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JAI BABA!

EDITORIAL:

**A HUMBLE RETROSPECT
AND AN HONEST APPEAL**

We are happy to inform our dear readers and all members of our Baba family, that the 10th Anniversary of the Meher Vihar Trust and the 2nd Anniversary of the Avatar Meher Baba Mission have been successfully celebrated by the Loving Grace of our Beloved Baba and the good wishes of our esteemed brothers and sisters, who have been kind enough to extend their hearty cooperation and goodwill for the three days, 23rd, 24th and 25th of August 1973. As notified in the previous issue of Divya Vani, we have duly shifted our Offices etc., from Hyderabad to Kakinada by the 1st of August 1973 and all our efforts are being directed now to make our new environment suitable for our progressive activities from this place in future. Indeed it has been a good opportunity for us to undertake the annual celebrations here immediately, so as to establish ourselves here in the new environment. We feel grateful to all those who have so kindly responded to our call and wholeheartedly did their best to make our efforts a complete success. An abridged report of the functions and the loving messages of our esteemed brothers and sisters sent for the happy occasion have been published elsewhere in this issue for the kind information of our readers and in grateful acknowledgement of the same.

We wish to present now to our readers and all lovers of Beloved Baba, here in India and abroad, a humble retrospect of our earnest endeavour to work for the Cause of Meher Baba, the Avatar of the Age, so as to refresh their memory in this regard. More than thirteen long years of time has rolled on, since Beloved Baba's Loving Grace bestowed on us, the unique privilege of His Special Darshan at "Guruprasad" Poona,

on the 7th of June 1960 when our spontaneous dedication unto Him and His Cause, with faith absolute and surrender complete took place. Our Beloved was compassionate enough to accept our services and bless us ever since, with His loving guidance and timely directions from time to time. It was our unique fortune to have received profusely His love and His protection in serving His Cause to the best of our abilities, all these years of our dedicated life, at His Lotus Feet.

So, the irresistible love of Beloved Baba has overpowered all other considerations of life and took complete possession of our being and guided us all through, as the deciding factor of all our activities of life. As directed by Beloved Baba and after our undergoing special sadhan at Varanasi, we came back to Nidadavole on 2nd of January 1961. Soon after Divya Vani, Quarterly (English & Telugu) was started on 10-7-61, as a humble instrument of service in His Cause. Later on translation of publications on Beloved Baba was undertaken after our attending the most inspiring functions at Nowranga and Srirangapatnam in the last week of November 1961 and the 2nd week of December 1961, respectively. The Telugu Weekly "Divya Vani" was started from 25th February 1962 as a Special Issue for Beloved Baba's Birthday. Thereafter, we have to shift our activities to Kakinada, making this place as our Head-quarters. But "Divya Vani" English quarterly was printed and issued from Vijayawada only, from its inception, due to the availability of facilities for printing and loving co-operation of its proprietor, Bro. C.V. Krishna Rao. With absolute good-will and mutual co-operation, we could work together at Kakinada most vigourously along with other co-workers like Bro. R.S. Prakasa Rao, Dr. T. Dhanapa thi Rao, (the President of the Avatar Meher Baba Andhra Centre) and late I.V. Seshagiri Rao and others. Our activities had the good fortune of drawing the special blessings of Beloved Baba and good wishes of many a Baba-lover during this happy period, when "Avatar Meher" was revived by us after long interval and internal struggle. Beloved Baba has blessed us for this indeed!

At this stage, it will be something mysterious in Baba's ways of working and His Unique method of dealing with His workers that a situation has arisen for us to establish an independent abode for our-selves, as originally directed by Beloved Baba, when we were called back to Andhra from Varanasi to undertake His Work stationed at Nidadavole. But now, we have to undertake independently the publication of "Divya Vani" (Telugu) as a bi-weekly and also establish our own abode of workers at Kakinada itself, while running the English quarterly from Vijayawada. Beloved Baba has been so gracious enough that He has sent a loving message of approval and hearty blessings for our new project and thus "Meher Vihar" the abode of workers has first taken its origin, here at Kakinada by Beloved Baba's Graceful Blessings. Bro. Eruch writes under date 9-2-1963, to us thus:

"Your very loving letter of the 5th instant, along with a copy of your letter to Bro. Adi dated 4th inst., was read out to Beloved Baba, despite the ban on correspondence. Incidentally, today is also Beloved Baba's Birthday according to the calendar of the Zoroastrians; Baba directed me to send today His Love to you and His Blessing to your abode "MEHER VIHAR" and His Blessings also for your effort to keep going the precious "Divya Vani" (Telugu) as Fortnightly. I hope you have received the telegram sent to you thus:-

Your letters to Adi and self made Beloved Baba very happy. Your determination and love for Baba pleased Baba send His Love to you and gives His Blessing to your abode MEHER VIHAR and to your effort to publish Divya Vani, Telugu Fortnightly from first March. Adi and myself send good wishes for your project.

—ERUCH

Later on, as time advanced, circumstances in the Baba field of work have changed and developments have caused that the abode "Meher Vihar" has to be shifted to Vijayawada and its inauguration took place at Vijayawada on the 24th August 1963, with Yogi Suddhananda Bharatiji as president of the function, while Bro. G.S.N. Moorthy has done the

inauguration. Bro. Jal K. Irani, Beloved Baba's brother, has graced the occasion and delivered a special message for the same from Beloved Baba. Under the auspice of "Meher Vihar" Bro. G.S.N. Moorty has undertaken a forty-days tour of Andhra covering 2600 miles, journeying by train, bus and car and giving inspiring talks all through, carrying the Message of Beloved Baba to every nook and corner. Immediately there came a pleasant surprise, due to the mysterious ways of Baba's working, the welcome news that "Beloved Baba" has kindly permitted the shifting of the centre of activities of the "Vihar" from Vijayawada to Hyderabad and by the end of November 1963 our abode and the activities thereof were shifted to Hyderabad. Our Compassionate Father has been pleased to give His Blessings and all help required so miraculously at every time and the work thereafter progressed so very wonderfully that it has become an attraction for all Baba-lovers here in India and abroad. Divya Vani (English) was made a bi-monthly from 10-1-1964 and the Telugu 'Divya Vani' was changed into "Meher Jyoti" Monthly, and later Divya Vani (English) was made a monthly from July 1965. Many new schemes were also adopted and intensive work in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderahad was successfully undertaken. By Beloved Baba's consent and with His approval, Meher Vihar Trust was created at the instance of some of the co-workers and also "Meher Vihar" was separately formed as a Registered Association to the satisfaction of some more workers, so as to work as a democratic body. The Building Fund and Printing Works Scheme was inaugurated by Bro. Adi K. Irani, with the loving blessings of our Beloved Baba; and a Printing Press of our own by name "Meher Art Printing Works" was established and worked for more than three years. English and Telugu publications Series were also undertaken, besides these two Journals and many thousands of rupees worth of book-stock was produced. Birthday functions of Beloved Baba, Silence-day Celebrations and Anniversary Functions of the Trust and the Association, besides active participation in exhibitions locally organised by other corporate bodies have marked the progress of work immensely and the strength of workers in numbers and activities quelled the field of

Baba-work in the historic twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad. Constant contacts were maintained with the whole of India by visits and the Over Seas contacts by correspondence and through continuous publication of the English Monthly, "Divya Vani" and a few English publications. In short, life created by the activities in Baba Field of work was so promising and attractive in every way during these days that Beloved Baba's Divine Presence and Loving Grace has bestowed on many a lover, so much intoxication and fervour that when Beloved Baba suddenly dropped His mortal coil, it was not acceptable to some and mostly disheartening to many. This event has marred the activities of life and resulted in a sudden set back in Baba field of work. Just at that moment, a few days before the dropping of Baba's body, the unique activities took a sudden turn and the Meher Vihar Trust was shifted to Rajahmundry under the Management of late Bro. N. Dharma Rao and the Meher Vihar Association (Regd.) was handed over to Bro. N. Bhimasankaram to be continued at Hyderabad. However, our efforts made to revitalise the organisations and set up new ventures were not fully successful, what ever may be the reasons. After the sudden demise of Bro. N. Dharma Rao, the Meher Vihar Trust has to be brought back to Hyderabad, with the hope of reviving the activities as ever and finally, once again, Swami Satya Prakash Udaseen has to take over the concerns as Managing Trustee and President of the Meher Vihar Trust and the Meher Vihar Association (Regd.) with a view to inaugurate coordinate action and install creative life in the field of Baba-work at Hyderabad. But in vain, the efforts were proved a failure and a gradual deterioration has set in every aspect of the activities in thereof.

It is unfortunate the atmosphere became so very contaminated and depressing after the great event of Baba's dropping His body, on the 31st of January 1969. The gloom has so darkly covered the social structure that every efforts of ours proved unsuccessful. Top to bottom life has become stagnated, so much so, some intellectuals thought it better to take up work, individually in preference to united action. Bro. Dharma Rao

with his intuitive perception could foresee a necessity to form another Public Charitable Trust, so as to endeavour to do some useful Humanitarian Service in the name of Beloved Baba. He has taken initiative to establish on 2-8-1971, on behalf of the Meher Vihar Trust, the same in the name of "Avatar Meher Baba Mission", appointing Swami Satya Prakash Udaseen as its Sole-Trustee. Later on, the "Mission" was duly inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Sri K. Brahmananda Reddy on the occasion of the 8th Anniversary of the Meher Vihar Trust on 24-8-1971 at Hyderabad. Sri Brahmananda Reddy was so much inspired on the occasion that he spontaneously made an announcement offering his whole-hearted support and help for the cause of "Baba-Mission". Unfortunately, soon after that, he has to lay down his office and other help too could not be secured to make this unique "Mission" a success. Bro. Dharma Rao suddenly dropped his body on the 16th of January 1972. According to his wishes and the pressure of other Trustees, Swami Satya Prakash Udaseen has to take up the duties and responsibilities of the Meher Vihar Trust as its Managing Trustee and shift its Office to Hyderabad, centralising all activities once again thereat. So as to make a coordinated effort in all directions, Bro. Bhimasankaram too relinquished his duties of President-ship on this occasion, nominating Swami Satya Prakash Udaseen as the President of the "Meher Vihar" (Regd.) Association also. Hence, once again Swami Satya Prakash Udaseen has to undertake the responsibilities and duties of the Association and the Trust along with the "Mission" which gradually created a tension in the field of work. As time advanced, the trials for establishing the Children's Home, has to be advanced and by the time of the 9th Anniversary Celebrations of the Trust, the Baba Bala Vihar was inaugurated on 24th August 1972. Everything went off so well, and every body who attended the functions enjoyed Beloved Baba's Loving Grace. Unfortunately, no Children could be selected for admission in the "Home" for want of adequate information and availability of suitable Children.

Gradually, thereafter the cordial environment and mutual affection of workers took an adverse turn and confusion prevailed

instead of Love of Baba. Disunity crept into the organisation. It was unfortunate, that we had to incur the displeasure of some of our co-workers. Swami Satya Prakash Udaseen has to step down and he handed over the management of the "Meher Vihar" (Regd.) Association nominating Bro. M.P. Anata Butchanna as his successor. Thereafter we have to leave Hyderabad for good, absolutely with all cordiality and loving hope that Beloved Baba will help us all to be pure at heart, and honest in His Service. We remember Beloved Baba's warning that we have to drop quarreling or quit the field of His work.

In this connection, we draw the kind attention of our readers, to our Editorial in Divya Vani, March 1972 Issue and request them to be pleased to go through our honest "plea for justice and clarification of issues" It was a sad experience that we could not please any one. We expected that with the sudden demise of Bro. T.S. Kutumba Sastry in the last week of March 1973, the dark clouds will be cleared and the atmosphere for Baba-Work will be gradually improved. Our ardent hope has not yet been strengthened by the course of events that followed. We still hope against hope, that better sense of duty towards the Cause to which we are all dedicated will prevail and better understanding of truthful pursuit of our way of life will follow. We invoke the Graceful Blessings of our Compassionate Father, Meher Baba at this juncture!

With this prayer and in absolute dedication and surrender to His Cause, we propose to strive and continue our earnest effort in every way to live up to the ideals set by Him, and strive to deserve His Love-Blessings. We earnestly solicit the kind help of all our Brothers and Sisters to strengthen our efforts in thought, word and deed, so that we prove ourselves worthy of the "Trust" reposed in us by our Divine Father and work with true spirit of fraternity and love. "Let us forget and forgive" in His name, for none of us are perfect, and let us live for Him and die for Him! Let us not judge others, but let us judge ourselves in all earnestness and sincerity of purpose!

May He Bless us all!

Avatar Meher Baba ki Jai!

A MUCH AWAITED SAHAVAS.

T. N. RATHO, B.A., LL.B.

It was a happy synchronisation that the 10th Anniversary of Meher Vihar Trust and the 2nd Anniversary of Avatar Meher Baba Mission were held at Kakinada in the spacious and most convenient building graciously spared by the owners for this function, celebrated continuously for three days from 23rd August to 25th August 73 with all solemnity. Punctuality is the hall-mark of these three days programmes.

Lovers of Beloved Baba began to pour in from all parts of the country to Kakinada from 22nd evening. Chief among them are Yogi Sri Swami Suddhananda Bharati from Madras, Dr. G.S.N. Moorthy from Kharagpur, Bro. P.D. Pukar from Hamirpur (U. P.), Dr. C.D. Deshmukh from Nagpur, Bro. Shaligram Sharma from Lucknow and Rev. Divyananda Saraswathi from Uttara Kasi. Besides, several Baba-Lovers in Andhra Pradesh from Srikakulam District in the North to Hyderabad in South-West terminal have attended this grand function, so efficiently and affectionately organised by Rev. Swamy Satya Prakash Udaseen (President of the above two organisations). In all over 200 Baba lovers have gathered on this occasion besides several other God-lovers. As was aptly described by Dr. G.S.N. Moorthy, this gathering for 3 days continuously under the same roof with Beloved Baba's name echoing with affectionate greeting of 'Jai Baba' is really a Sahavas which any Baba lover would yearn for in his life.

The excellent arrangements; delicious menu; together with the loving hospitality of Swamiji, all those three days, reminded several Baba lovers of their experiences in Sahavas with Baba Guruprasad and Meherabad. To the new comers, who never had such an experience, this gathering provided a sampling taste of a Sahavas. Everyone gathered there felt that these proceedings were conducted in the immediate presence of our Beloved Baba; as otherwise it could not have been so successful and thrilling. One is awe-stricken with the punctuality observed during the three days' programmes.

AUGUST 23, 1973

As programmed on Thursday the 23rd August 73 after Aarti at 8-00 a.m. sharp, Rev. Swamiji conducted Dr. G.S.N. Moorthy to the third floor of the building and amidst thunderous

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Baba Beyond Body.

—Maharshi Shuddhananda Bharati

The indomitable efforts of Swami Satya Prakash has made us live three thrilling days in Baba Conscienceness. Let this thrill animate our spirit and keep us alert and alive to his message of Love and Service. Let us imagine always that we are living under his (seven coloured) VIBGYOR flag. Let His great symbol of universal religion be impressed in our hearts. Whether you are Hindus, or Christians, or Muslims or Buddhists, Jains or Zorastrians, remember that you belong to the human race and that you live under the canopy of heaven. I shall quote a verse that I sang before Him and which he appreciated as His unique message to mankind :

PROSPER ALL PROSPER ALL
CONSCIOUS OF THE ONE IN ALL
THE BREATH IS ONE THE EARTH IS ONE
THE SKY ABOVE IS ONE
HUMANITY IN SOUL IS ONE
THE GOAL OF LIFE IS ONE
NORTH AND SOUTH AND EAST AND WEST
ARE ONE IN HORIZON
THIS CONSCIOUS HARMONY IS BEST
WHERE ALL ARE EVERYONE.

Let us live in tune with his message of "WE ARE ALL ONE. LET US BE ONE IN GOD". This grand conference has united our fervent hearts in the love of the beloved Baba. Baba for us is not that fair skin and bone which met with fatal accidents. Baba is not the changing mind which is but a subtle body. Baba took a body for our comprehension. Baba lived with us just as Krishna lived amidst the Gopies to polarise them with his love. Baba embraced us and kissed himself into our receptive spirits. Blessed are they that saw him and had the good fortune of receiving his warm embrace and drinking

the nectar of his blessed smiles. For they can never forget his sweet love and great heart. Blessed are they that think of Him even now, for they can feel Him in their being and live in His eternal light.

To us who have been saturated with his Love, he lives embodied in our hearts. Baba thinks in our brain, loves in our hearts, throbs in our bosom, and breathes in our lungs. He is looking at us from the dizzy height of supernal silence. His avataric mission is not yet complete. I have often seen him and felt his close embrace in my *mahaturiya samadhi*. In body he was confined to one place. Out-of-body, he is everywhere where devotees sing "Jaha kalpana" and give Aarati. He is everywhere where real lovers think of him in their hearts.

"Ba" is Light, the Splendour of Divinity. Meher Baba is the silent splendour of Divine effulgence beyond word and expression. He can never die. He can never disappear. The electric current does not die when we switch it off. It burns in million bulbs. Just as the current gives light when it is in contact with the tungsten inside the bulb, the Divine light shines in the inner instrument (antahkarana) when it is in inner communion with Baba. Sri Krishna plainly says "I am there where my lovers think of me and sing my name." Guru Gobindsingh declared with his last breath, "I am where devotees study the Grandha Saheb and follow its teachings". Electricity descends from ethereal heights and manifests itself as song in the radio, heat in the heater, cold in the frigidaire, air in the fan, sound in the mike and active dynamism in machines. Even so the mystic soul-force of God-man spreads into receptive mechanisms and manifests itself severally for the uplift of humanity. I had the descent of the great sage *Sadasiva Brahmam* into my Spirit, which enabled me to master Vedas and Yogas even in my young days. Even so, the omnipotent, Omnipresent Spirit of Baba, shall animate our souls when dedication is sincere. In these days of nuclear dynamics and space ventures, man walks on ultra cosmic regions. If he learns how to walk into the inner realms of his being, he can feel great souls. They shall live in his being and fulfill their will for the good of humanity. The songs

of a musician who has passed away sing long after him in records. He lives in the recorded songs. A poet is immortalised in his poems. Milton and Kalidasa are immortalised in their poems. Even so Baba lives and shall live with us, if we feel his magnanimous heart in our consecrated hearts. Baba's words are diamonds studded in our golden hearts. They must adorn our daily life and radiate his splendour around us.

"I am Love" says Baba, "He who loves me shall see me ever as I am." To *see* is to *be*. To *feel* is to *heal*. To know that he is in every body, is to be with Baba that is *beyond Body*.

The universal evolution marches towards One Humanity under one heaven, conscious of one God in the soul. The zephyr touch of a cosmic age is felt by seers. Mental stars merge their twinkling light into the golden effulgence of the Aurora. Through the gloom of the atomic smoke, through the heat of the alpha rays, we hear the death knell of political jingoism which misleads our mounting spirit. A new life shall rise phoenix-like from the embers of the atomic vendetta. An age of peace and bliss shall dawn and Meher-Sun shall spread blissful rays and shine again with all the splendour of Grace Divine.

Let us give heed to the Gospel
 Of silence and solitude
 Let us follow the immortal
 Light for our rectitude.
 Let's be broad like sky, bright like sun
 And deep like the dashing sea,
 High like hill and low like fountain
 Like wind let us be free.
 Let us see unity
 in cosmic variety
 Let us enjoy beauty
 In doing Baba's duty.

"A LITTLE GOLDEN HEART"

Dorothy L. Levy

I have a story I wish to tell—

About a little golden heart Beloved Baba held ...

It was at Meher Spiritual Center in 1958

In the Barn overlooking the Lakes ...

I wore a little golden heart around my neck; as one I hoped He
would bless ...

I ask our Beloved Baba would He please hold my heart?-

This little golden heart He took in His HANDS; this heart-need
to understand—

A beautiful smile came over His Face as He held it in His Hand

Little did I know He was tuning my heart to understand—

The real significance of the request made to GOD-MAN ...

A Loving, Compassionate Father-Mother knowing a foolish
child's heart-need ...

For, a spiritual awakening—He holds our heart indeed!

He said, "I ONLY UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE OF
THE HEART"—

God-Man coming back on earth with LOVE to impart ...

This beautiful memory of Him I cannot forget—

In 1958 Myrtle Beach Center at His Lotus FEET I sat ...

Having granted me this childish request—

Someday, all these memories of declaring my love to have a
test ...

This little golden heart I now hold—

Beloved Avatar Meher Baba held in His HANDS—this story of
His Loving-Compassion now told

Glimpses of the God-Man

M e h e r B a b a

at the close of the Year 1948 – Part IX

—by Bal Natu

*Kurduwadi,**August 16, 1973.**De«r Readers of Divya Vani,**I am very thankful to you for the encouraging words about my articles – Glimpses. I commenced writing my life with Beloved Baba from the year 1943 and with this 26th article, Beloved Baba's biography for the year 1948 comes to a close.**The main theme for the year 1949 is Beloved Baba's New Life. I shall require considerable time to collect the necessary information of this incredible phase. So, for the time being, I may please be allowed to take my leave of you. Baba willing I shall continue to write Glimpses, again.**My pranams to your love for Beloved Baba. Jai Baba.**Meher Prasad,
Post Kurduwadi,
Dist. Sholapur, M.S.,
India.**Yours lovingly,
Bal Natu***Baba, The Spiritual Physician.**

In November, 1948 Meher Baba was away from Meherazad for over three weeks and there was a lot of mail pending, awaiting His attention. After His return from the *mast-tour* of Gujerat there was no touring till the end of the year. So each day, a few of the *mandali* would either read out or convey the gist of some accumulated letters to Baba, to receive His special instructions,

if any. Adi Sr. often visited Meherazad from Ahmednagar to attend to the correspondence. A few excerpts from the letters received and the replies sent, mostly about this time, are given below.

A devotee expressed his feelings as follows: "Baba, I am extremely steeped in domestic affairs. Bless me not to forget You. Neither should you forget me! Your obligations in times of distress are unfathomable and beyond human admiration." Baba assured him of His loving help. A letter portraying the agonies of a devotee was read out to Baba. To this person in great distress, Baba conveyed, "Happiness and suffering in life do not last long. Remain calm and patient while experiencing these ups and downs in life. I am with you." During this year Baba mostly remained either in seclusion or was busy contacting the *masts*. A devotee from Calcutta enquired of Adi Sr. about the nature of Baba's work in seclusion and the subsequent result. Adi frankly replied, "The result to my knowledge is known to Baba. He will go on working spiritually towards the end. He does not give out or predict future events, ... Strange are the ways of the Master!"

Apart from being the spiritual Guide for all times, Baba sometimes was a physician too! I have noticed Him recommending a certain patent mixture for varied stomach complaints. But His prescription I think, was more for the "soul" than for the physical body. It was a personal help that brought about spiritual results. One of the old devotees of Baba once told me that during the Meher Ashram days at Meherabad, Baba allowed some of them to press His legs at night. Once Baba noticed that Madhavrao while attending to this service often scratched his own waist. He wore *dhoti* very tightly and so had a ring-worm right round his waist. Baba asked him to apply a common ointment that was easily available in Ahmednagar. To the surprise of Madhavrao it worked wonders and he was completely cured. Later Madhavrao incidentally advised his friend to use the same ointment. He was, however, astonished to find that it did not help him in the least

though he had just a small patch of it. Madhavao did not then realize that Baba's external "treatment" to anyone was an excuse for Him to effect a spiritual corrective. By the end of the year 1948, to one of the dear ones in Karachi Baba sent the following "prescription": "Stop taking vitamin A. Don't take food that increases fat. Eat oranges and lettuce profusely. Report your condition after one month." It was noticed that if Baba gave some such instructions to anyone He was very particular about the "check-up". Even in the later years Baba's "practice" of prescribing medicines, to some of His dear ones continued. It was surely a pleasing way to pass on His spiritual aid. By the way, I may state that I was also one of His "patients".

Reply To A Spiritual Riddle.

The mail often brought a variety of communications. Sometimes the contents would present a contrast. One wrote to Baba for His blessings on the occasion of the "naming ceremony", of his grand-son. A letter from another devotee conveyed about the passing away of a dear one in the family. Baba to whom "births and deaths" were like the "wakings and sleeps" of the One indivisible Life had a word of cheer or comfort, for each. A letter here or there would appear rather funny. A few months ago a devotee from north India, who perhaps regarded Baba as the Divine Employment Officer, wrote, "Pray at Your Feet for a proper job according to my qualifications." After some months, finding himself still unemployed, he sent a telegram, "Pray at Your Feet God-realization." Perhaps, he thought that it would be easier for Baba to give him God-realization than a job! Baba generally smiled away at such communications. But even then one would notice a flash of compassion in His eyes, a gesture to help such persons to work out the inevitable *karma*! Baba really lives with those who, in whatsoever ways, remember Him.

Such amusing correspondence brings to my mind an incident that took place, a decade later. Generally Baba did not expect the MANDALI to acknowledge such letters. Sometimes,

however, he showed interest in replying even a queer query. During my stay with Baba in Guru Prasad, Poona, one of my duties was to read out to him in the morning, the correspondence in Marathi. In a letter addressed to Baba, a devotee from Baramati quoted few lines of poetry by one of the saints in Maharashtra. The rhyme contained some specific YOGIC terms. It was a sort of a spiritual quiz and Baba was requested to clarify the meaning. Hearing the letter, instead of conveying anything with reference to the knotty point quoted, Baba simply asked me to inform this devotee to enquire of a Babalover at Sholapur, for the necessary explanation. The same day in the afternoon as Baba was having a stroll in the long verandah of Guru Prasad, He casually asked me if I had finished replying the letters. When I replied in the affirmative, Baba specifically asked me if I had answered the query about the spiritual riddle: I just smiled but Baba looked rather displeased and repeated the same question. I answered, "Baba, the person at Sholapur, Anna Jakkal whose address you have asked me to convey, died long ago."

At this Baba gestured, "What have you to do with that? Do I not know that? I know everything. Tell me why you did not send a reply." I felt guilty for not being literal in my obedience to Baba. I immediately brought a post-card and replied as instructed. Only when I read out the contents to Baba, did He leave for His rest-room, at the western wing of Guru Prasad. I do not know whether the devotee corresponded on the given address or not. After some days I, however, met this person from Baramati during the DARSHAN hours at Guru Prasad. The topic mentioned in the letter was nevertheless never referred to in our conversation. Since then I learned that while attending to the correspondence addressed to Baba, His instructions alone mattered most. Baba's ways of dealing with His lovers were surprisingly personal and direct.

Phase Of "Contacting The Teenagers".

Youth is full of vigour and vagaries; it holds energy in abundance. Youngsters are more eager to express themselves and in this process are less mindful whether they are helping or

harassing others. But they have an open mind too and are ready to invite transformation in life, provided the appeal is humane and not condemnatory. Baba's relationship with His young devotees was jovial and loving. One of the teenagers in a Baba-family at Bombay wrote a letter to Baba expressing remorse about a mischief he played and also asked His advice on certain other points. The following reply was sent to him by one of the MANDALI. "If you were mischievous in a good way Baba has nothing to say. But display of ego, use of bad language and insult to elderly people are not desirable. Baba, however, wants you not to bother about what has happened but henceforth try as far as possible, to behave yourself. He has His NAZAR on you and in his remembrance you will gradually overcome your weaknesses. As for learning to drive a motorcycle and going for swimming Baba has no objection provided you are enough careful and not hasty so as to lose the presence of mind when confronted with unexpected situations. Be careful, be confident. Remember Him. Don't worry.

Apart from such personal guidance to those in the Baba-families, Meher Baba had maintained "contact with the teenagers" in a special way, as a part of His internal work. Little is recorded of this particular phase that commenced with the opening of Hazrat Babajan School at Meherabad in 1925. Baba spent considerable time in the silent conferences with the *masts*. Similarly He spared time, though far much less, to be in the jovial company of different teenagers, in different years. Like the contacts of the *masts* the company of these boys, in a way served Him as the "scaffolding" for His inner spiritual work. Baba seemed to have worked on certain spiritual forces through such contacts though the process or the result thereof were not disclosed by Him. In spite of great concern and affection that Baba showered on these youngsters, with a few exceptions, they did not necessarily continue to come in Baba's recurrent contact by attending different programmes held in later years. Perhaps, something too deep was sown through them in the hearts of the young generation to come, that needed time to germinate and blossom. As for this phase of work, I intend to narrate two incidents, one in India and the other in France.

Ismail and Ibrahim were two brothers living in Poona. Sometimes, Baba specially sent for them and they were asked to follow certain instructions. After the partition of India in August, 1947, this family moved to Karachi in Pakistan. One of Baba's dear ones staying in the same city was asked to look after the needs of this family, especially the two teenagers. In the middle of 1948 Baba expressed a wish that these two boys should visit India to stay near Him or wherever He would wish them to reside, provided they were ready to extend their stay in India for five years. If they were not in a position to fulfil this condition they were not to come and not to worry. The boys very much wished to come to India but because of the visa difficulty they had to cancel the visit.

A few months later, in the same year, Baba sent another message to His people in Karachi to try again and obtain visa for as many days as was permissible and to send these boys to Ahmednagar as early as possible. This time the matters moved speedily and Baba's men, in response to His message, to save time, booked tickets for these two boys, of the first available plane flying to India. The plane, however, did not land at Bombay at the scheduled timing. Baba felt much concerned and a telegram was sent to Karachi for the necessary inquiry in this matter. By the time the message reached Pakistan, the boys arrived in India. So another telegram of safe arrival was duly sent. Baba could be so ignorant or seemingly so, but this could never detract Him from His Knowledge. The life of the God-Man is the perfect combination of Knowledge and Ignorance! The two boys did get the privilege of being in Baba's company for some days and then they were sent back to Pakistan. Whenever such young visitors stayed near Baba He paid greater attention to their needs than their parents did. He would see that their health, education and any of their future prospects were not ignored. At the time of parting, Baba generally offered them something as *prasad* very lovingly, either in cash or kind.

Search For The Ideal Boy.

Even during Baba's visit to the West, this phase of work continued. For instance, during Baba's visit to Cannes (France) in 1937, He expressed a wish to invite, as a guest, a vital good-natured boy from Europe who would stay at Cannes. The problem, particularly of bringing him to stay near an Indian Master, was not an easy one. After due inquiry, Dr. William Donkin was deputed to visit the Spanish Refugee Association in Paris. Because of the political situation prevailing in Spain such an Association was set in France. Dr. Donkin was successful in winning the authorities to release a teenager to accompany him to Cannes. This boy did not know either English or French well. Owing to the new environments he felt rather nervous. Baba wished that the boy should feel at home and remain cheerful. So, Sam Cohen taught him the languages while Countess Nadine Tolstoy initiated him in the lessons of music. Baba instructed Dr. Nilu to look after the health of this young visitor and He Himself spared time to play games with him and "worked" in His own way. Baba expected the boy to be more vital and jovial but this young Spaniard was of a quiet temperament. At the close of Baba's stay in Cannes the boy was taken back to Paris. By this time the situation in Spain had considerably changed and the boy soon returned to his homeland. Meher Baba has not explained the significance and subtleties of His work of "contacting the teenagers". But as I do not wish to leave out this typical phase in Baba's life unrecorded, I have tried to narrate just the visible parts of these incidents.

The introductory part of this phase, each time consisted in a search for an ideal boy. There are some interesting stories connected with this search. But to relate them here will be a digression. I, nevertheless, remember an incident which may be treated as a closing indication of this particular phase. In April, 1955 there was a meeting at Rosewood in Satara. At that time Baba's brother Beheram brought for the first time, copies of a special Baba-picture. It was developed from a group photo of His school friends, all teenagers. In this picture Baba was seen squatting on an old striped carpet, with a small medal pinned

over the chest, to His long black coat. Holding the picture between His finger tips Baba showed it to us and casually conveyed, "I was in search of a perfect boy like this. Good that I found him!" Then He switched on to some other subject. Whether He was joking or was serious I cannot say; but I noticed that since then the phase of "search for the ideal boy" gradually came to a close.

In Quest Of Light And Love.

By the time Meher Baba concluded the "search for the perfect boy" it is coincidentally observed that the young generation in some parts of the world developed interest in spiritual life and there commenced a "search for the Perfect Master". Was it the result of Baba's work—the phase of "contacting the teenagers?" Whatever it be I feel it befitting to quote here Meher Baba's words of wisdom released in the later years specially for the groping youngsters in quest of Light and Love. The following message under the caption, "Meher Baba has said about Drugs" was edited and compiled from Meher Baba's statements by one of His close disciples, Francis Brabazon: *

No mind-changing or consciousness-expanding drug can help one step on the way to the inner Self because mind does not have to be changed nor does consciousness have to be expanded, for as soon as the soul emerged from the process of evolution as a human being it had full consciousness—full, fully evolved and complete in every respect and it cannot be "changed" or "expanded", increased or decreased.

What has to happen now in each one is that mind has to be emptied of all the impressions which color consciousness and cause one to identify oneself with what one is not. You do not have to become better or bigger, you have to become that which in Truth you are. There is no short cut to the Beloved—except that which is through the grace of God-Man, or one of the Living Perfect Masters.

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Drugs, any drugs can be used beneficially for specific medical purposes, but for spiritual progress they are not only useless but are positively harmful. The experiences they give are but of the shadows of shining Truth, and although some of them are not habit-forming one becomes *addicted to the experiences* of the false imagination they give.

To attempt to approach the Creator of universes and the Beloved of hearts through drugs is to mock the majesty of God and insult your own intelligence. The Ancient, beautiful Self of each of us can only be realised by loving Him with all the love one has—pure, simple, unconditional love.

Pure love which gives without bargaining is the greatest of all forces for overcoming every difficulty on the way to Truth; it is unparalleled in power, untiring in persistence and matchless in patience and endurance and so there is no darkness it cannot dispel.

Everything has its price. The price for entering the Way is that you will keep straight ahead and not go off on side excursions; the price for obtaining the Beloved's presence is that you cease being present to yourself; and the price for actual sight of Him is that you see nothing else, but Him.

The little God of dreams locked in a pill
is not the God of love and universal Will.
The little God of dreams sustain
is not the God who lives in Lover's Lane.

"Will You Willingly Frequent Prostitutes"

To resume the account of the year, Baba continued to stay at Meherazad (Pimpalgon-Malvi); some of the men and women *mandali* resided at Meherabad (Arangaon) at a distance of about 15 miles. So, Baba paid regular visits to Meherabad. He wished to keep Meherazad as a secluded residence. Whenever He granted permission to the devotees to see Him, the place of meeting would be Meherabad and not Meherazad. In the month of December there were two small *darshan* gatherings at

Meherabad, one on 7th and the other on 12th. For the first programme there came a person from Poona who had met Baba on past occasions. This time he specially came to have a short interview with Baba. He was a 'religion-minded' man. People of such type generally hold some strange conventional ideas about spirituality and attach extra special importance to the outward forms of rituals and disciplines. When one has the rare opportunity of meeting the Master face to face, one should unburden oneself of all dogmas and be receptive to His guidance, whatever it be. The Master knows the secret to wipe out the vitiating complexes. But to be eligible for His help one has to offer oneself diligently to His compassionate call of obedience.

This particular person pleaded Baba to help him lead a real spiritual life. Hearing his request Baba appeared very pleased. After some formal inquiries He solemnly asked this person an unusual question, "Will you willingly frequent prostitutes in Poona, if ordered?" The man looked quite puzzled. He tried to smile vainly and inquired of Baba whether He was joking. He had read good many books on religion but nowhere had he come across such a strange spiritual discipline! He tried to tell Baba that he was really earnest about the request and that he was not after material enjoyment but spiritual bliss. Baba to whom the deepest layers in consciousness were "an open book" assured him that nothing was conveyed in jest. This made the man all the more confused. He made a fresh attempt to argue with Baba but in the end nervously expressed his inability to carry out Baba's instruction. Poor soul! He failed to understand that what Baba really expected of him was not his visits to the brothels but the intensity of surrender to Baba's will. Those who failed to abide by total dedication to Baba, He generally asked them to please themselves. In this case He asked the person to visit the holy places in different parts of India. During these travels he was not to carry money with him and he was to be careful in not touching any woman. The person happily agreed to this. Baba then fixed the date of his departure and warned him to commence the pilgrimage on that particular date. Some days later this person sent a telegram to Baba that owing

to some personal difficulties, the date of leaving Poona be changed. To what extent the person faithfully and literally carried out the rest of Baba's orders I do not know. It is, however, clear that he did not comprehend the rarity and potency of the Master's orders. The next year, 1949 Baba left Meherazad for the New Life. All correspondence with Him was completely stopped. No one was allowed to meet Him. He returned to Meherazad in December, 1951.

Some months later when one of Baba's *mandali* visited Poona, news reached his ears that the said person had commenced visiting the whore-houses and had ruined his life by contacting the worst type of lustful impressions. Perhaps, he had tried "to play with the Fire". Had he agreed to carry out Baba's instruction, it would have been a different story. "Doing" anything under the express order of the Master is "non-doing". Under such condition, the inexorable law of *Karma* works but it does not create impressions that bind the soul. Baba's first instruction to him was personal and incidental. I am sure it will not be misunderstood. Baba always held high the dignity of married life and warned all against the life of promiscuity. In the later years, the two injunctions that Baba repeatedly stressed for those in quest of Truth were, 'No drugs; and no sex without marriage'.

Devil of Doubt

The second *darshan* programme was on 12th December. From the beginning Baba has been benevolent in allowing me to be present at most of such opportunities. With His inner help, though sometimes there arose unwarranted difficulties I was able to attend these gatherings. Some memories connected with such short stays near Baba, in those early days are vivid and lively. But to be frank it is difficult for me to recollect the month and the year. Anyway, I am sure I was at Meherabad on 12th December. I still remember what a happy time I spent with Dr. Ghani during those days. Once he read out to me some lines from his *ghazals*. As I

did not understand Urdu he used to explain the meaning in Hindi and English. These *ghazals* were compiled in a small booklet under the title "Hosh-mad-hosh". I am tempted to give a free rendering of some lines from the *ghazal* – Saqi. The poet wrote, "O lover, as a rule no unwanted person can enter the lane of the Beloved. In case any one sets his foot unawares in this lane, it is difficult for him to get away from it. This (*Saqi's*) is the school the like of which you will not find anywhere. The lesson you once learn here cannot be forgotten. It's with a rare fortune that you come across the tavern of the *Saqi*—the wine-seller. Drink to your heart's content. If the glass is broken do not hesitate to drink by handfuls." What a marvelous lane, an incredible school and a wonderful tavern! I feel that these lines portray the atmosphere of those small Baba-gatherings held at Meherabad.

On 12th morning, Baba with a few *mandali* arrived at Meherabad from Meherazad and the whole atmosphere seemed to radiate His divine presence. Once during the day I saw Baba sitting on a chair in the open court yard near the Ashram building. A well-dressed group of His devotee men and women who had come from outstations were standing in a queue to meet Him. Some of them held in their hands nicely packed packets to offer Baba. In spite of the unconditional love that Baba showered on me, it was my weakness rather the result of my inferiority complex, that sometimes I had a thought, a doubt, if Baba was more in favour of the rich. Influenced by this misunderstanding I picked a small cluster of Tulsi, a wild but sacred shrub with small leaves, and joined the line.

Baba with a look of unhurried awareness was meeting each one in the queue, on the depth of everyone's devotion for Him. He patted some on the back, kissed a few children and smiled at the rest as they moved closer to His chair. There was a quality of heavenliness in all His gestures. Yet, how strange that in such a blissful atmosphere my mind was still possessed by the devil of doubt! As I approached Baba I bowed down and offered Him that bare bunch of leaves. He gracefully accepted it as if He had received something very valuable.

I have noticed that sometimes a simple offering made Him beam with animated appreciation. He looked at me and then handed these leaves to Kaka Baria who was standing by His side, as though for safe keeping. He must have read my stupid thoughts and yet so lovingly accepted the bunch. I felt ashamed and pitied myself. Baba's response of love, however, warded off this doubt for good.

I was convinced that Baba is for all. He has His own ways of meeting His dear ones on their levels. He is for the rich, for the poor. He is for the learned, for the ignorant. Once someone questioned Baba in the vein of doubt that I had, and He conveyed, "Don't see how I behave with the rich or the poor; the mad or the *masts*. Don't try to fathom the Unfathomable; do not judge Me. Love Me." Baba's words remind me of the lines of Hafiz. In one of the couplets Hafiz says, "When you are with the Beloved, beware. Every moment in His company is a cross-road that may lead you close to or away from Him."

A Humorous coincidence

Prior to Baba's long-standing stay at Meherazad, the men and women *mandali* who constantly moved with Him, from place to place did not reside together but in two different houses. These two quarters would not be too close to each other. At Meherazad, however, Baba asked the men *mandali* to occupy the small, improvised room adjacent to the compound wall.* In those days as per Baba's instruction the men disciples were not allowed to meet even greet the women *mandali*, permanently residing near Baba. Dr. Gohcr who joined the women *mandali* in 1947 was an exception. She was the "link" between these two groups. If Baba while sitting with the men *mandali* wished to convey anything to the women inside, Kaka Baria would ring a bell and Goher would come at the gate to get the message. Even the gardening work inside the compound wall was done only by the maid-servants. Dr. Goher was Baba's untiring personal physician. But in the beginning though a doctor, she was

* The rooms were unfurnished and had a low roof of old corrugated iron sheets. There was no lavatory, no kitchen not even a bath-room.

allotted different sundry duties except the medical. Dr. Goher commented later, "May be it was to take away the pride of profession!" By the end of 1948 Baba's brother Adi Jr. brought some Manila ducks to Meherazad and Baba wished to keep these. So a small tank was built in the garden that suited them best. Dr. Goher was to look after these ducks. Besides, she had to take care of a small poultry. What a spiritual discipline to follow after meeting the Master! So, instead of reading volumes or journals on medical subjects she had to study the books on poultry farming.

In the Meherazad quarters Baba rarely granted any interview. In December, however, He made an exception. One morning He was seen sitting in Kaka Baria's room with a learned person from North India. Baba was explaining to the visitor the planes of consciousness. After elucidating the main characteristics of the first six planes, He was about to comment upon the seventh plane. Just then, not knowing that Baba was giving an interview, Dr. Goher appeared at the door and broke in sharply, "Baba, the wheat husk for the chicken is out of stock. Can I ask the servant-boy to get another bag?" Baba whose sense of humour was as spontaneous as that of a genuine comedian smiled at her and good humouredly gestured, "We were about to "step" on the seventh plane and you brought us right down to the gross plane!" Goher felt bit nervous but in a way she was duty bound too. The person who daily attended to the marketing was about to leave for Ahmednagar, a distance of about ten miles. It was time to give him the list of the articles to be purchased for the day. For ordering any new or extra things Baba had to be informed. It was His specific instruction. Thus, obedience to Baba's order incidentally brought about this humorous coincidence. How did the scholar relate Baba's explanation about the planes and Goher's inquiry about the husk is a different matter. But I do remember that Baba enjoyed the fun of the situation and in the later years, He sometimes referred to this incident and gestured, "To me husk or the heaven makes no difference. What I liked most of Goher was her sense of duty in obedience to my order."

"Don't Worry – Be Happy.

In this month similarity in names created a slight humour. Minu (Kharas) from Pakistan requested Baba to grant *darshan* to a small group of Baba lovers from Karachi. Baba instructed Adi Sr. to send a telegram of approval. In haste of attending to many details Adi Sr. unwittingly thought that he was to inform Minu (Pohawala)—another Baba-lover from Karachi and acted accordingly. Naturally the telegram caused a short but sweet confusion. But soon the mistake was rectified. Minu Kharas with other Baba-stalwarts from Pakistan duly arrived in India. They had Baba's enlivening *darshan* at Ahmednagar on the last day of the year, in Khushru Quarters, now known as Meher Nazar. There was silence in the room and all gazed at Baba's radiant face. Everyone paid homage to Baba and He accepted their love, with a beaming smile. When this informal meeting was over everyone was exceedingly happy. They had journeyed for hundreds of miles to see Baba just for a very short time and they would have been too happy to extend their stay. But Baba had asked them to leave Ahmednagar, the next day—1st January, 1949. They were happy to obey Him.

At such small gatherings of Baba-lovers, there won't be any discussions on metaphysical or spiritual subjects. Baba's presence was enough for His lovers. Baba would generally make some inquiries about the journey and their health. Baba's robust sense of humour would keep the atmosphere light and lively. So, with an open mind the visitors would absorb His divine presence and accept lovingly His words of advice. The gist of what He generally conveyed to His dear ones can be summed up in the following simple yet deep and potent statements. Meher Baba used to state:

Don't worry – Be Happy.
 Go happily. Take me with you.
 Be in the world but not of it.
 Don't lose heart but keep me in your heart.
 I am nearer to you than your own breath.

Remember Me and I am there with you;
 and My love will guide you.
 I am the Divine Beloved who loves you more
 than you can ever love yourself.
 I love all and all I want is love.
 I am LOVE.

With some such loving and encouraging words of advice, conveyed by Avatar Meher Baba through His loving gestures to a small gathering at Khushru Quarters, the year 1948 came to a close. There was, however, no indication of His incredible New Life of "Hopelessness and Helplessness" that commenced ten months later.

Glory to the God-man, the Ancient One, the Eternal Beloved!

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New Humanity

R. M. SAHER

New Man on this Earth is developing
 Eternal love-seed in his heart germinating
 With blessings, love and warmth of God.
 He is independent, never self-interested and endeavours
 Under Baba's golden rule of selfless service.
 Meher's miracle in this way is unfolded
 And His living spirit on all planes functioning
 Near and far to break all old barriers;
 Inspiring consciously the younger generations
 To fulfil His Wish to unite all religions,
 Yearning, on this planet, for peace and co-existence.

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GLIMPSES OF Meher

(Life Story of Avatar Meher Baba in Historic Present)

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Truth is stranger than fiction
That unforgettable night is still fresh in my mind.
29th July 1932 has just started.
I am in England and Beloved Avatar Meher Baba is in the
United States.

I am fast asleep in my bed.
The domain of unconsciousness suddenly terminates in a
new vista,
in which I stand in another body and in another world
different from the gross.
On this inner mental plane, Avatar Meher Baba unexpectedly
comes
and stands in front of me and looks into me.
In the clear and convincing expressiveness of His mental
Form,

I see Him as the Incarnation of Divinity,
and personification of spiritual perfection,
in a happy blending of light and colour.
And my spontaneous adoration finds its expression
in rosy cloud of light – colour vibrations
of devotion, reaching out towards Him.
After this communion, Beloved Baba speaks to me
in His exquisitely sweet voice of this inner
Psychic plane, in clear unmistakable tones:
"You are closely connected with me. You are a good man."
Seeing me in a clear hesitancy in accepting this comment,
He asked, "Are you not?"
And my response is my earnest mental prayer,
"Good or bad, please take me up into you!"
Response from the Beloved is quick.
From the inexpressible spiritual beauty of His radiant bodily
presence

On this inner psychic plane, there poured out on me,
 in deep sky blue colour vibrations,
 His Divine Love and Blessings,
 enveloping and engulfing my entire being.
 With it descends on me great Peace and ineffable ecstasy of
 deep fulfilment.

It is like bathing in cool clear moon-light.
 And then, without any break or diminution
 in the heightened intensity of my awareness,
 I find myself slowly transferred
 to the gross world and joined to my usual gross body,
 lying in my bed. It is past midnight.
 My watch shows 1.05 A.M.
 Surely it is God who reveals Himself
 in this effulgent form of Beloved Avatar Meher Baba.
 There is no shadow of doubt
 even after the lapse, of so many years.
 It is an eternal certainty, a fact,
 that is indelible from the annals of cosmic history!
 The Divine Leela of the Eternal Beloved is unfathomable!
 In our times, when so much energy is dissipated
 in volumes of words,
 Meher Baba's silence is heard clearly and emphatically
 rising above the voices hoarse with jargons;
 and his Messages springing from his board
 have behind it the power of this oceanic silence,
 reaching the inmost recesses of the spirit,
 bringing light and Joy and peace.
 Free from the fashion in vogue
 of rushing to the platforms with a crowded programme of
 lecturers

Meher Baba's supreme method of silent communication
 turns out to be irresistible in the west,
 working wonders in the invisible realm of the spirit.
 Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbank give to Baba
 a reception in honour of the new light coming to the film-world.
 Talulla Bankhead and Mary Dressler also meet Baba,
 who invites Hollywood to realise God within all

and put an end to all chaos by living and inspiring in others
a life free from selfishness.

Before leaving America on June 4th, Beloved Baba
raises thousands to the perspicacity
that all the material expressions of civilisation
have to well up from deep spiritual intuition
and true knowledge of the Self;
and he also distributes duties to all western workers,
so that the momentum given by him
may yield its maximum results for the aching West.
After two days of stay at Honolulu,
Baba goes by the 'Empress of Japan' to Shanghai
where on June 22nd, he is warmly received
by his Indian disciples and a Professor in Nanking University.
During the world-tours Baba often drops the graceful Kafni,
putting on European suit to avoid idle curiosity.
At Shanghai, Baba, at his own will, gets mixed up
with the Chinese crowds, whom he loves so much.
Baba never advocates escapism from the realities of life.
He does not ask people to leave the world
or go to the mountains in search of God,
who is easily attainable through the daily round of duties.
From Shanghai, Meher Baba telegraphically cancels
the project of breaking his silence in America,
bringing round his expectant lovers in the West
to accept the tantalisingly indefinite period of patient waiting
for the great day of his Universal Manifestation.
Occasional cancellation or alteration of planned programme
baffling the surging expectations of a multitude
can be properly understood in its right perspective
only when the world realises that the Master's objects
are beyond the grasp of limited intellect.
Behind the many actions, which may seem to have the
semblance of whims,

there invariably is a purpose
too deep for explanation, the creativity of the Master
being unhampered by itineraries, time-tables and agenda.
The Master initiates his lovers in utter detachment,
training them to be free from all clinging to imagined future.

If the aspirant is ready to give up all his undertakings
 at the order of his Master, the unpredictable whim or Lahar
 of the Master becomes a potent means of keeping him free
 from dispositional goadings in respect of future.
 Baba gives interviews to many Chinese Aspirants,
 with complete satisfaction, in spite of slight difficulty
 concerning the medium of language.
 He also visits a meditation-monastery and also
 accepts a reception given to him by some Chinese,
 leaving Shanghai for Europe by 'Kaisar-Hind'.
 By July end, Beloved Baba and his Mandali
 are at Santa Margarita on the Italian sea-side,
 where he is being awaited by a group of British Meher-lovers.
 Three weeks of Baba's presence here
 wing their way out in ever-refreshing joy.
 His presence, like that of the Sun,
 disperses the clouds of jealousy and depression,
 that overshadow the minds of adoring men and women.
 In contact with the Master, all experience
 a quickening of life and the widening of consciousness,
 getting a glimpse into eternal values.
 Ineffable peace descends upon them, as they absorb
 within themselves, the divinity of the Master,
 realising how the God-state is entirely different from the
human.

All the world over, Avatar Meher is hailed
 as the Revelation of the Truth—
 the object of all our search,
 the fulfilment of all our aspirations,
 and the destination of our long pilgrimage.
 The spiritual Pilgrim is, time and again, tired and weary,
 and covered with dust from the way he has trodden,
 needing bath and food to restore his vigour.
 The very presence of Beloved Meher
 chases away the impurities lurking in the recesses
 of subliminal mind and refreshes the spirit
 with life-giving love,
 making the mind and heart of the wayfarer tranquil and clear,
 filling him with a new faith and zest
 to press on to the distant goal.

Avatar Meher Baba Premotsav and Wise – Meet
at Jabalpur on the 5th & 6th of May 73

by R. P. Pankh Raj.

After the assurance given by the brothers A.K. Hazra and Rajinikant Upadhyaya of Jabalpur to the Baba-lovers assembled at Meherstana last year that they would surely arrange a Baba-lovers congregation at Jabalpur in 1973 and that all assembled there would be invited to gather at Jabalpur, both of them met Shri Girija Nandanji Dube on their return to Jabalpur. By the end of January 1973, it was almost decided to have the function in the month of May 73, when schools and colleges close for the summer vacation. Dear Dubeji took over the reins of the entire function in his hands in the capacity of 'Chief Organiser & Convener'. The entire machinery, however, took momentum in March-April 73. The printed invitations in Hindi and English were posted to almost all the known A.M.B. Centres in the country as well as to the West. It was estimated that four to five hundred delegates would attend the 'Premotsav' and accordingly preparation for their boarding and lodging were made. Time flew and the scheduled dates (4th to 7th May 73) seemed to be fast approaching. All the arrangements for accommodation, breakfast, meals, meeting-hall, illumination, decoration, publicity etc. were given the final touches on the 29th April and 3rd May 73.

Baba-lovers started arriving on the 4th May as was intimated to them, although a few from Hamirpur, Bombay and Bhopal had arrived earlier. Shri Adi K. Irani, our Chief Guest, however, could not come, as he was suddenly taken ill due to shooting sciatic pain in his left leg. Dr. C.D. Deshmukh, M.A., Ph.D. (London), Director, Avatar Meher Spiritual Academy, who was to preside over all the programmes of the 'Premotsav and Wise – Meet' arrived on the 4th in the afternoon along with his wife Sow. Indumati Deshmukh, from Nagpur. He was given an apt reception at the Bus-Stand, although it was very hot past mid-day. Amongst other invited speakers Swamy Satya Prakash Udaseenjee, Editor 'Divya Vani'

and Dr. G.S.N. Moorthy, M.A., Ph.D. (Colorado) (U.S.A.) from Kharagpur obliged us. By the morning of 5th May the first day of the two days meet, about one hundred delegates had assembled. In the absence of Adiji, the seven coloured flag was hoisted by Swamiji amidst loud 'Avatar Meher Baba-ki-jai' and blowing of the conch. After getting into the meeting hall the huge Baba-portrait newly painted by Shri G. L. Verma was unveiled by Swamiji and then garlanded by both Dr. C.D. Deshmukh & Swamiji.

Then the 'Parvardigar Prayer – Master's Prayer' was recited in Hindi, English, Marathi, Bengali and Telugu by different Baba-lovers as given in the printed programme. Shri Madhusudan and family were specially invited for singing Baba-bhajans composed by them. I attach herewith a copy of the printed programme. Every thing followed accordingly on both days except that Dr. Hoshang Bharucha did not come and that Sri Girija Nandan Dube did not give his talk on the 6th night, as he wanted to give the audience the Eternal Message of Baba through the best medium of silent Love.

The day time temperature was quite high but Baba-lovers' love for their Beloved enabled them to keep themselves in good trim. As was heard later on from the delegates, the atmosphere and the programmes made them oblivious of the calendar and the clock during those 3 days they were here. The 'Wise – Meet' a new feature was quite illuminative & inspiring and was liked by all. Amongst the speakers of the 'Wise – Meet' Dr. Thomas on the 5th and Dr. C.D. Sharma on the 6th spoke on the 'Light of Christ' and 'The Message of Vedanta' respectively. They along with other speakers, were thus drawn in the Baba-atmosphere. Baba-films projected on the 5th night left an indelible impression on the new ones and revived the memory of the old ones. On the 6th night a new (unpublished) item of honouring some distinguished Baba-lovers for their deep love and devotion and gallant services rendered in furthering the cause of Beloved Baba took place. Shri Girija Nandan Dube, the Chief Organiser presented to them a plaster 'pratima' of Baba and some articles as a token of our regard for them. These honoured Lovers and Workers of Baba were:-

Dr. C.D. Deshmukh, Nagapur; Dr. G.S.N. Moorty Khargapur; Swamy Satya Prakash Udayaseen, Hyderabad; Shri P.D. Nigam—'Pukar', Hamirpur; Babu Ramprasadj, Nauranga; Shri Bhawani Prasad Nigam, Hamirpur; Shri Matri Dutta Shastri, Hamirpur; Smt. Indumati Deshmukh, Nagpur; Dr. Murli Kale, Jabalapur; Shri Raghuraj singh, Shri Madhusudan Pund and family, Poona; Smt. Ramdulari Nigam (mother of Pukarji), Hamirpur; Shri N.R. Kher, Jabalpur; Shri K.P. Hande, Jabalpur; Shri D.N. Kharate, Jabalpur; and Shri Sheriyar Meherbanpur, Iran.

A few from amongst the local Baba-lovers and workers were presented some articles as a mark of appreciation for the work they did with untiring zeal for the 'Premotsav': These were:-

Smt. N. Abdulla, Smt. T.R. Pankhraj, Smt. Gouri Hazra, Ku. Zeenut Abdulla, Ku. Nilofur Abdulla.

Regarding the speeches, I enclose a printed copy of Dr. Deshmukh's presidential address.

Dr. Moorty in his juicy speech narrated his experiences with Baba and the Baba-ways of drawing people nearer to Him and helping them spiritually in His own way.

Swamy Satya Prakash Udaseen alerted Baba-lovers to carry out Baba-work in right earnest rather than sitting on the fence doing nothing. He laid stress on revolutionising personal lives in the light of Baba's teachings so that they speak of Baba's message of Love and Truth to others. "Let us be honest to the trust the Beloved has reposed in us" he said.

Shri Pukarjee also described his experiences with Baba and how he was caught in His net. He said by loving and serving humanity selflessly, we would truly be the lovers of our Beloved God—Baba. Smt. Indumati Deshmukh also narrated as to how she began to feel gradually Baba's divinity. His unseen divine intervention moulding the lives of all those

gathered around Him in love and utter submission to become willing instruments in the Master's hand.

The messages received (copies enclosed) for the 'Premotsav' were read out to the assembly in the night session on the 6th May. With the drama 'Jai Meher', written by Shri Bhau Kalchuri and enacted by the boys and girls of Rampur Centre the same night, the programmes came to an end.

On the 7th morning, Baba-lovers desirous to see the historic marble rocks at Bheraghat, were carried 13 miles away from Jabalpur to the enchanting site by a special bus. In the year 1939 during His stay at Jabalpur, Beloved Baba had also visited Bheraghat and surcharged the holy waters of the river Narmada—the Ganges of the south by washing His hands. Beloved Baba has explained that the God-Man or the Perfect Master recharge such old sanctified places by visiting them in person to keep the sanctity of the place ever alive. Baba-lovers of Bheraghat served the delegates with tea. The visitors also had the thrilling experience of boating in the deep waters of Narmada through the ravines of the marble rocks. The delegates returned quite late, had their lunch and left for motor-stand or railway station to return to their homes. They were, it was seen, quite moved and inspired after the rich feast of Baba-love and I am sure, returned to their respective places with the Beloved in their hearts. This reminded us of the old 'Sahavas' programmes at Meherabad and Poona when Beloved Baba used to ask us to carry Him with us while returning home after the 'sahavas' given by God to His lovers.

The entire function was a grand success because of the kind cooperation of all assembled. Every item proved encouraging. Meals and dinners were very tasty and punctually served. The unseen personalities also added to its grandeur through their messages and good wishes and over all Beloved Baba flooded the entire atmosphere by His Grace and showering of Love divine.

Messages.

Message from Miss Manija S. Irani, Chairman, A.M.B. Trust, Ahmednagar:-

"Mehera Meherazad Mandali join me in sending Best wishes for happy, fruitful Avatar Meher Baba Premotsav in Jabalpur.

May Beloved Baba, Lord of Love shower his bounty of Love on all His lovers gathered for Premotsav.

Though we won't be physically present, we will lovingly share Premotsav in spirit. Our salutations to Premotsav organisers and Premijan.

Avatar Meher Baba ki Jai !

Message from Shri Eruch and Meherazad Mandali:-

"May the Eternal Beloved Avatar Meher Baba release the flood of His Grace to fill all hearts with His Love. Our very loving Jai Baba to all dear lovers of the Lord of Love gathered for Premotsav.

My loving salutations to all brothers and sisters who are putting in their labour of love to make the Premotsav a venue for the meeting of the lovers of the Lord."

Telegraphic message received from Shri A.C.S. Chari, Calcutta:-

"Lovers in West Bengal including their leader P.G. Nandi (now at Berhampur, Orissa State) send Greetings and Best Wishes for the success of all the programmes of the Premotsav and Wise – meet at Jabalpur on 5th and 6th instants. They will all be present with you and share the joy and love-blessings of Baba. With the same eyes that you can see the presence of Baba on these occasions, you can also see us lovers from West Bengal including P.G. Nandi".

Message from Shri T. K. Ramanujam, Avatar Meher Baba Information Centre, Madras:-

May Beloved Baba The Ocean of Love shower His 'Anant Prem' to all His lovers gathered for Premotsav, from far and wide, Lovers of Tamilnadu though unable to have their physical presence, will mentally and heartily join the Premotsav. In this

world of mess, let our 'Premotsav' give an awakening to the world—What is Prem? Who has Prem? Who can impart Prem? Who has seen Prem? and above all let it awaken Real Prem for God.

Message from Dr. T. Dhanapati Rao, President, Avatar Meher Baba Andhra Centre:-

"All glory to Baba our Supreme Divine Beloved, for the great dawn of this spiritual year. But we must be always aware of Maya which lies in wait ever in close quarters ready to tickle our ego-mind with all selfish thoughts, false attractions and false desires. But Maya disappears at the very moment we think of Baba seriously. Therefore let us all live constantly in Baba's thoughts with pure love and selfless service by leading a righteous life with all kindness and sympathy. Let us try to die a natural glorious death by chanting His Blessed Name till the end of our last breath by forgetting our self and ego completely with all readiness to sacrifice our every thing for our Master's holy cause by submitting ourselves completely to Baba's Divine Will with all readiness to face every trial and tribulation with all calm and poise".

Jai Baba !

Telegraphic Message from Majety Rama Mohan Rao, Vijayawada:-

"May Avatar Meher Baba Bless Premotsav function grand success."

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ovation of "JAI BABA" from the lovers that thronged around the venue the seven coloured flag was hoisted by Dr. G.S.N. Moorthy. This was followed by Sankeertan by sister Bhagadevi, Bros. K.M. Gandhi, K. Pullarao and Party. At 9-10 a.m. prayers were offered to Baba. Swami Satyaprakash Udaseen welcomed the lovers. Swamiji briefly narrated the aims and objective of Meher Vihar Trust and Meher Ashram and the circumstances which prompted him to shift these two units to Kakinada. He paid glowing tributes to late Bro. Dharmarao Naidu for his

dedicated work. He narrated how Bro. Naidu was conscious of his parting and keeping this in view how he expected all his work in connection with the publication of Divya Vani and finalisation of accounts of Meher Vihar Trust. Explaining the origin and growth of Meher Vihar Trust, Swamiji added how, Baba deputed Yogi Suddhananda Bharati to preside over the inaugural function and Dr. G.S.N. Moorty to inaugurate the Trust. Bro. Jal Bai was particularly sent by Baba to the inauguration function of Meher Vihar with a special message from Him. Baba desired Swamiji to dedicate all his life to His work and supplied all literature. Swamiji made two announcements in his speech nominating Dr. G.S.N. Moorty as his successor to the Avatar Meher Baba Trust and Smt. Jagadamba as the Chief Worker to the Mahila Mandali wing of Meher Ashram. The Mahila Mandali Wing was inaugurated by Rev. Divyananda Saraswathi.

Inaugurating the anniversary function Bro. P.D. Pukar cautioned the lovers that once we are dedicated to the Avatar nothing in the world should deter us or distract us. Even Karmakanda done consciously out of love is worth doing. But it should not be done mechanically. He added by eulogising the perfect qualities of the beloved constantly, we will be minimising our misdeeds. He said that there is nothing that Love cannot win in this World. Love has no right to hate.

Yogi Suddhananda Bharati presided over this function. In his presidential speech Rev. Swamiji said how happy he was to have been associated with this Baba work once again. He narrated his experiences with Beloved Baba and urged all to hold fast to Baba's daman till the very end. He explained the significance of the divine silence of Baba and compared how the great masters achieved realisation only in silence. He quoted sadgurus Sai Baba, Upasani, great seers like Ramana Maharshi, Aurobindo, Ramananda Tirth, Kavya Kanta Ganapathi Muni in this connection. He explained to the gathering how incidentally he was connected with the design of the seven coloured flag and the monogram (Mastery in service approved by Baba) while at Trichy.

In the afternoon session Bro. P.D. Pukar gave a brief account of Meher Puri and its significance. He gave a very thrilling account of his experiences with Baba and how he came

into fold of Baba. In his concluding remarks Bro. Pukar exhorted all lovers to sacrifice everything in Baba's cause—which is God's cause and work whole heartedly for the darkest hour in the World is fast approaching and the world needs the succour of beloved Baba.

Earlier messages wishing the function all success received from—Meherazad Mandali and other prominent lovers of Baba from all parts of the country were read out by Bro. K.V. Suryanarayana.

Later Dr. G.S.N. Moorthy, spoke on 'Avatar Meher Baba and his workers'. He quoted Baba extensively and emphasised the need for every Baba worker to work in his cause lovingly without anticipating any reward. We are only tools in his divine hands. Previously everyone of us worked for himself now as a Baba worker he should work for Baba only who is now omnipotent. That should be the motto concluded Dr. G.S.N. Moorthy. Annihilation of mind is pre-requisite. for love and self-realisation.

Yogi Suddhananda Bharati sang an English song "Hail Meher Hail". Later the session closed with Aarti.

There was a Baba Goshti from 8-30 p.m. on the aspect of obedience. Dr. G.S.N. Moorthy presided over this goshti. Bros. P. Ramachandran of Srikakulam, T.N. Ratho of Vishakha-patnam, K.V. Suryanarayana of Allagadda, Ch. Subbarao, Kakinada, Dr. Deshmukh of Nagpur, P.D. Pukar of Hamirpur and several Baba lovers participated in this goshti and was concluded with Dr. G.S.N. Moorthy summing up remarks. The day's proceeding concluded with Aarti to Baba.

AUGUST 24, 1973

After giving Aarti to Baba at 7 a.m. all lovers marched in a procession through the streets of Kakinada chanting Baba's namam to Sriramnagar where the Meher Manzil is to be constructed. Yogi Suddhananda Bharati presided over the function of Foundation stone laying at Sriramanagar. At 8 a.m. prayers were offered to Baba and with all solemnity pooja was performed. Bro. P.D. Pukar laid the foundation stone for "Meher Manzil". This is an area of 25' x 90' ideally located in a place of peace and tranquility.

Parvardigar prayer was chanted in Telugu by Sister Jagadamba, in Marathi by Dr. C.D. Deshmukh and in Hindi by Bro. Shaligram Sharma. Later the party visited the Avatar Meher Baba Saranalayam and Baba Balavihar and offered prayers.

The party returned to the original venue and the proceedings of the day commenced with Dr. C.D. Deshmukh as president. Swami Satyaprakash Udaseen and Bro. K.V. Suryanarayana spoke on "Avatar Meher Baba Mission and its programme of work".

In the afternoon session held at 5-00 p.m. Bro. Shaligram Sharma presided. Bro. P. Ramachandran of Srikakulam spoke on "Baba workers and their duties." Bro. T.N. Ratho of Visakhapatnam spoke on "Baba-centres and their significance." Dr. G.S.N. Moorty most succinctly summarised the proceedings at the end.

Earlier, Bro. P.D. Pukar explained about Manzil Imeem and the work done there while speaking about 'Meher Manzil' for which the foundation stone was laid in the morning.

He said any help done in Baba's work should be done with love and it should be considered as the only appropriate occasion given to us by Baba. Dr. C.D. Deshmukh explained about the divine work and appealed all the lovers to be partners in such a rare opportunity granted to us by Baba.

AUGUST 25, 1973

Aarti was offered to Baba at 7 a.m. followed by Sankeertanam. Sister P. Jagadamba recited Parvardigar prayer. A symposium on "Baba's message and our way of life" was held at 9-30 a.m. Dr. G.S.N. Moorty presided over the function. The chief message of 'Love God' as given by beloved Baba was chosen as a subject for this symposium. Sri T.N. Ratho of Visakhapatnam initiated the talk. This was followed by Bro. Prakasarao, Hyderabad, Sister Jagadamba, Sri T. Sangaiha Naidu of Bhimavaram and several other esteemed lovers like Dr. Deshmukh, Bro. Pukar. It was very thought provoking and interesting item on the agenda for the day.

Swami Satya Prakash Udaseen proposed vote of thanks at the end of the proceedings. Aarti was offered to Baba. There was a public meeting at 5 p.m. on 25-8-73. Dr. G.S.N. Murthy presided over the meeting, where prominent lovers like Dr. C.D. Deshmukh & Bro. Ramachandran etc. spoke about beloved Baba. At the end Bro. Murthy spoke a few words about Dr. C.D. Deshmukh and convey to him, on behalf of the Meher Vihar Trust and Avatar Meher Baba Mission and all those Baba lovers gathered for the occasion, good-wishes wishing many happy returns of his Birth day, who was to complete his sixty fifth year on Ganesh Jayanthi, the thirty first August 1973. The function closed with Aarti to our Beloved.

An interesting item of this three day programme is visit to Bro. P. Veeraraju at Mandapeta, who is a very ardent and dedicated lover of Avatar Meher Baba. Bro. Veera Raju is well-known to many Baba lovers, particularly in Andhra Pradesh. A silent lover of a silent master endowed with all the qualities of an aspirant, journeyed through various struggles ad vicissitudes in the divine path and at long last blessed by beloved Baba, had the glimpse of His divine love which Mr. Veeraraju is now ready to share with all those earnest seekers of God.

This three day Sahavas certainly charged a radiant hope among the deeply distressed Baba lovers and it is earnestly hoped many would be benefitted with the experiences they gained in this Sahavas. Swamiji deserves all praise for organising this great sahavas. It is how Baba works and we are all tools in His Divine Mission. May Beloved Baba bless us all to hold fast to his 'daman' till the very end. i.e. till this should merge us with that over-soul (Atma to Paramatma). That is the aim and goal of Life. Let us strive hard to achieve this.

Jai Baba.

MESSAGES AND GOOD WISHES

for the celebrations

JAI BABA !

Meherazad

14th August, 1973.

Dear Brother Swami Satya Prakash Udaseen,

I received your letter of 4th August on 10th inst. Sister Mani too has received your letter. Thank you very lovingly for sending to us your kind invitation for attending the Anniver-

sary Celebrations from 23rd August to 25th August 1973. Sister Mani and I have shared your letters and Invitations with the Women and Men Mandali, at Meherazad. She sends loving regards.

Sister Mani and Meherazad mandali men and women, join me in sending heartfelt wishes for the occasion and wish for a very happy and loving function in the love of Beloved Avatar :Meher Baba. May you have peace and Baba love all around you in your new surrounding so that you can now concentrate wholly and solely on work exclusively in the Cause of Beloved Avatar Meher Baba! May you be blessed with success!

Avatar Meher Baba ki Jai!

Yours lovingly,
Eruch

My love to all my dear Brothers and Sisters gathered in the love of my Beloved Lord and God Meher Baba.

Naosherwan Anzar
BOMBAY.

August 14, 1973.

My Dear Swamiji,

I received your kind invitation and programme for the Baba Celebrations from August 23 to 25.

Although I would very much like to attend the Celebrations I am unable to do so due to engagements here in Bombay. But with this letter I wish you and all your co-workers all the success.

Celebrations like this are moments of rededication for the Beloved who loves each one of you, more than you can love yourselves. May his love and grace touch the hearts of all those present at the celebrations.

My love and blessings.

A life in His love,
Naosherwan Anzar

Mrs. Freiny Nalawala DEHRA DUN.
Dear Brother Udaseen,

We thank you very much for your invitation on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Meher Vihar Trust and the 2nd Anniversary of Avatar Meher Baba Mission.

We congratulate you on the unique way in which you are helping to spread Baba's word. All such efforts are laudable.

May Beloved Baba's Love flood your hearts with His Love so that you and your co-workers can share this Love profusely with world of His loved ones.

Jai Baba to you and to all the participants.

A.C.S. Chari, B.A., B.L.

CALCUTTA.

The lovers of AVATAR MEHER BABA in Bengal send you and those present at the functions of MEHER VIHAR TRUST AND MEHER BABA MISSION on 23rd, 24th and 25th instant. GREETINGS AND FELICITATIONS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF ALL THE MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS, BY HIS GRACE. We shall be with you, if not physically, certainly in thought and spirit. To organise such big functions in these days requires persons of your high calibre and dedication and our congratulations to you and those who are assisting you.

Digambar R. Gadekar, M.Sc., M.S. (California) F.G.S.

Baroda – 2.

Since the dropping of His body by Avatar Meher Baba the responsibilities of His lovers, workers and disciples have been greatly increased. It has become necessary for them to devote more time and energy for the fulfilment of the task of spreading His message of Love and Truth all over the world. It is in this perspective that the work being done by Meher Vihar Trust and Avatar Meher Baba Mission becomes significant.

I pray to Beloved Baba to give you and your devoted colleagues the strength and courage to proceed further in this pioneering service to the Master.

I also pray to Beloved Baba to make the deliberations a grand success and hope that some new ideas will emerge out of them.

Mrs. Grace Swan – AUSTRALIA.

My heartiest wishes for the Anniversary Celebrations 23, 24, 25th August and kindest regards to Baba Lovers.

Dr. T. Dhanapati Rao – KAKINADA.

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I invoke Baba's blessings and love for your sincere, selfless, loving and earnest efforts to spread His Blessed Name and His message of Love and Truth. Jai Baba!

R.P. Pankhraj – Jabalpur.

I extend my best wishes on behalf of the Avatar Meher Baba Jabalpur Centre for the grand success of the functions and pray him to shower His love Blessings on all who would be present on this occasion.

Many more loving Messages were received from other brothers and sisters and we acknowledge their names here below for want of space:-

Sri M.R. Appa Rao. Ex – Minister,	Hyderabad.
" R.S. Prakasa Rao. I.A.S. (Retd),	"
" V.V. Narayana Rao I. A. S. (Retd),	"
" N. Bhimasankaram,	"
" L. Venkayya,	"
" M.B.G. Sastry,	"
" P.V.P. Mruthyanjaya Rao,	"
" A. Subramanyyam,	"
" K.R. Bhaskara Rao, Avatar Meher Baba Premi Mandali,	Secunderabad.
" B.D. Dixit,	New Delhi.
" A.C. Chopra and Family,	Dehra Dun.
" N. Suryanarayana	Lucknow.
" Minoo D. Bharucha;	Nasik.
" Gulab Das Panchal,	Bombay.
" N. Manga Raiu, Avatar Meher Baba Tamil Nadu Centre,	Madras.
" N. Appala Swami,	Anantapur.
" T. Veerabhadra Rao,	Pippara.
Dr. V. Sreeramamurthy,	Palamaner.
Sri M. Ramarao,	Cuddapah.
" E. Lakshminatha Rao,	Vijayawada.
" Avatar Meher Baba Centre,	Vijayawada.
" V.V.V.L.N. Prasad Rao,	Srikakulam.
" A. Hanumantha Rao,	Srikakulam.
" T. Padmanabham,	Parvathipuram.
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"	K. Venkateswara Rao,	Gudlavalleru.
"	P.G.Nandi,	Berhampur.
"	D.V. Satyanarayana Murty,	Durgapur (W. B.).
"	G. Ganesh singh,	Mandhar, Raipur Dt.
"	R. Dayanidhi,	Nalgonda.
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"	Ch. Satyanarayana Murthy,	Ramachandra Puram.

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2. I am the divine beloved that loves you more than you can ever love yourself.
3. I am the Lord of love and Servant of My lover.
4. Let *Principle* in work and *honesty* in life prevail.
5. One penny extracted, in My name, without true basis is dishonesty and will be the cause of *millions of births*.
6. Think well of those who think ill of you.
7. If you truly and in all faith accept your Baba as the Highest of the High, it behooves you to lay down your life at His feet.

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