

THE 1962
EAST - WEST
GATHERING



I am the Ancient One

This is to record the same One
Truth from Meher Baba the Ancient
One to those who came, who saw
and who surrendered to His Love at
the November 1962 gathering of
His lovers from East and West.

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THE MASTER'S PRAYER

O Parvardigar, the Preserver and Protector of All,

You are without Beginning, and without End;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

You are imperceptible and independent.

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

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

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

You are All-merciful and eternally benevolent;

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

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

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

You are the Ancient One, the Highest of the High; You are Prabhu and Parameshwar; You are the Beyond-God, and the Beyond-Beyond-God also; You are Parabrahma; Allah; Elahi; Yezdan; Ahuramazda; and God the Beloved.

You are named Ezad, the only One worthy of worship.

My Dear Children

Your coming to me from different places and from across oceans has pleased me. And although no sacrifice to be near me is too great I am touched by the sacrifice that some of you have made to come here.

Those who have not been able to come to me should not feel disheartened, for my love is with them as always and specially so at this time. I know how they are longing to be near me even for an hour, and how helpless they are in their circumstances.

You have come from great distances not for some convention or conference but to enjoy my company and feel afresh my love in your hearts. It is a coming together of children of East and West in the house of their Father.

All religions of the world proclaim that there is but one God, the Father of all in creation.

I am that Father.

I have come to remind all people that they should live on earth as the children of the one Father until my Grace awakens them to the realization that they are all one without a second, and that all divisions and conflict and hatred are but a shadow-play of their own ignorance.

Although all are my children they ignore the simplicity and beauty of this Truth by indulging in hatreds, conflicts and wars that divide them in enmity, instead of living as one family in their Father's house. Even amongst you who love me and accept me for what I am there is sometimes lack of understanding of one another's hearts.

Patiently I have suffered these things in silence for all my children. It is time that they become aware of the presence of their Father in their midst and of their responsibility towards Him and themselves. I shall break my Silence, and, with my Word of words, arouse my children to realize in their lives, the indivisible Existence which is GOD.

Throughout the years I have been giving many messages and discourses. Today I simply want to tell you who are gathered here in my love to shut the ears of your minds and open the ears of your hearts to hear my Word when I utter it.

Do not seek my Blessing which is always with you, but long for the day when my Grace will descend on all who love me. Most blessed are they who do not even long for my Grace, but simply seek to do my Will.

My Dear Workers

In spite of telling you very often that I will not give you any more messages or discourses, I find myself doing just this thing which is what I do not want to do. This is because most of you do things which I do not like you doing.

I had to give you a message yesterday because you expected one; and the theme of the message was on your being my children, because despite much talk about a Baba-Family there is more a semblance than a reality of kinship among you who are the children of One Father.

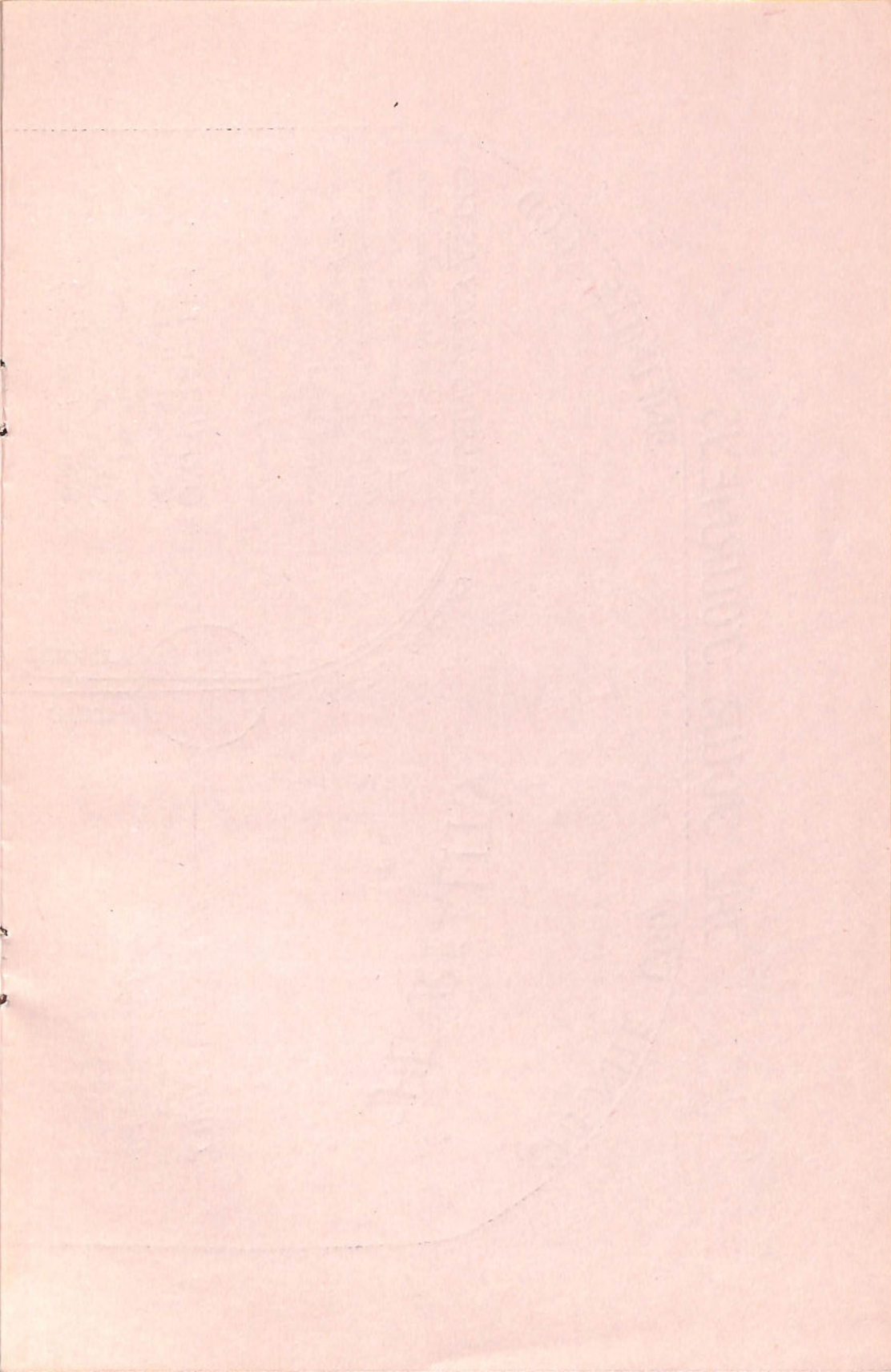
True children of One Father do not greet one another with smiles and embraces and at the same time harbour grudges and ill-feeling, but they have an active concern in their hearts for the well-being of one another and make sacrifices for that well-being.

If you make me your real Father, all differences and contentions between you, and all personal problems in connection with your lives, will become dissolved in the Ocean of my Love.

You are all keen on spreading my message of Love and Truth and many of you in the East and West have laboured hard in this work: publishing magazines and other literature, organizing meetings, sacrificing your vacations in travelling, building halls and having statues made of me. But I wonder how much of my love and truth has been in your work of spreading my Message of Love and Truth!

Unless there is a brotherly feeling in your hearts, all the words that you speak or print in my name are hollow; all the miles that you travel in my cause are zero; all organizations for my work are but an appearance of activity; all buildings to contain me are empty places and all statues that you make to embody me are of someone else.

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THE FOUR JOURNEYS

INFINITE GOD

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THE REALITY

FOURTH JOURNEY

PASSING-ALWAYS GOD
(God drops his Physical, Subtle and Mental vehicles and experiences Infinite Power, Knowledge and Bliss while retaining infinite individuality.)

LIVING GOD'S LIFE
(Living both as Man and God simultaneously.)

QUTUBIAT~ Which only the Five Perfect Masters accomplish.
(As Man and God, experiences Infinite Power, Knowledge and Bliss and uses them.)

THIRD JOURNEY

ABIDING IN GOD
(Being God.)

PASSING-AWAY
INTO GOD
(Becoming God.)

ILLUSION

INFINITE GOD

From the most finite point in
and of the Infinite comes out
the infinite Gross Sphere

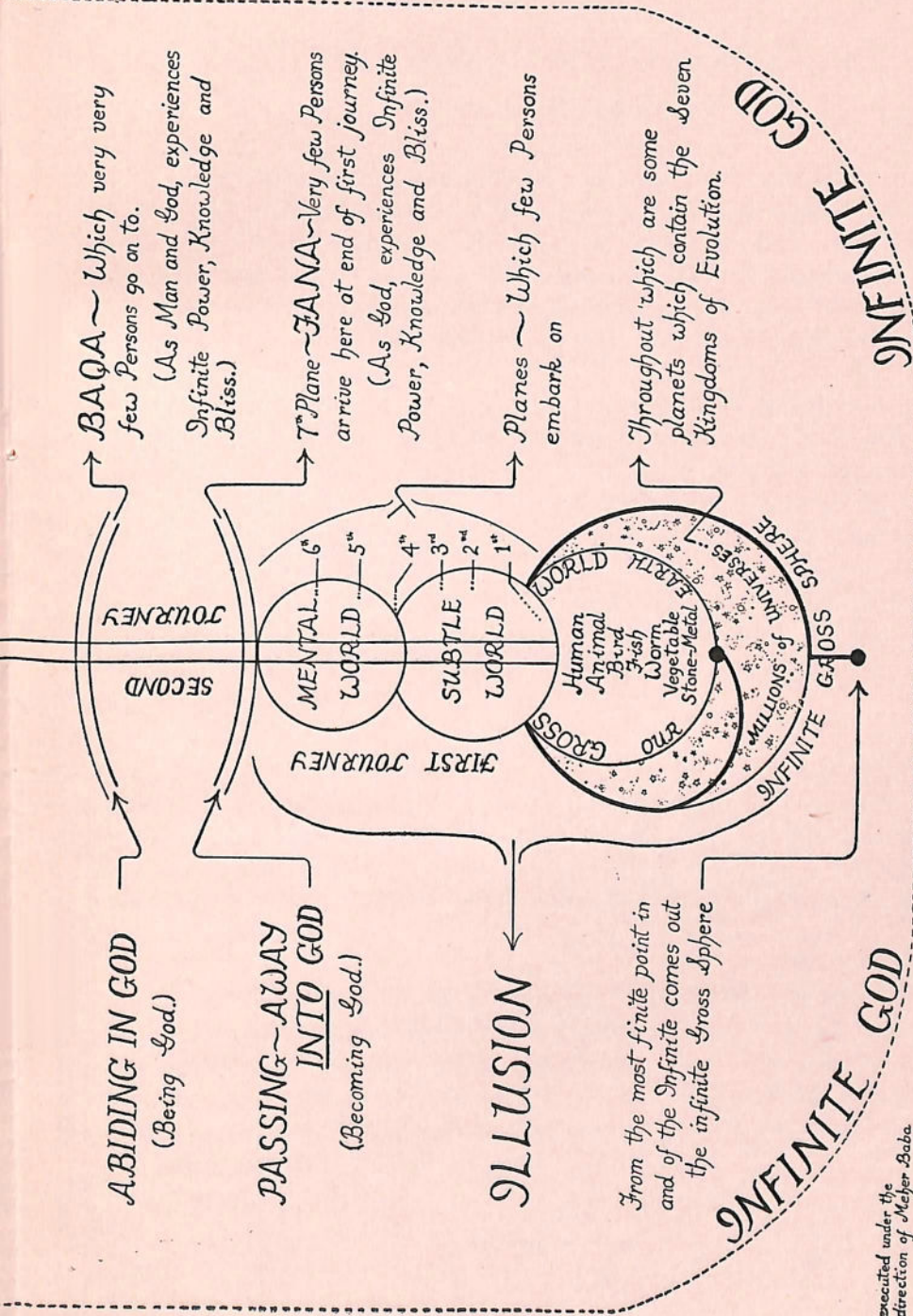
BAQA ~ Which very very
few Persons go on to.
(As Man and God, experiences
Infinite Power, Knowledge and
Bliss.)

7th Plane ~ JANA ~ Very few Persons
arrive here at end of first journey.
(As God, experiences Infinite
Power, Knowledge and Bliss.)

Planes ~ Which few Persons
embark on

Throughout which are some
planets which contain the Seven
Kingdoms of Evolution.

INFINITE GOD



executed under the
direction of Meher Baba.

My Dear Workers

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I have been patient and indulgent over the way you have been doing these things, because you have been very young children in my love, and children must have some sort of games to play. But now you are older and are beginning to realize that there is a greater work ahead of you than what you have been doing. And you have been searching your minds and hearts as to what this work might be.

It is not a different work to what you have been already doing—it is the same work done in a different way. And that way is the way of effacement, which means the more you work for me the less important you feel in yourself. You must always remember that I alone do my work. Although only the one who has become One with God can serve and work for all, I allow you to work for me so that you have the opportunity to use your talent and capacities selflessly and so draw closer to me. You should never think that in your work for me you are benefitting others, for by being instrumental in bringing others to me you are benefitting yourself.

My work is your opportunity. But when you allow yourself to intervene between you and my work, you are allowing the work to take you away from me. When you put my work before yourself the work will go right, although not necessarily smoothly. And when the work does not go right it means you have put yourself between it and its accomplishment.

The Way of My Work is the way of effacement, which is the way of strength, not of weakness; and through it you become mature in my love. At this stage you cannot know what real love is, but through working for me as you should work for me, you will arrive at that ripeness where, in a moment, I can give you That for which you have been millions of years seeking.

Universal Message

I have come not to teach but to awaken. Understand therefore that I lay down no precepts.

Throughout eternity I have laid down principles and precepts, but mankind has ignored them. Man's inability to live God's words makes the Avatar's teaching a mockery. Instead of practising the compassion He taught, man has waged crusades in His name. Instead of living the humility, purity and truth of His words, man has given way to hatred, greed and violence.

Because man has been deaf to the principles and precepts laid down by God in the past, in this present Avataric Form I observe Silence. You have asked for and been given enough words—it is now time to live them. To get nearer and nearer to God you have to get further and further away from "I", "My", "Me" and "Mine". You have not to renounce anything but your own self. It is as simple as that, though found to be almost impossible. It is possible for you to renounce your limited self by my Grace. I have come to release that Grace.

I repeat, I lay down no precepts. When I release the tide of Truth which I have come to give, men's daily lives will be the living precept. The words I had not spoken will come to life in them.

I veil Myself from man by his own curtain of ignorance, and manifest my Glory to a few. My present Avataric Form is the last Incarnation of this cycle of time, hence my Manifestation will be the greatest. When I break my Silence, the impact of my Love will be universal and all life in creation will know, feel and receive of it. It will help every individual to break himself free from his own bondage in his own way. I am the Divine Beloved who loves you more than you can ever love yourself. The breaking of my Silence will help you to help yourself in knowing your real Self.

All this world confusion and chaos was inevitable and no one is to blame. What had to happen has happened; and what has to happen will happen. There was and is no way out except through my coming in your midst. I had to come, and I have come. I am the Ancient One.

THE PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

We repent, O God Most Merciful, for all our sins; for every thought that was false or unjust or unclean; for every word spoken that ought not to have been spoken; for every deed done that ought not to have been done.

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

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

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

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





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