beloved if he did not have a thousand whims and moods, if he didn't play his eternal game of divine pretense; if he was not all ears for the lover's praise and stone deaf to his complaints; if he was not All-knowledge and All-ignorance at the same time. He would not be the Beloved if he did not decorate the walls of his wineshop with pretty pictures such as "All the religions being drawn together as beads on one string" and "700 years of peace"; and then invite the lover to cross deserts of heart-dryness and oceans of tears to receive the wine of his kiss; but when the lover at last staggers in at the door, the Beloved spends the whole time showing him the pictures and expecting his interest and admiration.

What a Beloved our Beloved is! What a Beloved we have chosen to serve! What is it to the thirst-crazed lover if a lot of glass beads are strung on one string? Will that make them turn into diamonds? What if there is seven-hundred years of peace? Will not war again follow?

He would not be the Beloved if he did not tell the lover to stand up and sit down at the same moment; to become footless, and walk; to become headless, and think; to exert himself to the utmost, and leave everything to him.

Though it is not the time yet for us to know the wine of his kiss on our lips, we have received the kiss of his Word in our hearts. If it were not so, how could all you dear ones who have never seen his Man-form be here now?

Who but the Beloved of Beloveds, could speak his Word silently in your hearts and make you come from across the world to take his darshan, to bow down to him in your hearts? Such a thing has never happened before. I have been at Mass-darshans where tens of thousands came and bowed down to his Man-form. But to come thousands of miles to bow down to him in one's own heart, that is of an entirely different order of devotion.

Why has beloved Baba given you people this extraordinary privilege? Because he required a few to do what the many, what everyone, must eventually do: journey across the world of illusion to take darshan of him in their hearts. What a Beloved is our Beloved; what a mighty Beloved. This Word which he has spoken in your hearts; which will be spoken in every heart in the world, will lead you by the hand and drive you with whips to the door of your Beloved, to the wineshop of your Master—where it will become your own pure song of praise and will cause the beloved wine-master to open the door and bring you in and pour for you a glass of the wine of self-forgetfulness and *Beloved-alone-remembrance*. The very Word with which he knocked on the doors of your hearts and aroused you to set your feet on the path to him, that same Word will knock on his door and make him open it to you—Himself. I bow down to this mighty One in each of you.

But you also have your parts to play on this grand journey you have begun—you must not leave it all to your Beloved. For every step the lover takes to the Beloved, the Beloved takes ten to the lover. But the lover must continually take that one step. We must practise taking beloved Baba's darshan, bowing down to him in our hearts, every day, then every moment until we have continuous sight of him.

Happenings will happen—even Grand Happenings. But they will not be that Happening which has to happen in our hearts. So do not look to these other happenings to nourish your faith; depend only upon his Word and Its song in your hearts.

Be prepared for a long, long journey to have the Beloved's real darshan. But it may only take a mere seven hundred Years to reach his door and bow down to him for the last time and merge in him forever. JAI BABA !

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The Sufi Way of Life

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In the esoteric path of Sufism self-realization is the only reality to which one's attention is directed because according to the esoteric path our spiritual malady has one basis, and there is only one treatment for it. Its cause is the illusory self, and the treatment consists in realizing that the illusory self does not exist. However, mere intellectual recognition of this fact is not enough. After all the "me" is our own creation, it is not imposed upon us from without. It is created by our reactions to everything that happens to us. We only exist in the eternal present and we do not exist as a continuity, we ourselves are not a Illusory part of Reality, rather we are REALITY itself.

To a Sufi true love is incorruptible because the effective realization of reality is perhaps more the result of meditation than intelligence alone. The Sufi does not wander in search of wealth and sensual gratification as he is one with reality. We are in the habit of wanting to detach ourselves from such a person, from such a thought or from such an object but the Sufi who has discovered Divinity is not detached from someone or from something, he is in a state of self-contemplation and is no longer in a psychological position to react as his ego is dissolved.

The Sufi endowed with complete enlightenment, sees through the eye of wisdom the entire universe as his own self, and regards everything as the self and nothing else. The Sufi does not look at anything external and to him the tangible universe is verily God; nothing whatsoever exists that is other than Allah. A Sufi is he who is liberated in life after crossing the ocean of delusion, passion and aversion. He becomes a centre of unity with perfect peace and dwells in the divine bliss derived from the dis

covery of Truth. He is completely merged in Allah and yet he has normal consciousness. Therefore, he is free from all the illusions of duality and he is quite capable of looking after the affairs of the world. He is a source of great spiritual radiance. The state of a Sufi has no longer the avidities of the "I" process as a motive, but emerges directly from an independent centre which is free from all conditioning. We cannot judge the greatness of a self-realized Sufi who has transcended mental limitation because the Sufi plane of liberation is completely new and unique which could not be compared with the relative plane in which we live. The realization of the Sufi cannot be defined by words as that state of Reality is to be lived silently rather than trying to verbalise it. The highest perception of spiritual exaltation when analysed in terms of ordinary language or explained logically will lead to a paradox.

In the mystical path of Sufism the seeker and the life sought are one because in the inner actual communion with the Infinite the consciousness of the seeker has transformed itself into the substance of the self. In meditation the distinction between the onlooker and the thing looked upon disappears. The state of Fana nothingness in meditation is a zero full of infinite possibilities because it is a void of inexhaustible contents. BAQA retains its original purity and freedom always and is never darkened by anything else. It is bliss imparting and free from defilement. In BAQA each moment has to be grasped and realised as endless Eternity. In BAQA there is no time, no space and no becoming as the BAQA is not on the plane of relativity.

ISHQ-Divine love is really a pure state in which the mind is silent. When the mind is calm and quiet then there is the blessings of ISHQ the beauty of divine radiation. Ishq is not the reaction of the mind nor the creation

of the mind. It is something of a higher enlightened experience which elevates the mind to the state of TAWHID-unification. Miseries and worries are product of mental reactions of the mind and therefore, the mind cannot seek Ishq as the very activities of the mind brings confusions and complications. The mind cannot approach Ishq because divine love is not a sensation that can be caught by the mind. Ishq comes naturally, spontaneously and sweetly when the mind is absolutely calm, and this Ishq is an internal experience and gives the Divine guidance—HIDAYAT for the realization of the Tawhid,

MUSHAHADAT indicates an experience in which the mind is completely absorbed while one is in deep meditation, This exalted state of absolute calmness—quiet self contemplation cannot be gauged by the mind. To a Sufi meditation implies the state of mystical experience in which the mind is not distracted by the psychological impacts, because in the profound stillness one feels only the bliss of witness-like state which cannot be attributed as void or emptiness. Meditation is not to get attached to the mind. Meditation is not to have any thought stirred up by outside conditions of life, good and bad. Meditation is an act of one instant and each moment is eternal, free and sufficient unto itself. Meditation is a divine science one has to practise by examining closely the working of one's mind constantly in the mirror of daily relationship, and this cannot be demonstrated, but one has to discover it in the depth of one's GALB-heart. If one can wipe out all ideas from one's mind, give up all desires and discard all mental impressions, then one will experience the state of meditation and this state is spiritual illumination.

According to Sufism the practical method of uplifting the humanity is to transform ourselves first by the process of spiritual magnetism, so that the realization of Divinity within us will manifest and vitalise the atmosphere as well as our interpersonal relationships. We must have

the capacity to feel and study the situation unemotionally which eliminates the disturbing factors of distractions. The outward distractions cannot disturb us if we adopt the method of self-contemplation. The fundamental aspects of Sufism is to establish meditation in the midst of attraction and repulsions. Series of thoughts are crossing our subconscious minds and disturb us because we do not pay full and complete attention to them. If we observe our thoughts dispassionately, then there is the possibility of transcending them to contact the Supreme Power which brings harmony, peace and happiness.

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The Religion of Love

BY S. V. R. G. PRASAD

"I am not come to establish any cult, society or organisation, not even to establish a new religion. The religion that I shall give teaches the knowledge of the ONE behind the many. The book that I shall make people read is the book of the heart that holds the key to the mystery of life. I shall bring about a happy blending of the head and heart. I shall revitalize all religions and cults and bring them together like beads on one string."

..... AVATAR MEHER BABA

The present World is exhibiting the phenomenon of religious disturbances in the East and the West now and then. If we turn the pages of past history we can learn how some people tried to conquer other countries to establish kingdoms in the name of religion and how they made efforts to impose their religious faiths on others and how they embarrassed people to follow their "Isms".

All this happened in the past and is happening in the present because the people have forgotten the underlying truth of their religions and have lack of proper understanding of the utterances of their prophets and their spiritual Masters. Some religious fanatics claim that their religious faiths, customs and ceremonies alone are right and all other religious faiths, customs and ceremonies are wrong and meaningless. But they do not make efforts with patience to understand other religious faiths. Lack of understanding,

patience and religious intolerance towards other religions lead to destruction of mankind. But the goal of life is not destruction of material World and mankind in the name of religion, cult and dogma. Meher Baba says "GOD ALONE IS REAL AND ALL ELSE IS ILLUSION. THE GOAL OF LIFE IS UNION WITH GOD THROUGH LOVE". The essence of all religions is expressed in these words of Beloved Meher Baba.

From the spiritual point of view, there is no difference between religion and religion but the difference is in ceremonies and customs which were established by some followers, but not by Avatars and Prophets. True religion is not only going to temples, churches and mosques but do service to the depressed and forlorn ones. Sri T. L. Vaswani, a Rishi of modern India, says "Religion is life, is fellowship, is mingling of the individual with the Great Life. And this is not shut up in the temples. This is moving in the market place. The Great God is not somewhere in isolation. The Great God is in the procession of life. Greet Him there, Not in decorated temples but in broken cottages is the Great God, wiping the tears of the poor and singing His new Gita for the New Age."

Men have forgotten the sermons of their prophets spiritual Masters and Avatars. The goal of the teaching of Avatars, and prophets is love and service towards their fellow brethren, generosity, forbearance, patience, sincerity and honesty. One and all must remember that the outer husk of mere ritual and ceremonies cannot, could not and would not lead man to Godhood which is the aim of life. Beloved Baba says "YOU HAVE NOT TO GIVE UP YOUR RELIGION, BUT TO GIVE UP CLINGING TO THE OUTER HUSK OF MERE RITUAL AND CEREMONIES. TO GET TO THE FUNDAMENTAL CORE OF THE TRUTH UNDERLYING ALL RELIGIONS, REACH BEYOND RELIGION," Any one cannot

relinquish his religion but he can treat other religious persons like his brothers and he can give respect and recognise the existence of other religions with a broad mind.

Many Spiritual Masters like Guru Nanak, Kabir, Shiridi Sai Baba, Ramakrishna Paramahansa and Swami Vive-kananda have imparted to mankind that there is one God and preached that all religious people should behave like brothers. Really all are one. But Man through his ignorance is creating difference between man and man in the name of religion, caste, colour and creed.

Kabir said that he could not see Hindu or Muslim but he was seeing God in all.

The truth of all religions is one and the same; that is, love towards God. Avatar Meher Baba says "MY PERSONAL RELIGION IS MY BEING THE ANCIENT INFINITE ONE, AND THE RELIGION I IMPART TO ALL IS LOVE FOR GOD WHICH IS THE TRUTH OF ALL RELIGIONS."

Love for God means selfless love and service towards others. This selfless love and service can lead man to God-hood which is the goal of life. The religion of love is most important and always acceptable to one and all in the World.

Echo of Beloved Baba's Teachings in Indian Parliament

Extracts From Lok Sabha Debate on 8-12-'69

Speech by

Shri A. S. Saigal Member of Parliament.

Chairman,

I wish to place before the house my view points on present communal tension in the country. It is an accepted principle and agreed fact that in whatever area the trouble starts, the responsibility of the maintenance of Law & Order completely rests with the respective States' home ministry. Some of my friends have expressed here in the house that this rests also in the Home Ministry of Central Government. I don't agree with this, for we have entrusted the State Governments, with certain responsibilities. My old colleague and leader has expressed his sentiments yesterday—I do not agree with his views at all. I ask my learned friend, how it is, till recently when he was sitting on treasury benches, he spoke in terms of our policies, or rather his policies were in tune with ours; now all on a sudden, as he sits on the other side and he speaks differently. Whatever be his thoughts, one thing is certain: present trend of communal hatred is causing disaster, children cry in distress, sanity is not there, women-folk are terrified, common-man is scared and man has lost the human touch—why so? I wish to put further the views of the Silent Saviour of humanity—Avatar Meher Baba—from HIS DISCOURSES, I wish the honourable Home Minister to get this studied, put them in practice in all levels and try to propagate them in all parts of our country.

MEHER BABA says regarding conflict between forces of light and darkness:—"The world is witnessing an acute conflict between the forces of light and darkness. On the one hand, there are selfish persons who seek their happiness blindly through lust for power, unbridled greed and hatred. Ignorant of the real purpose of life they have sunk down to the lowest level of culture. The chronic disease of selfishness has taken roots in every structure of our society. We have to remedy it first. It has taken deep roots at all levels and no superficial patch up, but to root it is our first duty.

AVATAR MEHER BABA says regarding need for cure of selfishness:—"Real peace and happiness which come from self-giving love are permanent".

We must honour His teachings. I also put before the house that the father of the Nation, Bapu—Mahatma Gandhi, always used to stress the need for LOVE, TRUTH, & NON-VIOLENCE. Sacrifice was the spirit of his life. He dreamed of Ramarajya: No hatred—No enmity.

When asked "How is it possible?"—Beloved Baba says: "Man will be sick of wanting, greed and hate: How will it end? It can end only in one way. Man kind will be sick of it all. Men will be sick of wanting and sick of fighting out of hatred. Greed and hatred will reach such intensity that everyone will become tired of them. The way out of the dead-lock will be found through selflessness". The only alternative which can bring a solution will be to stop hating and to love, to stop wanting and to give, to stop dominating and to serve". The education imparted now makes us foolhardy to dominate on others. We never allow others to tell us what to do,—what not to do—from their experience. This would not long last. We have to think over deeply about this. All of us who are here must find out ways and means to root out the evils of the "Communal hatred". All sorts of enmity, hatred, and violence in the name of communal

feeling should be curbed out. From the society all such evils are to be rooted out. We have to wage a war of principles to restore the communal amity and tolerance.

When it dawns on each and everyone about the inviolable unity of all life, all will feel about indivisible oneness, loving, peaceful life with equanimity—and live it naturally: To create such an atmosphere of peace, goodwill, it is our sacred duty to educate people with the principles of real spiritual life, dispel the darkness of ignorance. We should know that through Divine Love only redemption is possible.

AVATAR MEHER BABA says regarding redemption of humanity through Divine Love: "Through Divine Love the new humanity will learn. Out of Cooperative and harmonious life it will free itself from the tyranny of dead forms and release the creative life of spiritual wisdom. It will enjoy peace and abiding happiness; it will be initiated to the life of eternity."

My humble submission as people's representative house in this august body, our sacred parliament, is that Government of India should take note of the treasures available in Divine Literature of AVATAR MEHER BABA. My learned friends Home Minister Y. V. Chavan and Respected Smt. Indiraji have gone through some books. It will be wise, if the Home Minister and all in power properly recommend to all to put the Baba-books in circulation, to awaken one and all for the Spiritual regeneration of our nation. I am very happy to note that our P. M. & H. M. have studied the situation and con-soled the people who suffered there much.

"Religions do not preach us to hate each other. We are Indians first. Our Mother Land is India. I conclude with the words of the Great Poet, Shakespeare:

"TO THYSELF BE TRUE."

WORLD FAIR OF BABA LOVERS
(NOVEMBER 1970)
AND
INAUGURATION OF MEHERPURI
AN APPEAL

Dear Baba Lovers,

Most of you know that the construction work of Meherpuri-Meherkunj has been started after getting approval and instructions from Baba in 1964. Baba gave His sacred touch to some stones of Man-O-Nash Hill near Meher-Azad and He also stood on a marble slab which is to be kept near Baba's Statue.

In November 1964, Baba sent Dr. Hoshang Bharucha as His loving representative to lay down the foundation stone of Meherpuri and was accordingly laid. Baba also sent another loved lady as His representative, Mrs. Sanjivanitai Dhakephalkar to preside over Women's Conference and a third representative, Shri Sardar Amarsing Saigal M. P., to plant a Banyan-tree for the Meher Kunj (Garden).

It will also be significant to mention here that Meherpuri is actually a gift of Baba by His NAZAR in the year 1952 when He gave His first open Darshan to the world in Hamirpur. But the meaning of His gift by His NAZAR was known only after 12 years when the same spot of land was selected and obtained for the establishment of Meherpuri.

In short, since 1954, when Baba gave His second Darshan in Hamirpur, one scheme was constantly working in my mind by inspiration of Baba. Finally it began to

materialise in the year 1954 as a "Meherpuri Scheme". After the foundation stone was laid at Meherpuri, once Baba disclosed that it was His own scheme and now He Himself will see that how it will be materialised.

Lastly in year 1968 on 13th October Beloved Baba called some workers for a meeting held at Meherazad to give instructions regarding the last Darshan programme in which I and Shree Keshava Nigam were also called and we were both in Meherazad for some another important work. When we first met Baba (before the worker's meeting), Baba of His own suddenly instructed me to finish the work of Meherpuri soon, He also instructed to ask for help from His lovers to get the work completed soon. He then, on another occasion during this stay, approved the month of November 1970 for the Fair and 18th November 1970 as the Date for unveiling His statue which is to be installed there in the Meher House.

In this way gradually the object of the establishment of Meherpuri took this shape that it may become an ideal town in this world, whose inhabitants in love atmosphere may live life of such co-operation and brotherhood that may evolve the new humanity according to the awakened teachings of Beloved Baba.

This can become a living example for the world. In this small or a big town there will be a Meher House, a Meher Darbar Hall, a Meher Garden for common use. The other relative necessities will be to have an Ideal Meher Library and Meher Dispensary and an Educational Institution named Meher Baba Vidya Dham and a Guest House for the visitors.

It is our desire from the core of our heart that this lover's gathering is to be held according to Baba's Instructions and Approval. To achieve success to this scheme it is but necessary that every Baba Lover should know the coming up of Meherpuri is by the efforts of His own lovers. Every

Baba Centre and every individual in the cause of Baba should spread this message to reach to every lover in their sur-rounding area.

We therefore appeal to every Baba Lover, including young boys and girls who may not hesitate even in sending a smallest possible help which they think fit. Because in Love, the smallest may be the biggest. To give Loving help is in itself Baba's work.

How one can help—by way of:—

1. Good wishes, suggestions and prayers for the work.
2. Giving wide publicity in the neighbouring area.
3. Voluntary Monetary help.
4. Gifts of articles which may be necessary for the decoration of Meher House and Meher Darbar etc.
5. Sending exhibits for the exhibition i.e., maps, charts and sketches relating to Baba's journeys undertaken for Mast and poor work and for Darshan tours. They may also include pictures of spiritual journeys of the soul.
6. Sending artistic articles of clay, wood, metal, stone, paper and cloth relating to Baba, posters and placards containing Baba's sayings.
7. Sending old and new literature magazines and papers and cuttings regarding Baba.
8. Participating in this Lovers Fair with family.
9. Donation of an amount of Rs 250/- or more to become a Life Member of Meherpuri.
10. Sending modifications and corrections relating to this work and Fair.

Dear Lovers, as you know, parents take most care of their backward, lacking and innocent children. Baba is our Father and Mother both in one. He made His field of Avataric Work in the backward area of Ahmednagar

District in Maharashtra and gave Sahavas and held many Darbars and congregations and finally gave up His physical body in the very area. In the same way, Hamirpur is one of the backward of areas in this county. Baba has said, "Hamirpur is my heart". God, by giving blossom heart to the backward and poor maintains balance with the intellectually advanced and resourceful. Naturally the so called backwards and poor people have in them the love and its manifestations. But for the purpose of Baba's work there should be a working balance of Mind and Heart together.

Baba has, therefore, given golden opportunity to their intellectually advanced and resourceful Brothers and Sisters to render their kind help to their backward and—poor but loving hearted ones of Hamirpur District for fulfillment of Baba's Cause.

On this occasion of the World Fair of Baba Lovers' inauguration of Meherpuri and unveiling statue of Baba, to be held between 15th November to 19th November 1970 the Programme will include 1). Meher Exhibition 2). Drama and Film-show 3). Poets gathering (Mushayara) 4). Quawalis 5). Folk-dances; and Darbar meetings with speeches by well known Baba-Lovers.

As elsewhere stated above, the Meherpuri work is to be completed by November 1970 the latest, your timely loving contribution, donations, gifts will result in coming up of Meherpuri in bloom. Following instructions as to how you should send the love-gifts, are issued for Your guidance.

1) Monetary Contributions and donations:—

- (a) Bank cheque, and Drafts addressed to "Avatar Meher Baba Meherpuri Centre", HAMIRPUR (U. P.)
- (b) Money Orders addressed to Shri P. D. Pukar, Sec-retary, A.M.B. Meherpuri Centre, Hamirpur (U. P.)

- 2) Other gifts—by parcel post, Book-Post, or letter post or Railway Parcel as the same may be addressed to the Secretary, as above.

A label may please be attached to the item noting the name and address of the senders.

Finally, I, on behalf of Meherpuri Centre once again request our brothers and sisters to donate in any form or to any extent to this Big Baba Fair and Meherpuri in Love and Service of our Beloved.

JAI BABA! JAI BABA !! JAI BABA !!!

1) Shri Laxmichand Patiwal,
President:

2) Shri Shitalprasad Nigam,
Vice President:

3) Shri Ravisbankar Amishta,
Advocate, Treasurer

4) Shri Ram Avatar Ram
Jt. Secretary:

5) Shri B. P. Nigam, Member:

6) Shri Ram Prasad
(Nauranga), Member.

Yours brotherly
P.D. Pukar
Secretary
Avatar Meher
Baba
Meherpuri
Hamirpur (U.P.)

E r r a t a

In "Divya Vani" February 1970 issue, Page 33, lines 20-21 should be read as follows, since 'it' 'and' 'in' are omitted as shown in italics:-

But when the little finger is cut off, you become specifically aware of *it* as 'mine'. The Sadguru also constantly experiences himself *in* everything and as everything.

REPENTANCE PRAYER

By

P. ANJALIAH

All of us, Baba admirers, may be knowing that the aim of life is self-realisation but we may not know a good way, leading to this goal. I would, therefore like to suggest a convenient and practicable way to this goal—the goal of Self-realisation.

The main obstructions to this destination of Self-realisation, as has been agreed to by all are, if stated abruptly and in one phrase, 'The Sanskaric impressions,' And these Sanskaric impressions (Nukhushe amal) are formed on account of incessant thoughts, words and deeds which find expression in us under the pivotal influence of three 'Gunas.' These three 'Gunas', as we know, are described by Avatar Meher Baba as three Ks., i.e.

- (1) Kamana (lust)
- (2) Kanchana (greed or selfishness)
- (3) Krodha {anger or hatred)

These three Ks. are, therefore, the cause and the impressions are the Effect. Remove the cause and there is no effect (in the shape of impressions) automatically. If we want a clean slate from Sanskaric impressions, we will have to get over these Ks. and this, in its turn, would lead us to the path of self-realisation.

Now to get over the three Ks. so as to be free from impressions, the surest remedy is, according to my knowledge, reciting 'Repentance Prayer,' given by Avatar Meher Baba. This is not only the surest procedure but also the simplest one, convenient and practicable for all of us if we, while reading this prayer, understand and keep in view the

following analysis of the Prayer *for the revelation of its significance*:

(1) that the spirit of the Prayer is suppression of the three Ks., and also a check on the mischief, likely to be played by the three Ks. in various possible ways, indicated in the Prayer.

(2) that a deliberate study (Manana) of the prayer persistently is like spraying flit in a house to keep the flies and other insects away—the insects of Sanskaric impressions. As the number of times spraying such chemicals is dependent on the degree of growth of flies and other insects in a house so also the conscientious and repeated recital of this Prayer would depend on the degree of severity of three Ks. existent in an aspirant.

(3) that these three Ks. as stated by Baba (elsewhere) constitute the Ego-life, to eliminate the three Ks. is, therefore, to put an end to the Ego-life; again to wipe out the Ego-life is to negative the mind and body and live the life of the soul, the blissful life;

(4) that the Repentance Prayer is a Panacea like Sura-e-Fatheha the soul of the sacred Khuran which is known as ommul Kithab, the mother of Khuran. A brief and passing comparison between Repentance prayer and Sura-e-Fatheha will, perhaps be appropriate here for confirmation of the statement, made above:

Repentance Prayer

Sura-e-Fatheha

(a) O God most merciful
..... in your unbound-
ed mercy we ask
you to forgive us
for.....

All praise is for Allah
who is 'Rub' creator,
preserver and protector
of all worlds and who
is most merciful and
benevolent.....

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| (b) We repent for every deed, word and thought inspired by selfishness by hatredand lustful thought and so on | Lead us to the right path following which path people deserved your grace and kindness, and not to that path following which people incurred your displeasure, (which is naturally above greed, hatred and lust). |
| (c) Beloved God help us all to love you more and more... to hold fast to Baba's Daman till the very end. | We will not bow before anybody else except you. We will not seek help from anybody else except you (so that our reliance on you is perfect). |

(5) A formal reading of and a superficial meditation on the prayer, done in a routine manner, once or twice a day is not therefore, much helpful. It must be a purposeful contemplation which could detach one self from the world of sense-perception and lift him up to that higher realm of spiritual state where the impressions are not gathered.

Thus, with clean hands and clean conscience, we will find in Avatar Meher Baba a way to self-realisation. There is a couplet in Urdu:

"Ayina Samne Rakh Kar Vo Kaha Karthe Hain
Mujh Sa Dunya Main Kohi Aur Tarha-dar Bhi
Hai."

Peeping in the clean mirror (of his heart)
a Sufi says (in a proud manner) is there
anybody else as handsome as myself ?

Meher Baba's Last Sahavas- A Review

By Dr. SANKAR SREERAMA RAO

Baba's dropping of the mortal coil was as dramatic as any other fact of his charming life—

Brother Bharucha succeeded in capturing it in his wordy eloquence, giving us, at the same time, an authentic account of "Meher Baba's last Sahavas"—

We are indeed indebted to him for this kind and loving service.

Nearer home, our young brothers of the Andhra University, who constituted themselves as Meher Baba League under the secretaryship of Brother T. S. Sundaram, took into their head to publish a Telugu translation of this very useful English work of Dr. H. P. Bharucha.

It was a rare good fortune that they could secure the services of Brother D. V. Satyanarayanamurty for this purpose.

"Translator is a Traitor" goes the saying. It is true in many cases, for, it is not easy to capture the intricacies of thought and beauties of the literary flights of one language into another.

But I should say that Brother Murty has done it so nicely that I couldn't discover a single flaw anywhere in the book.

The language used is so sweet and flowing, so simple and so very natural that I could go through the book at one stretch without keeping it aside even for a while.

I heartily congratulate both the translator and the publishers as their achievement in giving to the Andhra devotees of Baba such a beautiful book as a flower in the garland of Babaliterature.

May Baba bless these young brothers with love, love and more love to constitute the ideal of the universal Brotherhood of man!

News in Brief:

76th Birth Day Celebrations of Avatar Meher Baba at Various Centres.

1. NIZAMABAD CENTRE:

The 76th Birthday celebrations were performed in the Avatar Meher Baba Centre Nizamabad at Yellammagutta by Bro. Sri Rentala Suryanarayana Murthy. At 5-00 a.m. on 25th February, 1970 all lovers participated in the Pooja performed by Bro. Rentala Suryanarayana Murthy and Smt. Laxmibai followed by Parvardigar prayer and Arti. Smt. Laxmibai most inspiringly read out the speech of Sri Adi K. Irani which was delivered on the occasion of Beloved Baba's 70th Birthday. Lovers felt over-whelmingly inspired by Baba's love. At 8-00 a.m. Baba's flag was hoisted by Bro. A. Visweswarayya, Branch Manager of Life Insurance Corporation of India, Nizamabad amidst singing of a newly composed song by Bro. P. S. K. Sarma. Later from 11-00 a.m. to 1-00 p.m. poor feeding was done at the centre when nearly 500 beggars were fed with the prasad of Beloved Baba Evening function started at 7-00 p.m. and Bro. Sri Satya Kumar, Sub-Judge, Nizama-bad presided over the function. Baba's Sankirtan was sung by Bro. Narayana Rao and party. There was a dance recital in the presence of Beloved Baba's photo by Kumari R. Mehervani and party.

Bro. Sri M. Ramakrishna Sarma gave a talk on Beloved Baba's brief life history, an analysis of 'God Speaks' and the Love Message of Baba referring to various discourses of Beloved Baba delivered at various points of time and exhorted in the gathering how Beloved Baba is the Highest of the High who cannot be understood but can only be lived up to and felt. Then Bro. Rentala Suryanarayana Murthy explained to the gathering about Baba's working with the illusion and how Baba trains the disciple

to become nearer to God. He has also exhorted that Baba and Baba alone is the solution and salvation to the suffering humanity to get redeemed from innumerable lives and deaths and that He is the only One whom we all should catch hold of, if not to-day at least even after some incarnations. Posterity will feel this. At least fourteen times repeating of Baba's name will make one eligible for Baba's Love, he said.

In his presidential address Sri Satya Kumar, while deeply appreciating the talk about Baba rendered by the said brothers. expressed his profound joy at the way in which the Birth day was being celebrated and felt very inspired at the devotional songs on Baba. He exhorted the gathering that always thinking of Baba day in and day out while engaged in our own daily duties, will only help becoming nearer to Baba than any other penance or ritual. Bro. Sri N. L. S. Sastry. Manager, District Police Office expressed vote of thanks to the audience and the chief guests said that to know Baba is difficult and to feel Him is very easy. Therefore he also exhorted that everybody should repeat Baba's name at least fourteen times a day.

The celebrations ended with singing of Baba's Arti and distribution of Prasad.

—M. R. Sarma

2. Meher Baba League—Visakhapatnam-11:

On Beloved Baba's 76th Birthday, 25th February, 1970, Baba lovers in the Andhra University Engineering hostels gathered in Room no. 4/55 at 4-45 A.M. and performed Aaratee at exactly 5-00 A.M. Then the Prayers were recited and one of them read the messages given on Previous Birthdays. This gathering came to an end at about 6.00 A.M. with distribution of Prasadam.

The next day, i.e. on 26th February. a meeting was arranged in Sri Venkateswara Prayer Hall, at 5 P.M. which was Presided over by Prof M. V. Moorthy, Principal, A. U. Colleges of Arts, Commerce & Law. In that meeting, Dr. C. D. Deshmukh delivered a speech giving an account of his experiences with Beloved Baba and explained how Beloved Baba first contacted him on the mental plane in London. He made it clear to the audience that in this advent Baba straight away declared Himself to be the Avatar.

About 70 people from the students and staff attended this meeting which came to an end with Aarathi and distribution of Prasadam at about 6-45 P.M.

(Sd) D. V. Satyanaravana Murty

3. ALAMURU CENTRE:

Avatar Meher Baba's 76th Birthday Celebrations were solemnized from 12th December '69 to 25th February '70 both days inclusive in Alamuru Very Grandly.

Nagarasankirthan was celebrated daily at 5 P.M. by the devotees of Sree Meher Baba. Bhajana programmes and philosophical gatherings relating to Meher Baba's Teachings, were also conducted in the houses of several Meher Devotees at the nights.

Grand procession with Beloved Baba's Photo in Flower-adorned Palanquin, leading with music party, was conducted on the evening of 24th February last with nearly 150 Meher Followers.

On 25th dawn Meher Baba's Birthday celebrations had been commenced with PRABHU STUTI at 4-45 A.M. and AARATI was given to Beloved God Baba at 5 A.M. sharp. Bhajana programme was celebrated from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. continuously by the Children and Ladies. There was poor-feeding in the afternoon and nearly 1000 poor people were fed to their Hearts' Content.

There was a public meeting in evening in the Temple premises to which nearly 500 people attended the meeting. Sri Siva Prasada Rao, Dy., Tahsildar, Alamuru has presided over the meeting and the famous speaker and Beloved "Baba's Pen" Prof. C. D. Deshmukh, M.A., Ph.D., (London) of Nagpur had delivered his valuable speech on the message of Truth and Love of Meher Baba.

The programme came to conclusion with the Thanks, given by Sri Siva Prasada Rao, and Aarathi was given to the Universal Almighty (Meher Baba) at 7-30 P.M. and Meher Prasad was distributed to public.

— Ch. Satyanarayana

4. A.M.B. Sarojini Nagar (Delhi Centre):

Shah-e-Meher was celebrated at D-425 Sarojini Nagari New Delhi. The programme commenced at 9 P.M. on 24 Feb. 70 with "Meher Ekam" The place was

full of Avatar Meher Baba's lovers. Shri Ram Avatar and Meher Bhajan Mandli sang devotional songs and qawali.

Dr. G. S. N. Moorty spoke on ego and narrated some of his own personnel experiences with regard to Baba's love. Dr. Moorty spoke about his last meeting with Beloved Baba. On hearing this, the eyes of all Baba lovers flooded with tears.

All were feeling Beloved Baba's presence. At S A. M., 25 Shankh" and "Avatar Meher Baba ki Jai". After Arti prashadam of hot halwa was distributed and the Shah-e-Meher ended.

Sham-e-Meher was celebrated in the grassy ground in front of Avatar Meher Baba Sarojini Nagar (Delhi) Centre under a pandal on 27 Feb. 70 Friday. Since morning the sky was full of black clouds, indicating full of water. As soon as the Pandal was fixed up. it started raining and I was very much worried to see all that. No alternative arrangements can be made in such a short period for the gathering. We fixed up seven colours flag in front of the Pandal and we found that the clouds burst more forcefully. Tears came in my eyes and I was disappointed.

The commencement time of Sham-e-Meher was approaching nearer and nearer. Lovers started gathering in such an unpleasant day by ignoring their own comforts. The place was starting filling with water. We carried Avatar Meher Baba's life size cut-out wooden picture and placed on the stage. To our utmost surprise, the rain stopped. The programme started.

At 7-30 P.M. again it started raining. I was very much worried to see the position of my first programmes. I went outside the pandal, I raised my hands towards sky, blackened with dark clouds and requested beloved Baba to stop the rain up to 11 P.M. to enable every body !o reach his/her residence without becoming wet with rain water. After few moments rain stopped. Baba blessed me and gave extra courage, when I saw a shining star in the sky exactly over the pandal. Baba was visible to me in the form of bright star in the dark clouds.

Sardar Amar Singh Saigal spoke during his thrilling speech "Baba is present at this time amongst us. If we fully concentrate, then we can understand His presence. Baba is Avatar. That is why, the picture of Baba is

visible in the stones and leaves. Is this a job of an ordinary man? Though Baba is not present in physical form but I can say with full faith that He is present here."

Shri Radhey Shyam and Shri Ram Avatar Sing:—
 'MAJBOOR KO AE MEHER BABA,
 BAS TERA ISHARA KAFI HAI"

Shri W. D. Kain explained thoroughly, the following messages received on this occasion:—

"I shared it (Celebrations of 76th Birth Anniversary of Avatar Meher Baba) with all the men and women Mandali at Meherazad and they all join me in sending you and all your dear family and all gathered in Baba Love a very hearty JAI BABA! We all wish and pray for Beloved Baba's Love-Blessings on you all on His Birth Anniversary and for always! May you all have a very Baba-full function."

--Eruch--

Telegram from Shri Eruch:—

"Your Loving letter and invitation made Mehra, Mani and Mandali very happy. Meherazad Mandali send wishes of love blessings of Avatar Meher Baba to you all who are celebrating Beloved Baba's Birth Anniversary"

--Eruch--

Telegram from the Chairman of Avatar Meher Baba Trust Ahmednagar:—

"Trustees Avatar Meher Baba Trust wish for Beloved Baba's love blessings on all participating Birthday celebrations"
 —Kutumbastry, Chairman

Message from Shri A. C. S. Chari, B.A., B.L., Advocate, Calcutta:—

" We all shall be present with you and shall participate in all the functions—in thought and spirit though not actually in physical form—And shall share with you all the joy and blessings of Beloved Meher Baba who is with you all always. We send our fraternal greeting, and best wishes for the success of the celebrations.

I want all lovers of Baba to realise that we have to honour the Commitments of Baba as per His Trust Deed. It is His debt to the 44 Beneficiaries, which He has asked

us to discharge after His life time. Do not consider anyone "begging". The Trustees have no option but to beg, otherwise it is not possible to fulfill Baba's liability and wishes. What else can anyone do except to "ask for money" in such circumstances? Though politely they say 'It is left to your free will', it is really a commitment to be discharged by us all—just like a father leaving debts and the children discharging the same. A small portion of one's income even if it be 2 or 3 or 5 per cent should be set aside just as if it were compulsory item of our house-hold expense. There is no other way. I want to impress this on all and this has to go on till one's life time. I am putting off ten per cent of my income as a sort of tax—in addition to my spending for Baba's work, such as booklets, literature, meetings, postages, telegrams and taxis etc. Even a few paise will be helpful. No use saying "We are poor, our resources are poor, our family commitments are large. We should consider that we have to meet some guests' and dependants' expenses and should treat this contribution as a sort of life long debt to the Trust. There is also the pleasure and devotion and un-selfishness in this donation. This is my advice request and message and let me share these with you all."

—A. C. S. CHARI

Shri K. C. Mathur, a prominent Baba Lover sang the following songs:—

- (a) *Sab Premi Phool Barsao, ki Meherban Aya Hai*
- (b) *Happy Birthday to you Meherban*

At 8.45 P.M, Shri B. D. Dixit recited the prayers with the core of heart. After arti, prashad was distributed. All Lovers of Baba had a dinner and left the place with words "Jai Baba!".

The rain started at 11 P.M. and it rained for the whole night. In the morning, the pandal was very badly drenched, flooded and there was water everywhere. I have full faith that Beloved Baba has not left us. If we remember Him with our heart, He always helps as usual. The incident of the stoppage of rain, was the first experience of my life although I used to hear such happenings often. I am proud of Beloved Baba's showers of Grace on me.

—SATISH KAPIL MEHER, Secretary.

Jai Baba!

THE MEHER VIHAR TRUST AND THE
MEHER ASHRAM

AN ANNOUNCEMENT & A REQUEST

We are glad to announce to all our dear brothers and sisters of Baba Fold that certain changes have been introduced in the set up and working of our business for ensuring better facilities in organisation and reduction in the expenditure which we find essential and conducive for the progress of our work and we draw the kind attention of all concerned in this respect.

1. With effect from 1st of April 1970, the Office of the "Trust" and the Publication Section will be shifted from the present premises to the residence of Sri N. Dharma Rao, "Meher Manzil" Prakasamnagar, RAJAHMUNDRY-3 (A. P. India) and so this change of address for the said purpose may kindly be noted by all for future guidance. All correspondence with the "Trust" and for Divya Vani, Meher Jyothi and other publications shall be addressed hereafter to this address to Sri N. Dharma Rao, Managing Trustee, The Meher Vihar Trust, *Prakasamnagar, RAJAHMUNDRY-3 A. P.*

2. It may kindly be noted that "The MEHER ASHRAM" which was previously sponsored by the "Trust" and inaugurated by Bro. Adi K. Irani on the 24th of August 1969, on the eve of the 6th Anniversary of the "Trust" at the Trust Office has NOW been separated from the "Trust" completely and will be run by Swami Satya Prakash Udaseen in future on his personal responsibility and independent of the "Trust" with effect from the 1st of April 1970—himself being the Sole-Director and Founder Member of the said "MEHER ASHRAM" hereafter.

It is located NOW at Block No. 5 "Yerukonda Vari Buildings" Danavaipeta, Rajahmundry-3 (A.P.). All correspondence with Swami Satya Prakash Udaseen, in his personal capacity and on behalf of the said "Ashram" shall be addressed to him directly hence-forth as Swami Satya Prakash Udaseen, Director, "Meher Ashram" Block No. 5, "Yerukonda Vari Buildings" *Danavaipet, Rajahmundry-3.*

With loving regards,

Yours fraternally,

Swami Satya Prakash Udaseen,
Director : "Meher Ashram"

Rajahmundry – 3
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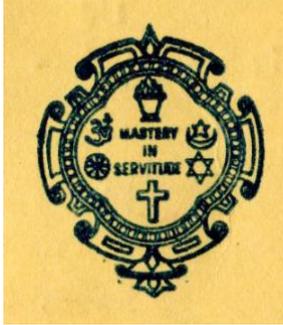
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