

67th. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
OF
HAZRAT MEHER BABA



BY
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"Where God and His laws are concerned,
there is no question of caste, creed or country".

MEHER BABA.



HAZRAT MEHER BABA'S 67th. Birthday is being celebrated at various places throughout the world by His disciples, devotees and lovers today 25th February in a manner befitting such an Auspicious occasion. Here in Pakistan also we have accordingly gathered today to celebrate the same.

Birthday of a Rasool or a Hazrat is universally acknowledged throughout ages as an unique and important Auspicious event and is being observed and celebrated year after year for centuries, even after His physical departure from this world. One is indeed very fortunate to participate in such an event in His very lifetime.

This Divine Personality of world fame, as compared with the other parts of the world, is less known to the masses here. There are, however, a good many of us present here today who have known Him for a number of years and who have actually participated in His Birthday celebrations at various places in the undivided India in the past in His very Divine physical presence.

Meher Baba was born of poor Persian parents at Poona, India, on 25th February 1894. His father, Sheriar Irani, was an ardent sincere seeker of God and a great Sufi. Meher Baba attended school and college at Poona. His spiritual life began with His momentous visit to HAZRAT BABAJAN, a well known Muslim Perfect Master of Poona, when He was only 19 years of age and still a student in the Deccan college. This meeting brought about a spiritual transformation of His consciousness and made Him aware of His Divine Mission. In 1914, Meher Baba's absorption in God-consciousness led to His being completely unconscious of the things of the world and He remained in this transcended state for nine months. After this period, He visited more than one Perfect Masters including SAI BABA, another great Muslim Perfect Master of Shirdi, in Bombay State, who bequeathed Him the powers of spiritual perfection through Perfect Master UPASANI MAHARAJ of Sakori, in Bombay State, who brought Him down to normal consciousness making

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Him fully equipped with the all-pervading knowledge of creation, its function and purpose. Being in full possession of universal as well as human consciousness, Meher Baba, from 1921 onwards, launched upon His work of awakening people to the unity of His spiritual knowledge and love. His lovers and devotees are from all religions and countries and to them He has been giving the training of moral discipline, love of God, spiritual understanding and selfless service. He does not want anyone to give up his own religion but wants him to understand and live it, in its essence. He does not want to found any sect or religion. His message to humanity is that of LOVE and TRUTH. He wants everyone to realise that God alone is real. His works, "God Speaks", "Listen, Humanity", "Discourses", "Life at its Best", "Beams" "Messages" and the others are read all over the world. They are the spiritual treasures of the emergent NEW HUMANITY.

During the following two years, Meher Baba wrote an account of the Divine Experience. This book has not been read by anyone so far. Baba alone knows when He would direct its publication. Upon completing the manuscript, He laid down His pen and has not written a line since, except His signature when most essential. He is well versed in six languages including English.

On and from 10th July 1925, Meher Baba began His silence not uttering a word by mouth. Nevertheless, He is intensely active. For conveying His thoughts and ideas, He used an English alphabet board, spelling out speedily every word and thus forming sentences and addressing people, giving messages, dictating replies to letters as and when He found them expedient. From 7th October 1954 onwards, He discarded the use of alphabet board. Ever since He expresses His thoughts through gestures and movements of hand and fingers which the interpreter, being used to, readily translates into audible words. His silence continues to date. This silence was not undertaken by Him in accordance with a vow of abstinence or for imposing a physical disability upon Himself. Baba has attained the highest goal of life. The Sufi teacher Junayad has said "He who knows God is dumb". Meher Baba says He is silent, as He fasts, for the sake of others. He further says that His real gift to mankind is through His silence, which appeals to *the inmost being and the divinity of everyone* and awakens him to the *one reality of God as eternal Truth and the inviolable unity of all life.*

Revitalising all the religions is Meher Baba's principle mission as He emphatically states "*I have come not to teach but to awaken*".

Silent contact with spiritually advanced and "God-Intoxicated" souls commonly known as "Masts", having partial or no normal consciousness, and with the mad and the poor, has been an important part of Meher Baba's work.

In three and a half decades of His work, Meher Baba has travelled extensively throughout the world. Except on special occasions, it appears that the primary purpose for which He undertakes to travel is in conformity with His inner working which is wholly spiritual and universal.

The Era of spiritual Awakening that Meher Baba has in view, gives no importance to creed, dogma, caste systems, and the performance of religious ceremonies and rites, but to the UNDERSTANDING of the following seven Realities :—

1. The only *Real Existence* is that of the One and only God, who is the Self in every (finite) self.

2. The only *Real Love* is the Love for this Infinity (God), which arouses an intense longing to see, know and become one with its Truth (God).

3. The only *Real Sacrifice* is that in which, in pursuance of this Love, all things, body, mind, position, welfare, and even life itself, are sacrificed.

4. The only *Real Renunciation* is that which abandons, even in the midst of worldly duties, all selfish thoughts and desires.

5. The only *Real Knowledge* is the knowledge that God is the inner dweller in good people and so-called bad, in saint and so-called sinner. This Knowledge requires you to help all equally as circumstances demand, without expectation of reward, and when compelled to take part in a dispute, to act without the slightest trace of enmity, or hatred; to try to make others happy with brotherly or sisterly feeling for each one; to harm no one in thought, word, or deed, not even those who harm you.

6. The only *Real Control* is the discipline of the senses from indulgence in low desires, which alone ensures absolute purity of character.

7. The only *Real Surrender* is that in which the poise is undisturbed by any adverse circumstance and the individual, amidst every kind of hardship, is resigned with perfect calm to the will of God.

We, of the Hazarat Meher Baba Group in Pakistan at Karachi, thank you all for having honoured the Auspicious occasion with your presence. May we all be spiritually ready when the time comes to be blessed with the Divine Grace of Love of HAZARAT MEHR BABA.



HAZARAT MEHER BABA'S MESSAGE TO ALL FAITHS CONFERENCE

(Read by:-Mr. Ramjoo Abdulla - a disciple.)

"I very much appreciate this idea of coming together of the representatives of different faiths which, in fact, are based but on one and the same principle - faith itself. The medium the surroundings and the settings may be different. It may be formed of images or imagination; it may be based on the intellectual conviction or an emotional impression, yet, the central Jewel of a Faith is just the same. There are no two kinds of faiths. Faith is the last thing to be labelled. The only question could be of a strong faith or a weak faith. Some hold it to the point of forms and ceremonies only, and some, going beyond this, stick to the kernel, eschewing the crust, either believing in Impersonal Infinite Existence, or believing in one's own Master. So it is only a question of degrees. Unless and until there is complete Realization, which is the goal of all faiths, faith is faith after all, call it blind or call it otherwise. Once God is realized, there is no question of faith at all just as there is no question of faith for a man to believe that he is a man; because one then, having transcended the boundaries of faith, feels oneself identified with the Infinite and finds the One Self manifested everywhere."

Please convey my blessings to all.



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