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AVATAR MEHER BABA



# *New Year Greetings*

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## EDITORIAL:

### MEHERPURI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

It is indeed very much beyond the capacity of ours to reproduce in words, however much we may try the effects and experiences of one who took part in the World Fair and the other functions at Meherpuri-Hamirpur (U. P. India) during the festive days from the 15th to 19th of November 1970, wherein all were drowned in the flood of Divine-Love of Beloved Meher Baba, the Avatar of the age, and it was surely the good fortune of those who were drawn there by Him to have shared His Love so bountifully bestowed on them all, by His Graceful Blessings in the mysterious manifestation of Meher-leela thereat. We have published elsewhere a short report of the events that took place during these days of delightfully organised World Fair by Bro. Pukarji and his colleagues and the members of the trust, who were indeed doubly blessed to have been fortunate enough to be responsible for this happy occasion and also be the participants of the pleasure and love manifestation of our Beloved Avatar. As has been mentioned in the appeal and invitation issued on behalf of the Meherpuri by its Secretary, Bro. P. D. Pukarji, this date of inauguration of the function etc., having been fixed up Beloved Baba himself on the day of His last physical Darshan at Meherabad, on the 13th of October 1968, on the day of the gathering of the chosen few called for the purpose of announcing the programme of His final Darshan, on His own terms, this opportunity has got a special significance, we hope, in the history of Baba-work and His manifestation after the great event. The effort of Late Bro. Amarsingh Saigal in securing the consent to lay foundation stone for the Vidyadham and hospital there at Meher Puri by our Revered Rashtrapathi, Mr. V. V. Giri on this auspicious occasion was noteworthy though it could **not**

be fulfilled by pressure of circumstances. A special message duly delivered on the occasion through the additional secretary of the Rashtrapathi added to its success when the Governor of Uttar Pradesh Mr. B. Gopala Reddy has been pleased to grace the occasion and did the inauguration himself, for he has fulfilled Baba's Wish, perhaps, as Mr. Reddy had been blessed on a previous occasion too by Beloved Baba himself when he had Baba's Darshan at Poona Centre. It was a befitting tribute that he paid to our Beloved Avatar when he said in his inaugural speech that though he cannot call himself a lover of Baba, he is a Bhakta of Beloved Baba and a lover of His Lovers.

The unfurling of Baba flag by Shri T. S. Kutumbasastry, the chairman of the Avatar Meher Baba Trust at the out set, was significant by itself.

The unveiling of the Life-like statue of Beloved· Baba at the special altar by bro. Adi K. Irani, was also as significant as was befitting to the occasion, duly representative of the top leadership of the Order of Service, specially associated with the Avatar as one of the chosen disciples who had the honour of identifying with our Silent Master for more than four decades. The special messages of Love and good wishes from Meherazad Mandali and in particular the presence of Bro. Aloha on this occasion has much to add to its success and its spiritual significance as this we hope is going to be more an abode of dedicated workers than any thing else in course of time, for it has got all the facilities for such an institution to be developed under its auspices and under the inspiring leadership of Bro. Pukarji who has got the stout heart for such an universal approach and its fulfilment there at. The love and endearing other messages delivered on this occasion by those who were physically present there and by those Easterners and Westerners who associated themselves with it on this happy

occasion were indeed more representative in character and significant of its future development, for its stature and set up at its outset connotes a very special and bright prospect thereafter.

The workers gathering presided by Bro. Adi K. Irani and conducted by revered Bro. Girijananda Dubeji and those of its participants was more than an ordinary and informal congregation and the clarification made by those concerned in this regard was more encouraging than before, to develop themselves into an union of workers whose coordinated effort is certainly assured good results for the progress of Baba's Work and has diffused many a cloud about any disharmony or confusion anticipated by many, so as to forge an earnest attempt to set up a home for the humble and dedicated workers where from dynamic activity and sustainable sincerity of purpose can be maintained in future, from this love-abode of Beloved Baba, centrally situated in our country and a commonly approved programme of action and under the auspices of this newly inaugurated "Meherpuri."

We take this opportunity of congratulating the organizers of this Meher Mela which not only installed in itself the abode for Baba-workers but also a town-ship to join them with families and be fortunate enough to share the opportunities and Blessings of our Beloved Lord Meher Baba, by joining their hands and hearts for the progress and services to be rendered to the public through this institution dedicated to Meher Baba, the Avatar of the Age, so as to spread His Message of Truth and Love, by precept and practice, and by way of dissemination of knowledge by their way of life pure and simple, unmindful of stress and strain involved, and by way of their working for the Cause of Beloved Baba unceasingly and with faith absolute and surrender complete.

And now the huge buildings and colossal effort that has been undertaken to be completed by those in charge of it, already excelling an expenditure of one

lakh rupees and more than another lakh of rupees are needed therefor. Never-the-less, it is indicative of their own faith in our Master's Grace and his Blessings to give it the final shape, but they are more indicative of their love and hope expected from their co-workers and others, lovers of Beloved Baba, as a common effort for the common cause, who take this as an opportunity worthy of their attention and interest calling on their own duty to be fulfilled in His Cause which is dear to one and all of us, more than any thing else. We certainly hope that those that have come and witnessed this mystery of eventful Leela of Beloved Baba and shared the Nectar of His inspiring Love-Feast will share the same with other lovers of Baba wherever they go, thereafter, and every one who missed this opportunity till now will try to take the earliest opportunity either to go there and see or share the feelings of those that had the good fortune to have that pleasure there at. It will be too much to try to put the effect of the experience on this happy occasion in our own words and therefore we venture to make this appeal to do their best for this monumental work undertaken at MeherPuri by contributing their mite and thus share the love of labour in His Cause, as best as one can do. In short the accomplishments that are associated with this colossal work of Beloved Baba are too great to be mentioned in a few words here and they can best be shared and felt by sharing the joy of serving the Cause by way of love-contribution to their own capacities, thus deserving His Graceful Blessings for our co-ordinated effort, in this most dear and most important endeavour of best dedicated workers of Beloved Baba and a befitting cause and immortalised monument of love ever constituted.

Long live MeherPuri: Long live the memory of His Lovers' Love shared in this colossal effort! And May His Blissful Blessings ever be showered on us all who join the endeavour of this monumental edifice and immortalised by Love Divine of our Beloved Lord, Meher Baba!

Jai ! Avatar Meher Baba ki Jai !

# P E R F E C T I O N

By AVATAR MEHER BABA

## **Two Types of Perfection:**

In order to have a comprehensive idea of what is implied in perfection, it is necessary to classify it into two categories. There is the spiritual perfection, which consists in the *inner realization of a transcendent state of consciousness which is beyond duality*. And there is perfection *as expressed and seen in the domain of duality*. All related existence, which is a part of the manifold world of manifestation, admits of degrees: and when you are concerned with perfection, as seen in this manifested world, we find that, like the other things which come under the domain of duality, it also admits of degrees. Bad and good, weakness and strength, vice and virtue are all opposites of duality. But, in fact, all these aspects are expressions of the one Reality in different degrees.

## **We Can Have Only Relative Perfection In The Domain of Duality:**

Thus, evil is not utterly evil but good in its lowest degree; weakness is not mere incapacity but strength in its lowest degree; and vice is not pure vice but virtue at its lowest. In other words, evil is the minimum of good; weakness is the minimum of strength; and vice is the minimum of virtue. All the aspects of duality have a minimum and a maximum and all the other intervening *degrees*: and perfection is no exception to this. The whole range of humanity is included in the two extremes of perfection and imperfection and *both perfection and imperfection are essentially matters of comparison, contrast and relative existence*. So, perfection in the domain of duality is only *relative* perfection. It is only when we compare it with imperfection that it comes to us as perfection.

**Spiritual Perfection Must Be Distinguished  
From Excellence:**

When perfection is concerned with duality, it consists in the *excellence* of some attribute or capacity. And, in this context, perfection in one respect does not necessarily include perfection in other respects. For example, a man who is perfect in science may not be perfect in singing, or a man who is perfect in singing may not be perfect in science. There is a sense in which excellence can be exhibited even in crimes. When a murder is committed in such a manner that not a single clue is left for tracing the murderer, it is called a perfect crime. So, even in crimes or sins, there is a sort of perfection. But this type of perfection, which consists in the excellence of a quality or capacity, should be carefully distinguished from *spiritual* perfection, which is not in the domain of duality. The different types of excellence which are characteristic of duality are all within the scope of the intellect, for such excellence can be easily envisaged by the extension (in imagination) of something good which is found in the limited experience of everyday life. But the perfection which belongs to the spiritually realized souls is not in the domain of duality, and is as such entirely beyond the scope of the intellect. It has no parallel in the domain of duality. When a person becomes spiritually perfect, he knows that nothing exists except God, and that what seems to exist in the domain of duality and is capable of being grasped by the intellect is only illusion. *For the spiritually perfect man, God is the only reality.* Science, art, music, weakness, strength, good and evil are all to him nothing but dreams. His perfection consists in the knowledge of one indivisible existence.

**All Forms of Excellence Are Latent  
In Spiritual Perfection:**

When a spiritually perfect soul wants to use all his knowledge and powers, it is always for the spiritual

upliftment of other souls. His knowledge of others is not based upon their expressions. Thought comes first, and its expression in words follows later. But, as he directly knows the minds of all, he is not dependent upon the expression of thought. For him, words are unnecessary. If he wants to know something before it is manifested he can do so; but he does so only when it is necessary for spiritual reasons. In the same way, if he wants to have excellence in any other matter, he can have it without any difficulty. All sorts of excellence are latent in spiritual perfection. Krishna was spiritually perfect. He was also perfect in everything. If he had wanted to, he could have shown himself as a perfect drunkard, a perfect sinner, a perfect rogue, or a perfect murderer; but that would have shocked the world. Though, possessed of perfection in every respect, it was not necessary for him to exhibit it in fulfilling his Mission. The spiritually perfect souls can exhibit supreme excellence in any mode of life which they may be required to adopt for the spiritual upliftment of other souls. But they do not do so merely to show themselves as perfect in that respect. Excellence of capacities is used by them only when there is a spiritual need for it, and not merely to satisfy the curiosity of others and when they use such excellence of capacity, they do so with utter detachment. Just as a person who wears gloves may touch the dirt of the universe without getting soiled, a spiritually perfect soul can be engaged in universal activity without being bound by it.

#### **Perfection Must Be All - Sided:**

Perfection is the full development of all the aspects of personality. So, perfection must be all-sided. Perfection in one respect is no perfection ..... it is only a lopsided growth of a faculty or capacity resulting in inflexibility or *the incapacity to adjust oneself to the ever changing and multitudinous vicissitudes of life*. Such a person cannot maintain a moving equilibrium of mind

while keeping pace with the swift changes of life. If he is in an environment which, by its nature, gives scope for the faculty which he has developed, he is temporarily happy and enjoys a sense of being in harmony with the world; but if he finds himself in a hostile environment, where his faculty is a misfit, he has a sense of failure and his poise is disturbed. Therefore, perfection implies perfection in every respect.

**Perfection Includes The Opposites And Transcends Them:**

This means that, though perfection transcends the opposites, it also includes them. If you try to grasp the nature of perfection by means of a set standard (implying an opposite), you are bound to limit it and thus fail to understand its real significance. Perfection includes the opposites and transcends them. Therefore, the perfect man is not bound by any rule or limited ideal. He is beyond good and bad: but his law for those who are good gives good reward: and for those who are bad, it responds in their own coin. Krishna proved to Arjuna, who was his devotee, that his apparently bringing about physical and mental annihilation of Kauravas who were vicious, was for their spiritual salvation. Perfection might manifest itself through killing or saving according to the spiritual demands of the situation. The heart of the Perfect One is at once soft like butter and hard like steel. Perfection is not in its expression limited to any *one* of the opposites, i.e., it cannot exclude the possibility of finding expression through the other opposite also. *It can express itself through either of the opposites according to the logic which is implied in the situation*, That is why it transcends the opposites and is capable of giving a rational response to all the possible situations in life, it ensures perfect adaptability without surrendering the standpoint of the Truth, and secures an unshakable peace and a sense of harmony in the midst of diverse situations, which must be baffling to those who have not had all-sided development.

### **Perfection Is The Supreme Development Of The Human.**

Human activities are limited by the opposites, and perfection is beyond them. It should not, however, be imagined that perfection has no human touch about it. Human beings are unhappy, and they laugh to make themselves and others happy; but even a Perfect Man, who is eternally happy, is not without a sense of humour. Perfection, in other words, does not consist in being inhuman but super human; *it is the full development of that rationality which is implicit in humanity.*

### **Perfection Belongs To Man Becoming God Or God Becoming Man:**

Perfection does not belong to God as God nor does it belong to man as man: but we get perfection when man becomes God, or when God becomes man. The finite being who is conscious of his being finite, is obviously short of perfection: but when he is conscious of his being one with the Infinite, he is perfect. That is what happens when man gives up the illusion of being finite and attains Godhood by realizing his divinity. If, by the Infinite we mean that which is opposed to the finite, or that which is away from the finite, and necessarily other than the finite, that Infinite, is already limited by its being unable to assert itself in and through the finite. In other words, perfection cannot belong to such an Infinite. The Infinite, therefore, has to discover its unlimited life in and through the finite, without getting limited by this process. God's perfection is revealed only when He-manifests Himself as man. The conscious descent of God into the limited form of man is known as His *Avatar*; and this again is a case of perfection. Thus, *we have perfection when the finite transcends its limits and realizes its infinity, or when the Infinite gives up its supposed aloofness and becomes man*: in both cases, the finite and the infinite do not stand outside each other. When there is a happy and a conscious blending of the finite and the Infinite, we have perfection. Then we have the Infinite revealing itself through the finite without getting limited thereby; and we have the finite transcending its sense of limitation in the full knowledge of its really being the revelation of the Infinite.

## IN MEMORIAM

of Mrs. Jeanne R. Foster

*Died Sept. 22nd 1970.*

I have repeated Baba's prayer and shall continue. It is the most beautiful prayer in the world. I have also added my own little humble prayer to swell the chorus.

### PRAYER IN HUMILITY

(On Baba's Birthday)

25th February 1968.

O Eternal One, Whose Power we cannot fathom,  
Age after age, Thou hast comforted us,  
Sending Thy Avatar to lift us into Light.  
When the dark ages of sin and war and death  
Engulf us, Thou has sent *Thyself*, Thy Spirit  
As now-Meher Baba is with us, Lord of Thy  
Eternal Kingdom,

Incarnation of the Ever-Enduring. Thou has sent Him  
In human form to reveal Wisdom, Compassion  
and Love:

The Splendor of Wisdom, The Tenderness of Mercy,  
the White Flower of Love.

On this Meher Baba's Birthday, we repeat *His* Prayer  
Cast aside our worldly garments of self;  
May we put off all that is *not* the Beloved.  
And in His Mercy vision His immortal Kingdom.

Teach us, O Avatar Meher Baba! May we learn  
Thy wisdom while we are still in the flesh.  
Open our human eyes that we may perceive Thy Glory,  
Let the rays of Thy Light penetrate our minds.  
*Lead us at last into Thy Everlasting Kingdom.*

**Hail, Meher Baba!**

# *THE ETERNAL LIGHT*

By: Dorothy L. Levy.

AVATAR MEHER BABA's LIGHT—is ever aglow  
In the heart of a lover—of His Infinite Love know  
As, the Christmas season's lights sparkle—and glisten  
Over the world people wait to light their trees, and to  
Christmas carols listen  
Decorating their homes in gay colours for others to see  
In hope of peace on earth will some day be  
While exchanging gifts in surprise and pleasure  
Often forgetting God the GIVER-and-GIFT-Love the  
treasure  
God-Man came back into the world with His Light once more  
To awaken humanity that the spirit back to God may soar  
The story of the CHRIST CHILD'S birth to be repeated age  
after age  
We are all but actors upon this life's illusory stage  
Wise men continue to follow the Light of the Eastern STAR.  
Bringing gifts to the Christ Child ... travelling far  
The shepherds remain on the hillsides tending their sheep  
While those of the earth in ignorance continue to sleep.  
They rejoice in His coming knowing not one sheep He  
forgot  
Each having been counted in every flock  
The Universal language is Love-knowledge  
God IS-Love that waters the earth in abundant measure  
His Light shines over the world ... EVERYTHING  
EVERYWHERE  
The flame of life is aglow when in oneness made aware  
Of yesterday, today, and tomorrow His Light shines  
from within

In SILENCE—each season has its beauty, Mother nature  
 our friend  
 In harmony with Creation all over the earth  
 Christ in all—when awakened in His Love—a New Birth  
 Beloved Avatar Meher Baba—praise YOUR HOLY  
 NAME  
 Jai Baba Ki Jai ! Christmas Carols of Love, to YOU  
 we sing  
 THE ANCIENT ONE—HIGHEST OF THE HIGH  
 THE ETERNAL FLAME.

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# World Fair of Baba-Lovers

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*Inauguration of Meher Puri 15th to 19th November, 1970.*

## ORIGIN

Since Beloved Baba gave his second Darshan in Hamirpur in 1954, one scheme was constantly working in the mind of brother Parameswari Dayal Pukar, which began to materialise in the year 1964 as a "Meher Puri Scheme" with the approval and instructions from Baba.

In November, 1964, Baba sent Dr. Hoshang Bharucha as his loving representative, to lay down the foundation stone of Meher Puri and it was accordingly laid. 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 kept near Baba's statue. After the foundation stone was laid, Baba once disclosed that it was His own Scheme.

Bro. Pukar and Sri Keshav Narayana Nigam were called to the meeting held on 13th October, 1968, at Meher-Azad to give instructions regarding the last Darshan. When they first met Baba, Baba of His own, suddenly instructed Bro. Pukar to finish the work of Meher Puri soon taking the help in all respects from all His lovers and get the work completed quickly. On another occasion during that stay, Beloved Baba approved the month of November, 1970 for the Fair and 18th November, 1970 as the date for unveiling of His statue installed in the Meher House.

Accordingly the Fair was held from 15th to 19th November, in which thousands of Baba-lovers from all

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\* Compiled from the detailed report sent by Bro. D. V. S. Murty, Meher Baba League, Visakhapatnam-11

over India and abroad participated and shared in the stream of love that flowed from the sacred gathering.

### **Location And Arrangements:**

Meherpuri is a new colony adjoining Hamirpur Town which is a district head quarters in Uttar Pradesh. It is situated between two beautiful rivers Yamuna and Betwa, forty miles towards south of Kanpur, one of the biggest Industrial and business centres of India.

Such of those Baba-lovers who could avail this rare opportunity for selfless service reached Meherpuri a few days in advance and took part in the arrangements of the Fair and they are indeed very fortunate and blessed. Free accommodation was provided for all the Meher pilgrims in the newly constructed houses in Meherpuri Colony, which are almost completed. They were also provided with free boarding all the five days. A delegate's fee of Rs 5-00 only was collected from each pilgrim.

Baba-lovers began to pour in from all directions in trains (up to Kalpi and Kanpur), buses, cars, tourist buses and bullock carts from 14th forenoon till early hours of 15th morning. They were promptly received by volunteers and accommodated at the places allotted to them.

Serving food at the dining hall to all the Meher pilgrims was managed most efficiently by the following delegates themselves, who offered to discharge this most strenuous job in the most pleasant manner:—

Bro. N. Appalaswami from Anantapur; Bro. Jagannath—Vijayawada; Bro. Ramanujam—Ahmednagar; Bro. L. Venkayya—Warangal; Bro. Chiranjevi—Almur; Sister Jagadamba—Kakinada; Sister Kamala—Bhopal; Sister Anita—Dehradun; Sister Subhadra—Calcutta and Mrs. K. M. Gandhi—Visakhapatnam.

### **Meher Darbar**

15th November, 1970.

By 8-00 A.M. all the pilgrims gathered on the upstairs of the Meher-house when Sri T. S. Kutumba Sastry, Chairman. Avatar Meher Baba Trust, unfurled the Seven coloured Flag amidst the loud cheers of "Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai!" Then he spoke a few words addressing the gathering, the gist of which is as follows: "It is usual for us, whenever we commence such programmes, to unfurl the seven coloured Flag. This Flag is called the Universal Flag which represents all the colours existing in the world. Let this flag help us in invoking Beloved Baba's Blessings on us so that we can proceed in His work". Prof. Girijanandan Dubey translated this message into Hindi.

At 9-30 A.M; Shri Ali Akbar (Aloba ) inaugurated the Meher Exhibition, in which various photos, paintings, Charts and many other things depicting the various phases of Baba's life were exhibited by many enthusiastic Baba-lovers. Later all the Baba-lovers occupied their places in the most beautifully decorated pendal just in the same way as they used to do in the Sahavas Programmes arranged by Beloved Baba. The dais was so magnificiently decorated that it was befitting to the glory of the Divine Beloved. Blessed indeed are Brothers. B. Bhaskara Raju of Tadepalligudem and R. S. Janaki Rama Raju of Kotauratla and Sister Smt. Sarala Devi (Mrs. M. V. Subba Rao)—all from Andhra—for the Baba pictures painted by them, gave a bewildering charm to the dais. Brother Rajanikantha Upadhyaya of Jabalpur, in his unique tone began giving instructions about that day's programme, while some recorded songs were played on gramophone in the interval.

At about 10-45 A.M. Sri B. Gopal Reddy, Governor of U. P. arrived at the Meher Darbar and was greeted with loud cheers of Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai!

He garlanded Beloved Baba. There after, he was led to the dais and garlanded by Bro. Girija Nandan Dubey, Chairman of the Reception committee. Sri K R. Gupta, additional Private Secretary to President, V. V. Giri, who was sent as his representative on this occasion, and Brothers Adi K. Irani and T. S. Kutumba Sastry were invited on to the dais. Meher Darbar commenced with invocations. Babu Ram Prasadji, Bro. Aloba, Sri Matrudatta Sastry, and Babu Keshava Narayana Nigam invoked God with different names "Ya-Yazdan", "Allaho-Akbar", "Om Parabrahma-paramatma" and "God-Almighty", respectively. Their voices sounded as if God is descending down in response to their invocation. Then Parvardigar Prayer and Repentance Prayer were recited in Hindi by Chagan Master and some other Baba-lover.

The Governor was then taken to lay foundation stone for Meher Baba Vidya Dham and then he was taken round the Meher Exhibition. After returning to the dais, he was presented a Photo of Beloved Baba. Madhusudan and party gave a song in their melodious voice followed by another song by Bro. Pratap. Sri K. R. Gupta then read out the message of the President of India, Mr. V. V. Giri both in English and Hindi which is as follows:

**Message of President, Shri V. V. Giri, on The Occasion of The Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of The Avatar Meher Baba Vidya Dham and The Meher Hospital at Meherpuri, Hamirpur (U. P.) on 15th November, 1970.**

At the request of my esteemed friend, the late Shri Amar Singh Saigal, I had agreed to Visit Meherpuri and lay the foundation stone of the Avatar Meher Baba Vidya Dham and the Meher Hospital. I was eagerly looking forward to be with you on this auspicious occasion but on account of circumstances beyond my control, I have to deny myself this pleasure and rest content with sending my greetings and good wishes to

the delegates from abroad and the lovers of Meher Baba who have assembled here. I join his numerous admirers in paying my humble tribute to this great soul.

Meher Baba did not claim affinity to any particular sect or religion. His message has been one of universal love and brotherhood of mankind. His gospel of truth and service to humanity has given a new meaning and content to our outlook on life. The spiritual objectives preached and practised by him attracted many devotees and adherents to the faith from all parts of the world, belonging to different races and religions, castes, and creeds, transcending all barriers that separate man from man.

India has been fortunate that saints and seers have appeared from time to time in our land to whom religion is not a dogma or a mere ritual, but a living faith born out of deep conviction and communion with the Divine. Love of truth and service of humanity is their creed. Indeed, I consider humanism as the true form of religion and hold it most dear to my own heart. It is of greater significance to-day than ever before, when the need of the hour is to strive to build a world society, free from greed and hatred, grief and sorrow, so, that the whole mankind can live in peace and amity. These are the very ideals which Meher Baba cherished most and if we wish to reform ourselves and purify our society, we must truthfully follow the path shown by him and earnestly strive to pursue the ideals which were closest to his heart.

I am gratified to note that the memory of Meher Baba is being perpetuated by establishing a Vidya Dham and a hospital. It is my earnest hope that these institutions will inspire the lovers of Baba to dedicate themselves to the service of humanity. I send my greetings and good wishes to all present at this Fair of Lovers of Meher Baba and best wishes for the success of the

Avatar Meher Baba Vidya Dham and the Meher Hospital.

Acharya Girija Nandan Dubey then read out the welcome address. Dr. C. D. Deshmukh, Bro. Adi K. Irani and Bro. Pukar talked for about five minutes each on the topics "The life at its best", "The work of Meher Baba" and "The Meherpuri Scheme" respectively. Then on behalf of Avatar Meher Baba Vidya Dham, Bro. Sita Ramji presented a "Sanmana Patra" to Sri Gopal Reddy which was read out by Bro. Bazpai.

Dr. Gopal Reddy, then delivered his speech in Hindi as follows:—

Dear lovers of Avatar Meher Baba !

I do not call myself a lover of Avatar Meher Baba. I am a "Bhakta" (Devotee) of Meher Baba. You are the lovers of Meher Baba. I cannot love straight away. I love Meher Baba by loving His lovers. Therefore I am the lover of lovers.

I have attended one of the Sahavases held by Meher Baba and had His Darshan. Therefore, I have the right of declaring myself a devotee of Baba.

Wherever there is Yamuna, there is love. Lord Krishna played on the banks of river Yamuna. This Meherpuri is also on the banks of Yamuna, where there is always an atmosphere of love.

Hamirpur is a small town, in the south of U. P. You have made it historical by celebrating this World Fair here. Meher Baba is the embodiment of Love, Silence and Peace. Meher Baba kept Himself silent for many years. If we also try to observe silence for some time, we can know what there is in silence. Therefore, I wish Meherpuri would develop nicely making silence also as one of its constituents.

To-day, the world is full of worry, hatred, anger etc. We should live above all these things. This is the message of Meher Baba. We should take to it and implement it. It gives me pleasure to take part in this world fair and to pay homage to Beloved Baba along with you. I am grateful to you indeed, for having given me this opportunity.

I have just laid down the foundation stone for Avatar Meher Baba Vidya Dham, Every place cannot be a "Dham". "Dham" is a holy place which is visited by hundreds of pilgrims. Regarding education, our Zilla Parishad Schools are doing something. This Vidya Dham should do something more than these Schools. It should be developed. By laying foundations and by constructing buildings nothing can be done. Care should be taken to develop them. Then only anything can be achieved.

People from Andhra Pradesh also are participating in this Fair. Whether he may be a Hindu or Muslim or Christian, belonging to Godavari area or Yamuna area all the people in the world are equally the sons of God. Such should be our attitude. Then only we can develop love.

In this connection I would like to bring back the memories of late Sardhar Amar Singh Saigal with whom I had my first meeting at "Willing Jail" 30 years ago. He was a great devotee of Baba and led a very pure life.

Finally let us pay our homage to the Silent Master in silence.

Then all Baba lovers observed silence for about 2 minutes and there after Aarthi was performed. Soon after, the gathering had dispersed for lunch.

Afternoon there was Kusti (Boxing) programme which was very interesting to look at. This programme was held on all the days between 2 & 3 P.M.

In the night there was Bhajan Programme by various Bhajan Mandalis up to about 12 o'clock in the pendal.

16th NOVEMBER, 1970.

Forenoon there was Bhajan programme, by Bhajan mandalis of Poona, Bombay, Delhi and other centres.

At about 3-00 P.M. there was a grand procession with a very beautifully decorated portrait of Beloved Baba The bus, in which Andhra Lovers came over to Meherpuri, to take part in the Mela, was beautifully decorated with the Beloved's portrait. The members of the Bhajan parties sat on the top of the bus and carried on the Bhajan throughout the procession. Bro. Janaki Rama Raju and Pallva Raju along with other young brothers of Andhra led the procession, singing and dancing in love. Their love for the Beloved was so inspiring that others also began dancing. The procession went via "Meher Kunz", Bro. Pukar's house, where Beloved Baba gave His Darshan in Hamirpur in 1954. In short, the procession was so grand a success that Pukarji said. "The purpose is fulfilled. I am very happy."—It was about 6-30 P.M. by the time the procession reached Meher house again.

From 8-00 P.M. to 11-30 P.M. the programme of "Kavi Sammelan" i.e. a conference of poets, took place. Various poets presented their extra ordinary poetic talents with which they adored their Beloved. After Arthi the Programme for the day came to a close.

17th NOVEMBER, 1970.

Early morning at about 5-00 A.M. "Prabhat Feri" was led by Bro. P. D. Pukar, Bro. Rajkumar, Bro. N. Appalaswamy, Bro. L. Venkayya and Bro. Jagannath in which Baba Lovers took part with the same inspiration as was in the previous day's procession. At about 8-30 A.M. there was Sankirtan and at 10-15 A.M. there was a Symposium on the topic "In the Present circumstances how

best we can do Baba's Work". Various speakers expressed their views on the subject, an account of which is published separately in this issue. This programme ended at 1-30 P.M.. with Arathi.

In the evening there was Bhajan. In the night there was dance recitals by the children of Bro. Madhusudhan of Poona, while Madhusudhan and his wife Subhadra sang the life story of Beloved Baba in their most melodious voice. Then there was Burrakatha performance depicting the life and teachings of Baba by children of 12 years age group from Almur (Andhra), conducted by Bro. D. V. S. Avadhanulu. Soon after Bro. Ram Avatar from Delhi centre gave some gazals followed by Bro. Adi K. Irani, who also gave some gazals. Thus that day's programme came to an end at about 11-30 P.M.

18th NOVEMBER, 1970.

The most important item of the 5 days programme, i.e. the unveiling of Beloved Baba's statue in the Meher House, by Bro. Adi K. Irani had taken place this day. At 5-00 A.M. there was Prabhat Feri and the procession reached Meher house by about 7-00 A.M. Brother Pukar then addressed all Baba Lovers in the following words:—"Dear Brothers and Sisters of Baba Family! To-day we are going to welcome (Invoke) Beloved Baba among our midst. Let us all forget all the things that happened till yesterday. We are bound to commit mistakes. Let us all forget the mistakes committed and start a new life from today, filled with purity and love. Today we should think of Baba only to the exclusion of all other things. Let us keep our hearts open, clean and empty so that Beloved Baba can enter.

"Today we are unveiling Beloved Baba's statue in the Meher house. Let us see that no body in Hamirpur remains hungry today. Let us starve if necessary and see that every body in Hamirpur is given Baba's prasad today.

It is the responsibility of each Baba-lover gathered here to see that this is fulfilled.

All Baba lovers then gathered in the Meher house. Beloved Baba, exactly 18 years ago, gave His Darsan on this very day at 10-30 A.M. in Hamirpur. Therefore, till that sacred moment there were Bhajans and singing by different Bhajan parties from Nowranga, Poona, Dehra Dun, Delhi and by sister Kokila, Bro. Ram Avatar etc., Bro. Saligram Sharma explained the importance of the day and then, as on the first day, Baba Ram Prasadji, Sri Alobaji, Sri Matrudatta Sastry and Babu Keshav Narayana Nigam invoked God with the names "Ya-Yazdan" "Allaho-Akbar", "Om Parabrahma-Paramatma" and, "God-Almighty", respectively, seven times each. Then Parvadigar Prayer and Repentance Prayer were recited by Bro. Ramanujam and Secretary of Kanpur Centre.

Then, amidst the loud cheers of "Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai," Bro. Adj K. Irani pulled the curtain that was kept before Baba's statue and took away the plastic cloth kept round the Baba's statue and garlanded Baba when all Baba-lovers felt the divine presence of the Beloved in full as if Baba is sitting in their midst. How blessed is the architect to make Baba's statue as if it were in flesh and blood. The inspiration, enthusiasm and Love of Baba-lovers has made them to forget themselves in uttering "Avatar Meher Baba Ki Jai", continuously for over 15 minutes. Then one by one took Baba's Darshan, received Prasad, and left the Meher house.

At 4-45 P.M. all Baba-lovers assembled again at the Meher House. This time, the Telugu translation of "The Types of Meditation" from discourses by Meher Baba, translated by Bro. D. V. Satyanarayana Murty and published by Meher Baba League, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam was released by Bro. Pukar. Bro. Adi gave a small talk on Meditation, the gist of which is as follows:

I have been asked to write an introduction for this book, but some how it could not be done. So, I have been asked now to tell you, what I wanted to give in my introduction regarding meditation. I will tell you about meditation, what I heard from Baba. Meditation came into play by itself long long ago and gradually it has been developed. When men were having much leisure, sufficient food and long life, they began meditation. It had not been given by perfect masters or Avatars. For any thing in nature, there are two aspects. A certain thing gradually develops and gets energy, The same thing, when directly given by a perfect master or an Avatar, it gets much more energy. Water in nature is essentially the same. But when it is in the sea, we say it is seawater and we cannot use it for certain purposes. When it is very pure, we say it is pure water. In this way water, though essentially the same by nature, is named in different ways. Likewise, energy is also the same by nature. But it becomes different and much more when it is directly given by Avatar or Perfect Master. I hope Andhras will be benefitted by this account of meditation, directly given by the Avatar Himself.

Then, there took place two marriages in the Meher House before Baba, one among them being intercontinental. The other is that of the daughter of Bro. Gulab Das Panchal of Bombay with a groom from Bombay itself.

These two couples are extremely fortunate to have got married on such a sacred day, before Beloved Baba and in the presence of thousands of Baba lovers. May the Beloved shower His love Blessings on them to lead a prosperous life in His Love.

Again at 8-45 P.M. there was a gathering in the Pandal, when Bros. Rajani Kant Upadhyaya, Dr. C. D. Desh Mukh and Adi K. Irani spoke as follows:—

## 1. Bro. RAJANI KANT UPADHYAYA:—

"We are here from 15th. It is alright, we have come here as we have constructed a building. But how should we follow the things given by Baba."

Here Brother Upadhyaya gave an example of the bullock which is employed in preparing oil. The bullock is made to move in a circle constantly, with an obstacle on its eyes, preventing it from seeing and knowing the fact that it is moving in the same circle. Likewise man also is covered with ignorance and moving continuously round the wheel of births and deaths. This is maya. As the bullock is unable to get out of the circle unless released by its owner, man is also unable to transcend ignorance, without the guidance of a Perfect Master or Avatar. Ultimately Bro. Upadhyaya stressed on the point that we should purify our lives.

## 2. Dr. C. D. DESH MUKH:—

Remember that Baba's manifestation is going on. Today's unveiling of the Baba's statue is definitely His manifestation. It is not a simple thing to get such a magnificent statue. As Bro. Rajanikant has stressed, we should purify our lives. What all today happened, is a part of the Divine Leela of Baba. Some things, like the marriages that had taken place today, will not be in our plan. But happen according to the plan of God. Baba said, "Be true to the trust I repose in you". Therefore, we should stress more on practice.

## 3. Bro. ADI K. IRANI:—

Baba used to say, "The value of My and your living together will not be known now, but afterwards". Likewise, the value of this Meherpuri Programme also, you will realise afterwards. Today, the importance has not been realised as it ought to be. We are all very fortunate to have come into contact with Beloved Baba.

Then Bro. Adi narrated three incidents, from his own experience, as detailed below:—

(i) Once a Minister sent his messenger to me to convey the news that he was in worries. He requested that this news should be sent to Baba. That was the method when Baba was in seclusion. I, in course of writing a letter to Bro. Eruch, casually added this point in the end. Beloved Baba asked Eruch whether there was any news. Then Eruch informed about this to Baba. Baba asked to inform the Minister not to worry and to love Him, whole-heartedly. When the Minister was informed about this, he requested me to tell him how to love Baba. I told him to love Baba as he loved his wife and children. I said, "If you love your boy very much, and if he is ill, you divert all your attention on him to the exclusion of all other things, Likewise you love Beloved Baba whole-heartedly". After 15 days, I have received a message from him that every thing was alright.

(ii) Some where in 1928, I used to live in Nasik, along with my elder brother. Baba was also in Nasik at that time. One day Baba asked me to come to Him by exactly 12-00 noon. It was 11 o'clock by then. I thought within 15 minutes I could go home, take my meals and easily go to Baba before 12 o'clock. When I went home my elder brother was talking with some officer and asked me also to sit there. When the time was 11-30 A.M., I was about to go in-side. Then my brother asked me to drop that officer at the T. B. in a car. I thought I could do it in 15 minutes and go to Baba, if necessary, without taking meals. While talking another 15 minutes passed, I was driving at high speed to the T. B. with the officer so that I may be present before Baba by 12 o'clock. On the way, at one place some children were playing by the side of the road. One child threw another on the road and he fell down dashing against the front mud guard of the car. I stopped the car and when I saw my watch, it was exactly 12 o'clock. Then I realised that Baba asked me to

come to Him at 12 o'clock just to save me from this accident. However, I have taken the child and admitted him in the hospital and dropped my guest at the T. B. and went home in despair. I was full of confusion then. However, I then went to Baba, who was pacing on the verandah as if He was waiting for me only. He asked on seeing me, what the matter was and I explained the thing. Baba said He doubted I might go to Jail.

After that the child, of course, passed away and there was case on me which went on for four months. My agony, and mental confusion during those four months cannot be explained and I never experienced such confusion in my life. At last, however, I was saved because I was not responsible directly. I explained this incident, just to show the necessity of obeying Baba's instructions and the consequences we have to face if we do not obey Him.

(iii) Some where in 1928 myself, my cousin, his friend total five people wanted to go on a picnic to Mahabaleswar. Baba told us not to go. My cousin said "We have made all the arrangements. How can we stop?" Then Baba said, "it is up to you." When we were on the way, it began raining like any thing. We were feeling very cold and we were completely wet. Then I realised why Baba asked us not to go, and told the same to my cousin. At that time he was not having any regard for Baba. Hearing this he began to say, "Oh! Baba. Excuse us. Do not kill us. Please help us". In this way he began clamouring. I asked him not to worry and some how, we spent in the car itself, when after one hour the rain subsided automatically. We returned home of course on the next day.

These incidents I have given you to show that we should not disobey Baba under any circumstances and if we disobey, the consequences will be just as in the above incidents.

The programme of that day came to an end with Arthi at about 11-30 P.M.

19th NOVEMBER, 1970.

Today is the last day of the programme. Most of the Baba Lovers were in a hurry to go back to their homes. At about 8-30 A.M. workers conference was held in which the following speakers gave their views. 1. Bro. Pukar, 2. Bro. Adi, 3. Sri T. S. Kutumba Sastry, 4. Swamy Satyaprakash Udaseen, 5. Rajanikanta Upadhyaya, 6. Mrs. Krishna Kapil, 7. Dr. C. D. Desh Mukh, 8. Sri J. Suryanarayana Murty, 9. Alobaji, 10. Chagan Master, 11. V. V. V. L. N. Prasada Rao and 12. Prof. Girija Nandan Dubey.

Bro. Adi said as follows:—"With the change of background, relationships should be modified. Now that Beloved Baba is not in our midst, the situation is different. We the senior members of Baba's family are just like your elder brothers. You can take suggestions from us. But the implementation is left subject to your own conscience and the circumstances that suit the nature of your work. I should never say that whatever I suggest, you should follow and I should not try to keep myself in the position of Baba. Nor should I fail to help you when required and when asked for. Depending on the circumstances you have to face, you can proceed with your work, taking our suggestions if necessary".

Sri Kutumba Sastry spoke thus:—Each one of us knows how hopelessly defective we are. So let us begin to introspect and live the life which we ought to live.

Mrs. Krishna Kapil stressed on reading what Baba has said about work. She said we begin talking without reading any thing, which we should not do. If we start reading, everything is clearly given by Baba Himself.

Bro. Rajanikant stressed on the point that we can be talkative in the real sense, that we can spread Baba's

message by means of meetings, speeches etc., if we are capable of doing it.

Others also stressed on the point that we should begin living up to Baba's messages and radiate His love.

Prof. Girijanandan Dubey in course of his speech, clearly explained what Bro. Adi meant exactly by saying that "Baba never wanted us to develop a personality cult", as some Baba lovers could not understand it properly. Then as reception committee chairman, he requested all the Baba lovers not to mind if there were any omissions and commissions during the five days and forget them in Baba's Love.

This conference came to an end at about 10-30 A.M. when some of the Baba-lovers left Meherpuri.

On the same day there was Bhajan programme and various programmes throughout the night. One U. P. Minister arrived on this night to attend the programme. Thus the World Fair of Baba lovers came to a close.

The next morning all the Baba lovers who remained till that time took Baba's Darshan, visited Bro. Pukar's house and left Meherpuri, retaining the sweet memories of the five days programme in their hearts.

The volunteers and the local workers have left a very good impression on all the Meher pilgrims in the efficient discharge of the duties assigned to them and there is no doubt that they will be loved by Baba Most.

AVATAR MEHER BABA KI JAI!!!

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# MEHERPURI WORLD FAIR

*"In the Present Circumstances How Best  
We Can do Baba's Work".*

**Symposium held on 17-11-70**

The Speeches made by the various Baba-lovers are detailed below in Seriatim:

(1) Prof. A. K. Hajara:—

My Salutations to Beloved Baba and to You. I do not know, how it has fallen on me to begin with this symposium, when there are wiser and experienced heads.

I had always been thinking about Baba's work. But I should confess I have not understood it as it should be understood. Baba is God. He has been working in His own unfathomable ways with all the universes, of which we have least notion. This is Baba's work. But for us, it is different. We have been doing, some times up to His pleasure and satisfaction and some times not up to His satisfaction. He had often times given "Discourses". Workers should continue to read them, imbibe them and set to work.

At this stage, Prof. Hajara gave an example of blind-men and an elephant and made it clear that it would be foolish on our part to say that we have understood about Baba's work in the same way as it would be on the part of the blind men in the story, mentioned above. We should develop the qualities like consideration, conviction etc. We have to develop the attitude that the interpretations of others are also as good as that of ours. Ultimately, "Love is the remedy". It is the solution of all problems in the world, all problems of Baba-lovers. If we love every one, are humble, develop understanding, are sympathetic, the whole world will one day realize that Baba is no other than our own self.

(2) Dr. C. D. Desh Mukh:—

Though I can talk in Hindi, I decided to talk in English, as there are some important workers who cannot understand if I speak in Hindi. Also because you have got a reception committee chairman, who not only receives you, but your thoughts also. Baba has called him Maha Mahopadhyaya, his is the way in which Baba-work should be done. When thoughts come to you, they must be received in the manner as the chairman is now receiving. (This is in appreciation of the translation of the above speech of Prof. Hajara by Acharya Girija Nandan Dubey without missing even a single point).

I am going to do the topic in two ways so that what I say will be true to you.

I consider it to be my duty to pay homage to all the departed Baba lovers and workers, since Beloved Baba dropped His body. They are (1) Kaka Baria, (2) William Donkin, (writer of the way-farers, without whom the data collection of Mast-tour would have been impossible). (3) Ramzoo Abdulla, (of course he passed away before Baba dropped His body). (4) Sardar Amar Singh Saigal, who had done very beautiful work. When he was ill at Delhi, he said on the day of his passing away or on the previous day, "Crores of 'pranams' on the feet of Baba lovers, I offer". I am referring to him to be one of the most important workers, who lived and died for Baba. Then I have to mention Kaka, Raja Sahab of Sagar, Advocate Harjiwan Lal, who provided blankets to Beloved Baba and the Mandali, in new life when they were badly in need of them at his own cost. Is it not Baba-work? This of course is not the classification of Baba's work. He is no more in our midst. Even then we remember him. I think, I am doing Baba's work by mentioning the great Baba-lovers who have parted from us. This is the inspiration given by Prof. Girija Nandan Dubey.

We'll also one day pass away. So, we should fix Baba's work in the present circumstances. This topic has got some meaning. Work can only be done in the present, not in the past. There is a sense in which we can do Baba's work in the present circumstances. Circumstances will and must change. This is the beginning of Meherpuri. Definitely it will be glorious one day. Pukarji through struggle made a very glorious beginning and went through half-way. I want you to remember that Baba's manifestation is now going on. This Meherpuri is one of the many ways of manifestation of Baba's Love. It will manifest and goes on manifesting through Baba-lovers. Baba-work cannot be resisted by any one. Every one has got duty to do Baba's work. You all have direct connection with Baba. So you should do Baba's work. It is your duty. This Meherpuri is Glorious. It will be glorious through the work of Baba-lovers, who should see to its completion.

(3) Swami Satya Prakash Udaseen:—

I take this opportunity to bow down to Baba once again. I bow down to all those Baba workers who have left their bodies. I bow down to every one of you and I bow down to Baba's Love. It is clear that we have to do Baba's work in the present circumstances, which are known to very few. I, therefore, want to place the present circumstances before you, which have come after Baba's dropping of the body. We are applying, what all we do to Baba. Baba has several times instructed about Baba's work. Baba's philosophy is found to be well misunderstood by discussing, interpreting, quoting etc.

"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. Silent is love, and the lover loves My Silence and silently adores Me in my silence. Although I appear to be silent, I speak through you all. I am ever silent and

everlastingly speaking; but time has come when soon I will break this apparent silence and those of you who love me, will see My Real Self. 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. I am the Highest of the High and want you to Love Me not for any Spiritual or Material gain, nor for the impending breaking of My Silence and My Manifestation, but I want you to love Me for Myself as being God in human form—Meher Baba".

Let us leave the aspects of silence etc., to critics. It is difficult to understand Baba's work unless we understand what Baba is. Baba has several times emphasised,

"The easiest way to achieve the goal of life is to 'leave all and follow Me' through Love. I don't mean that you should leave your house and family and come here. I mean that you be in your house and with your family, but love Me as I want you to love Me—love Me above all".

I appeal to Baba-workers: Are they doing Baba-work utilising all the time and energy available for them? Are they loving Baba more than their family? We see days are passing quickly. We will soon shed our bodies. I pray each worker to put this question to himself 'How best can we do Baba's work?' and get the answer for himself. We cannot lead others. It will be just like one blind man leading another blind man. Bro. Adi etc., who lived with Baba know everything. They have been trained. They should come out and guide us. Otherwise, we should even do hunger strike and get guided. We should use the time efficiently and do Baba's work. It is our duty. We express that we are dedicated workers of Baba. We have, in fact, no right to say so, without devoting our whole time for Baba work. We are adding further confusion to the already

existing confusion; we should not do so. We should determine to do Baba's work efficiently and with this determination only we should leave Meherpuri.

(4) Sri T. S. Kutumba Sastry:—

Whether it be present, future or past, in any circumstances it appears to me, to be Truthful in life, is the utmost thing. It is immaterial whether we do Baba's work or not. What are the present circumstances? Nowhere is found truthfulness. It does not mean that in other circumstances, we can be away from truthfulness. For any persons, who feel, assert and want to be Baba-workers, their being Truthful always is necessary. Jai Baba!

(5) Dr. G. S. N. Moorthy:—

We call our-selves Baba-lovers, workers and intellectually dilate on those points. It is immaterial, whether Baba is in physical form or not, to do Baba's work. His instructions are crystal-clear. Harmony is the essential factor. For example, in an orchestra party, if each member tries to play his own 'Raja', it becomes a chaos, though all of them are equally musicians. Baba said that He alone does His work. No body need do His work. How it is done. It is unfathomable. There are two aspects of it. (1) In our family (sphere), what all we can do individually. (2) When we come in contact with the masses. The circumstances, as always had been in the past, are not favourable. We have to extract sugar out of sorrow, i.e.; We have to turn the circumstances to our favour. Self-sacrifice is needed for that. For us, today, we have at Meherpuri Bro. Adi, who could give a substantial programme. His words should be the source from the authority (Baba). Bro. Adi's words are to be taken into consideration and are to be acted up to them.

We passed last year certain resolutions at Rajahmundry and nothing could be implemented. Once I was

attending the Parliament of Religions. Baba has given a Telegram, "Such conferences murder the true spirit of Spirituality". In congregation of such type, where Baba-lovers, Non Baba-lovers, critics, Non-critics etc., would gather, a concrete scheme of work should be organised. Let there be no concoidal things like that expressed by Bro. Kutumba Sastry. They should specifically give how best Baba-work can be done, so that humble soldiers like us can follow. There should not be any isolation of East and West. We should think in those terms.

(6) Sri V. V. V. L. N. Prasada Rao:—

I understand from others' speeches that Baba is doing His own work. But on physical plane, we should think of how best we can do Baba's work. Hitherto, we had been telling others to go to Baba and see Him. Now, where can we show Baba? Let us not be ambitious of building Meher Houses. Let us set to some methods which are concrete. We find that Baba workers often quote some thing given by Baba and compare it with the quotations from Gita, Bible, Koran etc. This is not necessary. Let us express as clearly as possible, so that they can understand Baba more clearly. We should meet at least once in a year or once in two years or at least once in three years. We should spend Truthful life. Let there be no lengthy resolutions and rules. A few rules to facilitate the work must be sufficient. One poet said, "To be Christ is to live like Christ". "Let principle in work and honesty in life prevail".

(7) Sri Abdulla:—

In this very land, Lord Buddha, Krishna, Guru Nanak etc. took birth. The same God has now come in the form of Meher Baba. We, His lovers met here and are talking about Baba-work. How can we understand, how we can love others. Only he, who loves knows what is Love. The work Baba has done, will be manifesting till 700 years to come. How can we define what

we should do? If we feel hungry or thirsty, we do not go to our neighbour and ask what we should do. We simply run to eat or drink. Likewise, whatever one wants to do for His Beloved, he will do it. Whatever is shown today by Hamirpur people, will be pictured in the history of mankind. Here, people from all parts of the world had gathered without any distinction of caste, creed, community, colour, sex, nationality and in complete harmony carried Baba's work. Wave is identified with ocean, and ocean is identified with wave. I'll give an anecdote which shows how we should love others.

One saint was daily going to market, passing through a street. One lady was throwing dust on his head from upstairs of one palace daily. He used to brush it out and go away. One day she was not seen. Then this saint enquired about her, went to the place where she was found lying ill, served her and cured her.

This saint, though that lady was daily throwing dust on him for no reason, did not mind it and served her in time of need. We should love others in this way.

(8) Sri Saligram Sharma:—

Ordinary people find, there are no rites and rituals among Baba-lovers. Some feel that there are no instructions given by Baba. On the other hand, it is not that Baba has left us free. If we think critically, we can know, how much He has tied us down to carry on His torch. Once, He asked us to give the names of those who dedicated to the cause of God. Baba has established a very beautiful bridge between rich and poor persons in society. This is indeed wonderful. After coming to Baba, nobody feels either big or small. This is the most important binding factor for universal Brotherhood.

Baba's work, Baba alone does. How we can do His work? What is the work that we mortals can do?

It is the reflection, the shadow of God's work. It is not necessary just to repeat always "what we can do"?, "What we can do?" We should understand the trust Baba has reposed on us and carry on His work.

Baba first of all asked us to dedicate for God's work by emptying our hearts from all other desires composed in the reality of His Love. The best work one can do is to lead a selfless and Truthful life.

(9) Babu Keshav Narayan Nigam:—

When there is some thing inside, it comes out. Otherwise how to speak? This world is a tangle. He who becomes blind to this world can reach the goal. I feel, any thing that is not connected with Baba has no meaning. Has anything been left which can be called Baba-work? Then, what is the scope for Baba's work?

(10) Sri K. K. Ramakrishnan:—

Though I thought I should not leave Poona now, I have come here for certain purpose. I have come here to take the dust of the feet of Bro. Pukar and other Baba-lovers of Hamirpur, who could do such magnificent work and also to take the dust of the feet of all Baba-lovers who have come over here.

Regarding work, there is an article written by me, "What is Baba work now" Published in Divya Vani—Oct 1969 issue. I used to spread Baba's message among my friends. Can this be called Baba's work? When I met Baba, I read His books. I thought, younger generation, like myself at that time should read His books. Apart from attending to my daily work to earn my livelihood, I had been doing what you call Baba's work. Before Baba's dropping of His body, I along with my colleagues, used to bring as many as possible to the Physical Presence of Baba. Vivekananda said, "The highest service one can do is to show the spiritual path to another". I thought of showing not only the spiritual

path, but the goal also. Almost all of us were thinking in the same lines. Now that Baba has dropped His physical body, He has shifted Himself from Meherabad to our hearts, I do not find any more difference. Now we should try to bring people to Baba, who is residing in our hearts. We should explain legibly what we understand of Baba's teachings. Baba's Love should be spread and radiated through our ways of life".

(11) Sri Rajanikant Upadhyaya:—

There is a clear distinction between Baba's work and the work Baba has given us. When Baba dropped His body, there arose a lot of confusion. Regarding Baba's work, He does it, and nobody need tell anything about it. It has been clearly given by Baba Himself. Regarding the work Baba has given us, it is our fortune to carry it out.

Giridhari Krishna, when raised the Goverdhana-giri on His finger, the Gopalas started supporting it with their lathis (sticks). When Krishna asked what they were doing, they said they were supporting the mountain so that the strain on Krishna's finger will be a bit less. The situation will be similar, if we start saying that we do Baba's work. In the present circumstances, we have to withstand the chaos that has arisen now and get Baba awakened in our hearts. Hanuman, when captivated by Ravana, said 'This is for my master'. We should also show the same spirit.

(12) Prof. Girijanandan Dubey:—

I wish to embrace my master. But the ornaments on my body are preventing me. If we can take off these ornaments, we can meet and embrace our Beloved.

(13) Sri Y. Manikyala Rao:—

This reminds me of the historical meeting presided and conducted by Beloved Baba at Rajahmundry on 1-2 March 1954 when He had explained most clearly,

"What Baba means by Real work"? and "Who is a Real worker"?

Baba had sent Eruch and Pendu to Andhra first of all in 1952 and after that many Baba-centres sprang up in Andhra. Likewise Bro. Adi should send now some Baba-lovers to all places.

(14) Bro. P. D. Pukar—

We have come into Baba's contact. I do not say we have become perfect. But, we can definitely say that we are not what we were. We learnt to mould ourselves for spreading Baba's message. In what way, He moulded us and taught us to walk, I will explain to you. This Pukar used to find fault with others, thinking himself to be perfect. He used to consider himself only to be responsible and used to doubt others. But now he is not so. He has learnt to trust others and feel others also to be equivalent to him. After Beloved Baba dropped His body, we feel nothing in this world is worth any consideration. Even then, we are living and thinking that something is as good and something as bad. As long as we think in these lines, we should do what all we consider as to be good only. As long as we are alive, as long as our minds work, we should do whatever is helpful to others, whatever is truthful and whatever is fruitful.

(15) Sri Ramjoo Ali:—

He stressed on the point that publications are essential and that good presentation of Baba's teachings is necessary in all the languages.

(16) Sri Ali Akbar (Aloba):—

You have called me here for Truth, Love and Conviction. In fact, In fact, there is nothing left for me to talk. Alobaji explained the incidents that occurred when he visited Tehran, Bombay, Poona etc., and also one incident of Pakistan.

(17) Bro. Adi K. Irani:—

We can see Beloved Baba's physical body only. We cannot see Him otherwise. Baba said, "Do not

tell what you are not". You are referring me to be the source and the authority. It will be fraud on my part or on the part of Eruch, if we announce that we have got right to lead you all, after Baba. Everything in this world is organised. But the organisation should not have greater grip. For this, the Secretary of Baba need not decide. Baba used to say, "I am God!" He never wanted us to develop a personality cult. For the suggestions given, I am grateful. Tomorrow, I may come out and say, I am the representative of Baba or I am Baba, myself. Mind is so tricky.

Regarding organizations, Baba never accepted them nor denied them. We should not hurt the feelings of others. I honour and appreciate the love of all Baba-lovers. But differences of opinion are bound to be there. Everybody wants to do the work in his own way. Therefore, organization becomes inevitable. Without organization, body also cannot function and does not work. Therefore, for proper functioning, organization is necessary. You have called me the source. There is no other source except "Baba". Here, I tell you an example. 'Mahatma' is a special spiritual status which Gandhi has not attained. When people started calling him 'Mahatma', he was tempted to accept it. For us, remember that 'Baba' alone is 'the Source' and no other body can be 'the source'.

With Bro. Adi's speech, all the speeches are over, when Dr. G. S. N. Moorthy took another chance to thank Bro. Adi for his explanatory speech and said that what we feel best we should do and Baba is always there to help us.

Then Prof. Girijanandan Dubey said, "We request Bro. Adi, to guide us and lead us, not as an 'Avatar' nor as the representative of the Avatar, but as our elder Brother, who has got a very long contact and Sahavas with the Beloved".

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# MEHERPURI WORLD FAIR

## \* WELCOME ADDRESS

By ACHARYA GIRIJANANDAN DUBEY

*Chairman, Reception Committee.*

Dear BABA Lovers,

We, the BABA Lovers of Hamirpur, deem it a great privilege and honour to accord a hearty welcome to you all Baba devotees, disciples, lovers, followers and sympathisers, who have come to this World Fair of Baba Lovers. We heartily welcome you. Specially we welcome Shri B. Gopala Reddi, Governor, Uttar Pradesh. We, all the lovers of Baba, are obliged to him, as he could find time and could gladly accept to lay the foundation stone of Avatar Meher Baba Vidya Dham.

Firstly, we extend this welcome to you, as a citizen of Spiritual India—Our sacred mother land. This is the very mother land where Mariyada Purushottam Ram, Purna Purusba Krishna and Enlightened Buddha had incarnated themselves in human form. And this is the very country where the light delivered by Hazrat Mohammed, Zoraster, Christ and other embodiments of Love and wisdom found the earthen pots with wicks to be lighted. And this is the very land of love which has again been chosen for Avataric Work by our Beloved Meher Baba. The sacred river Jamuna, on the banks of which Hamirpur is situated, has washed the Lotus feet of Blissful Lord Shree Krishna for ages. Since Dwapar, this river has been regarded as one of the holiest rivers and has been worshipped like other sacred rivers. On

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\* *Hindi address rendered into English by Bro. T. K.. Ramanujam of Ahmednagar and received by the Editor of Divya Vani on 17-12-70.*

the banks of this river, love intoxicated devotees of different Avatars and divinely inspired people have been leading their life chanting the names of God and singing the glory of Almighty; this is the town which the Avatar of the Age, Meher Baba, visited in the month of November 1952 and February 1954 and gave His first and second Darshans to His lovers, respectively. This is that splendourous spot which has received His 'NAZAR' and "Meherpuri" is a gift of His blessings. This is that very respected and beautiful spot where a marble slab, touched by Beloved's feet is kept. This is the same marble slab over which once Beloved Baba stood and bequeathed it to us. This is the very marble slab which will give opportunity to offer prostrations, not only to the people of the present age but also to the people of the coming innumerable ages. The disintegrated sands of Jamuna and Betwa bear the foot prints of our Beloved. The dust of this town and its adjoining villages is sacred, for Beloved has given it a divine touch by his feet. Though the villagers of this place are economically poor but their *fulfillness* in leading a spiritual life, is worthy of being praised. The simple and spontaneous flow of love from their hearts, deluge the visitors in ecstatic sentiment and joy. Instantaneously such an affection is established that the lovers from the village do not leave them and the visitors, dare not depart.

On behalf of the Reception Committee and Avatar Meher Baba Meherpuri Centre, we cordially welcome you all to this World Fair and its different programmes. Main functions of this World Fair will be—Seven coloured flag hoisting ceremony by Shri Kutumba Shastri an old lover of Baba and the Chairman of Avatar Meher Baba Trust. Shri Adi K. Irani, Secretary and old disciple of Meher Baba will unveil Meher Baba's Statue. Foundation stone laying ceremony of Avatar Meher Baba Vidyadham and Meher Hospital will also take place. While on one hand Meher Baba Exhibitions will high-

light its programmes, Bhajans by Dehradun, Delhi, Nagpur, Bombay, Poona, Ahmednagar and Andhra Pradesh mandalies will also resound the air of this place by their musical ecstasies. Speakers of celebrated scholarship, orators of established fame and other lover speakers of Silent Avatar, Meher Baba. are also welcome, here. They will give you talks regarding Avatar Meher Baba's philosophy and teaching.

We extend our welcome to you with this conviction in our hearts that devotees and disciples of Meher Baba are more easily available on this human shores than Beloved Avatar Meher Baba who has veiled Himself from our physical eyes to-day. Avatar is that Ocean of Bliss which exalts in His own glory; But the devotee lovers of the Beloved are like rain-clouds that shower sweet rains and enliven masses. Baba is like those sandal-Woods which are standing on the far off mountainous lands of Southern India, but the lovers are like the winds which diffuse its fragrance throughout the world. Lovers of God like you live consecrated in yourselves and revive the sanctity of sacred places which sometimes get polluted by those who do not believe in Satyam-Shivam-Sundaram.

The way in which the different streams, having different sources, mingle their waters in the ocean, we the persons of different castes, creeds, cultures, fields, religions, nationalities, lands and spiritual paths, have mingled ourselves in the Love-Ocean of Meher Baba. Like other Avatars, Meher Baba accepted saints and sinners all alike. In whatever form and in whatever way even by opposing Him, people used to approach Him, He used to accept them gladly and used to emancipate them without the least sense of obligations on anyone's part.

Today, Says Meher Baba—"The world is witnessing an acute *conflict between the forces of Light and*

*the forces of darkness.* On one hand there are selfish persons who seek their happiness blindly through lust for power, unbridled greed and unrelieved hatred, are going ahead, and on the other hand there are few persons who unveil their inherent higher selves through the endurance of pain and deprivation and through the noble acts of bravery and self sacrifice".

In fact, modern world is perturbed. Its feeling of serenity is stirred. Its endeavour for peace are being perverted and sense of security is being shaken. Notions, ideas and thoughts which are being released are only adding to the mental tension and emotional disturbances, Every where we are observing psychological tension and behavioural mal-adjustments. Capacity and power to peep within is being destroyed. Understanding of psychological facts and their relations with the physical life, is severely suffering from selfish stand points. Actually the entire human behaviour is demonstrating the failure in finding out the solution of the individual and social problems.

Discourses of Meher Baba reveal—"The incapacity of man to deal with their problems constructively and creatively reveals tragic deficiency in the right understanding of the basic nature of man and the purpose of life".

How to find the solution of our problems!

We have to understand that every soul is eternally and inviolably one with the one undivided and indivisible soul which is the sole reality. The false identification with the bodies or the ego mind creates the illusion of manyness and differentiations with the whole in which there is in fact no room for any kind of separateness or duality.

We have to redeem the world from the throes of imagined duality by bringing home to it the truth of the unity of all life. But it is extremely important to

remember that we can help others to gain spiritual freedom and to come out of the illusion of duality, only if we ourselves do not miss this idea of Unity while working for others who are inclined to create divisions where they do not exist and allow no respite to spiritual workers.

I feel that you all will fully agree with me that Shri Parameshwari Dayal Pukar who belongs to Prem Parameshwar Meher Baba, and other lovers of Meher Baba and people who truly love Meher Baba and his lovers, have right to invite this world fair and fully expect that lover delegates, sympathisers, disciples and devotees, assembled here, will work and collaborate in writing a new and original chapter in spiritual regeneration of the world humanity under the perfect guidance of Avatar Meher Baba so that our Beloved Baba and his love-work will lighten the future humanity.

We hope that the enormous wealth of fraternity and lovely association with spiritual missionary zeal that this world fair of Baba lovers furnishes to us all, will compensate the omissions and commissions on the part of the Reception Committee.

On this occasion we cannot afford to forget the sacred names of Shri Ramashanker Amisht and Sardar Amar Singh Saigal—first Chairman of Avatar Meher Baba Vidhya Dham and member of Parliament. These departed souls will be ever remembered in the history of the present-Avataric Work.

Along with this the names of our Co-workers Shree Sitaram Ji (Kanpur) and Shri Ram Sahay Yadav are also worth mentioning. Their constructive financial and physical help has been the great pillar of Meherpuri,

Along with the Love Blessings of Meher Baba, Meherpuri is continuously receiving the blessings from Mandali—the result of which is—Meherpuri.

Once again dear lovers, we heartily welcome you taking inspirations from our Beloved—"The new brotherhood on earth shall be a fulfilled fact and nations will be united in the fraternity of Love and Truth".

JAI – BABA.

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## Meher's Love

*By Chris Oeiger (U. S. A.)*

I had You once, my heart set on fire  
Bursting into flames with a mad  
Uncontrollable desire.

I held Your band – You held mine  
And between us a web of magic was spun  
Fulfilling my mind and soul to its greatest extent  
With hot waves of Love.

Banishing forever the impressions of  
Ice freezing still my heart.  
And so I lay before You – a quivering  
Emotion, a drop of burning blood.  
I opened the locket of Love and my  
Soul flew out to You,  
Taking its place like the stealthy  
Shadow ever beside You.

And there it will stay always ready  
To plunge into Your warm pool of Love,  
Singing Your sweet song forever.

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## *News in Brief:—*

### HE GETS HIS WORK DONE

( A) Baba Films Projected at Bilaspur

*By* V. RAMA RAO

Redemption of mankind is the work of the Silent Saviour, Avatar Meher Baba. He is awakening all the humanity, slowly and silently but effectively. In His work His lovers are given an opportunity to share, but in reality He (Baba) alone does His work, This can be seen in many aspects of His works these days. Those who share in this work are not the propagators of any dogmas or creed—they are living examples of His Love and Service. In Baba's working, the lovers come face to face with His real self and realise the oneness of unity of all life.

Dr. H. P. Bharucha of Navsari was on his way to Meherpuri Mela, the love feast, of Beloved Baba's "heart" (Hamirpur lovers). He stopped at Bilaspur on 4-11-70 and he intimated early; the lovers of Bilaspur arranged for a "get together" and film show at Rishi Kutir, on 4-11-70.

Shri Jagdish chandra Rishi, Managing Director of RajrishiGroup of concerns is an admirer of Baba & lover of God. During his recent world tour (which he had to cut short after visiting Japan, Hongkong, Bangkok, U. S. A. and U. K. due to the necessity of his presence at home) he met many 'God lovers' and people interested in spiritual unity. He met Dr. Harry Kenmore, attended Baba talk and spoke of Him to New York group. Mr. Rishi so kindly arranged for the function at his Rishi Kutir, a palatial bungalow having a beautiful auditorium-cum-hall on the first floor.

At 6-30 P.M. the function began and was well attended; Rajasaheb Shri K. N, Verma. Advocate, presided over the function. Masters prayer was recited by Bro. Ghosh. Bro. Sardar Hemsingh gave a short resume of Dr. Bharucha. Shri K. N. Verma said, "I know Meher Baba, a great spiritual personality for a long time. In Indian tradition we find spiritual training is imparted in various ways; and all these directed the pilgrim on the path to lead a life of love, selfless service and sacrifice". Mr. Rishi requested Dr. Bharucha to speak of BABA. Mr. Rishi said "I admire Baba. I had the good fortune to be the Chairman of Reception Committee of Avatar Meher Baba Silence Day Celebrations when the Governor of M. P. Mr. K. C. Reddy came here. Thereafter people who knew my views of life in traditional way of worship and prayers used to ask me often, "Do you think that Baba is Avatar and do you accept Him as such". I told them all and even tell people now that I know not who He is, whether He is Avatar or not, but I know for certain that He is the Awakener. He has awakened the "quest for truth" and "thirst for knowledge of self" in many. His unique silence, His simple but effective way of dissemination of truth to individuals and above all His Love and Service to man are the things which I adore and admire. We have been hearing of His life very often and read many of His books—but I request Dr. Bharucha to tell us something about Him. I met Dr. Harry Kenmore and many lovers in U.S.A.; the way they love Him impressed me much".

Dr. Bhatucha, evaluating the Beloved, told many anecdotes to the gathering and told that "He is God".

Life of Baba, East-West gathering of 1962, Bathing the feet of Lepers and serving the poor, films were projected and all enjoyed in rapt attention. Dr. Bharucha gave running commentary.

Presentation of a beautiful portrait of Baba (framed) to Shri Kishanchand, Divisional Superintendent, S. E. Rly, Bilaspur by Dr. Bharucha; thanks giving by Dr. Deoras, a prominent social worker and God lover and with 'Arti' by His lovers, the function ended. Refreshment, tea were sumptuously given by the host, Mr. Rishi to all. Shri Kishanchand, Divisional Supdt. said Baba's portrait will be adorned in a conspicuous place in his office so that he gets inspiration and guidance.

The elites of the town, city and railway colony from different walks of life attended. Prayer leaflets in Hindi were distributed freely to the gathering. The function was a great success, which is due to untiring efforts of Bros. S. K. Ghosh, Hemsingh, Ganesh Singh, Dr. Mishra and many other lovers.

(B) Avatar Meher Baba Rajahmundry Centre.

By: Sri T. V. Rama Rao, President.

Condolence resolution passed by Avatar Meher Baba Rajahmundry Centre on 29-11-70 on the demise of M. Tirumala Rao.

We, lovers of Avatar Meher Baba, Rajahmundry Centre, met today, express our deep sorrow at the demise of our Brother Mosalikanti Tirumala Rao, Member of Parliament, at 3 A.M. to-day at the Wellington Nursing Home, New Delhi. We place on record our loving admiration for the service he has rendered in the cause of Beloved Baba ever since he met Baba at Rajahmundry on 23-1-1953. He was the recipient of Baba's Special Blessings on 25-2-1958 at Meherabad when he placed the Telugu translation rendered by him of "*God Speaks*" as per Baba's wish. We pray to Beloved Baba to bestow eternal peace on the departed soul.

We convey our heartfelt condolences to the members of his family and join them in their bereavement as members of Baba's Family.

## (C) Avatar Meher Baba's 77th Birthday Celebrations

Beloved Baba's 77th Birthday celebrations were commenced from 11th December 1970. They will be carried on daily for 77 days till the 25th February 1971 in many centres in Andhra Pradesh.

(i) Meher Vihar (Reg). Hyderabad:—Swami Satya Prakash Udaseen Director, Meher Ashram and Editor Divya Vani, had inaugurated these celebrations at Meher Ashram on 11-12-1970 at 6-30 P.M.

(ii) A.M.B. Kakinada Centre:—Dr. T. Dhanapatirao, President A.M.B. Andhra Centre had inaugurated on 11-12-70 at 5 A.M at their centre.

(iii) A.M.B. Guntur Centre:—Bro. N. V. Ramanayya, Publisher Meher Jyoti, had inaugurated on 11-12-70 at their centre.

(iv) A.M.B. Anakapalli Centre:—Bro. B. Dayakaram, Secretary of the Centre had inaugurated on 11-12-70 at 5 A.M. at their centre duly unveiling a full size photo of Baba at their centre amidst loud cheers of "Avatar Meher Baba ki Jai." The music of Nadaswaram was played from 4 A.M. attracting all lovers. After sunrise the seven coloured flag of Baba was unfurled by Bro. Kattamuru Paparao. Again, from 6 P.M. to 8-30 P.M. there was sankeertan at the centre.

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liesure	leisure	26	1	7
prefect	perfect	26	1	8
benifitted	benefitted	26	1	19
varandah	verandah	29	1	5
e	be	30	6	1
Dharsan	Darshan	31	6	2
furthur	further	35	4	14
wa	was	36	4	2
annectode	anecdote	38	1	10
in	on	39	1	4
livelyhood	livelihood	39	5	7
occured	occurred	41	5	3
deffuse	diffuse	45	2	10
emotioned	emotional	46	2	5
severly	severely	46	2	9
failurity	failure	46	2	11
thrust	thirst	50	1	19
sumptously	sumptuously	51	1	5
conspicous	conspicuous	51	1	8

