

"MY TIME HAS COME"

February 3, 1969

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for Meherabad.*

AVATAR MEHER BABA DROPPED HIS PHYSICAL BODY AT TWELVE NOON 31 JANUARY AT MEHERAZAD TO LIVE ETERNALLY IN THE HEARTS OF ALL OF HIS LOVERS STOP BELOVED BABA'S BODY WILL BE INTERRED AT MEHERABAD ARANGAON ON 1 FEBRUARY AT 10 A.M. IN THE TOMB HE HAD ORDERED TO BE BUILT LONG AGO.

--Adi K. Irani

Cable received 1 Feb. 1969

Early in the morning of February 1, a report was received in the U.S.A. by phone from Adi K. Irani in Ahmednagar, India. The connection was extremely poor, so the communication was fragmentary and incomplete. As far as could be determined, Adi reported the following information--that Baba had dropped His body around 12 noon Friday, and that Baba had indicated for about two days prior to that time that he would "go" and that He would "come back". Adi could not give any further details concerning what Baba meant by this, and he said that Baba had given no final or last-minutes messages or instructions.

He seemed to indicate that several people were with Baba at the time when He was said to have dropped His body. Adi said that following his arrival on the scene, Baba's body was wrapped in a white cloth, and after some deliberation, it was moved to the tomb on Meherabad Hill, where Baba has for many years given instructions that His body be placed.

Finally, Adi reported that further details would be sent to the West as soon as possible.

On February 3rd at 12:30 A.M., a call from the U.S. to Bombay reached Dr. Ram Ginde, one of Baba's personal physicians. Having been called to Meherazad from Bombay, Dr. Ginde was present with Baba during the morning of January 31st. He reported that Baba had been resting well until, at about 10 A.M., He said "My Time has come." Shortly thereafter, Baba appeared to become unconscious. A detailed report from Dr. Ginde is expected to follow by mail.

Some excerpts from Baba's messages and discourses have been collected here to help give perspective on these most recent events. From His many warnings regarding the period of His inevitable "Humiliation" and the "dark cloud" which He must face, to His most recent statements about the crushing strain on His health which His work in seclusion has caused, Baba seems to have been preparing His lovers for this very time:

At the darshan-discussion gathering in Meherazad, (October 13, 1968) Beloved Baba said:

"I have been saying: the Time is near,

it is fast approaching, it is close at hand.

Today I say: the Time has come. Remember this!"

(Family Letter #79, 1st November 1968)

"COMING, COMING, COMING -- CAME!  
I AM TIRED OF THE ILLUSION GAME."

With a smile in His eyes, Baba said: "None of you can know what it means."

(Family Letter #78, 9th September 1968)

MY WORK IS DONE. IT IS COMPLETED 100% TO MY SATISFACTION.  
THE RESULT OF THIS WORK WILL ALSO BE 100% AND WILL  
MANIFEST FROM THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

(Family Letter #78, 9th September 1968)

The Work that walked hand in hand with the seclusion, did not stop when the seclusion did -- it went on till the end of July. "How I kept it going over the last stretch to its completion, I alone know!" Baba told us. He said, "You cannot have a seed of an idea how crushing the pressure was, for it is beyond human understanding. On the final day My body felt as though it had been through a wringer." .....we (the mandali) learnt what a labour it was for Baba, during these specific hours daily when He worked entirely away from the gross plane, to retain the link with His physical body. He had to take great pains, He said, to keep the thread-fine link from snapping! Another absorbing remark fell on another angle. It was at one of those times when we begged Him to be less neglectful of His health, to go slower by working less hours, and Baba said: "That would mean once again prolonging the Work and postponing the date of its conclusion. If now I allow that to happen, it will indefinitely postpone the result and set it on a different course!"

(Family Letter #78, 9th September 1968)

"The strain of that 18 months' Work was tremendous. I used to sit alone in my room for some hours each day while complete silence was imposed on the mandali and no one of them was permitted to enter the room, during those hours every day. The strain was not in the work itself although I was working on all planes of consciousness, but in keeping my link with the gross plane. To keep this link I had to continuously hammer my right thigh with my fist."

(Family Letter #79, 1st November 1968)

Beloved Avatar Meher Baba wishes all His lovers to know that His three years of intense work has shattered His health. In spite of this He has invited His lovers from all over the world to come to Him for His darshan next summer, for it is the time for them to come to Him and receive His Love.

(Family Letter #80, 26th January 1969)

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"I am never born, I never die. At every moment I take birth and undergo death. ....Although I am present everywhere eternally in My formless Infinite state, from time to time I take form, and the taking of the form and leaving it is termed My physical Birth and Death.

In this sense, I am born and I die when My Universal Work is finished."

(Twenty-one Fragments)

"GOD ALWAYS EXISTED  
 GOD WILL ALWAYS EXIST.  
 HE IS NEVER CHANGING, EVER THE SAME -  
 AND ILLUSION IS HIS ETERNAL GAME."

(Family Letter #78, 9th September 1968)

"EVERLASTING, NEVER ENDING  
 NEVER CHANGING, EVER THE SAME  
 AND HIS ONENESS IN ITS FULLNESS  
 PLAYS IN MANYNESS HIS GAME."

(Family Letter #78, 9th September 1968)

Believe that I am the Ancient One. Do not doubt that for a moment. There is no possibility of My being anyone else. I am not this body that you see. It is only a coat I put on when I visit you. I am Infinite Consciousness.

(The Everything and the Nothing, p. 56)

"I am not limited by this form. I use it like a garment to make Myself visible to you; and I communicate with you --Don't try to understand Me. My depth is unfathomable. Just love Me. I eternally enjoy the Christ state of consciousness, and when I speak I shall manifest My true Self, besides giving a general push to the whole world. I shall lead all those who come to Me toward Light and Truth."

(Awakener, Vol. V, No. 4, p. 33)

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Say to my brethren when they see me dead, and weep for me, lamenting me in sadness: "Think ye I am this corpse ye are to bury? I swear by God, this dead one is not I. When I had formal shape, then this, my body, served as my garment. I wore it for a while."

(Al-Ghazali--1111 A.D.--composed on his death bed)

All went out weeping from the room. Omar, who was standing before the door, said to him: "All, these faint hearts are saying the Prophet of God is dead!" All answered him nothing. A man went to tell Abu Bakr, who, coming in haste, found Omar still at the door, with a crowd around him crying: "These faint hearts are saying the Prophet of God is dead--He is alive! And be those tongues torn out!"

Abu Bakr, hearing, went into the hut. Aisha was wailing and tearing her face with her nails. Mohammed's body laid with His own mantle thrown over it. Abu Bakr uncovered the face, and bent down, til his brow well nigh touched the brow of the Prophet of God. Then he drew the mantle over the face again, and went out. Omar was still shouting to the crowd.

"Gently Omar!" Abu Bakr said. Then he turned to the people and spoke: "Lo! As for any who worshipped Mohammed, Mohammed is dead. But as for him who worshippeth God, God is the Living One and He dies not." And he recited from the Koran the verse: "Mohammed is only an apostle; apostles before Him have passed away. When He cometh to die or be killed, will ye turn on your heels? The man who so turneth will not harm God, but God will reward those who acknowledge Him."

It was as if the people had never known that such a verse had been revealed.

(From Mohammed's People by Eric Schroeder)

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Statements from Baba's enigmatic Final Declaration become especially important. He explains that such events as the "dropping" of His body were foretold both in our language and in His own, the meaning of which "only the fulfilment of events" can make clear:

"It is really very difficult for any one to believe and understand what I say, because none can grasp the meaning underlying My words. It is natural even for My intimate Mandali not to understand My Final Declaration; but I want you to take everything that I said in Meherabad during the Meetings very seriously because all that I said was the truth, they were words of God, and all the things said must come to pass exactly in the manner described by Me.

"From the day I declared in Meherabad that there will be the destruction of three fourths of the world, that a strange disease will attack My body, that I will suffer humiliation, that I will break My silence and speak one word, the Word of words, that there will be My Glorification, and that finally I will drop My body when I shall be stabbed in the back, My lovers and others have been unnecessarily confused, and they all have been trying to interpret My words in different ways.

"Everyone is free to interpret My words in any way they think and feel. But one thing I tell you, that whenever I say a thing I naturally use My own 'language', and whatsoever is said by Me is Truth. But, My 'language' is such that none can understand or grasp the underlying meaning of what I say; therefore, when I want to say a thing I have simultaneously to make use of your language also, knowing well that you would understand nothing whatsoever if I were to make use of My 'language' alone.

"In order to help you to understand My Final Declaration, and to put an end to your confusion and worry, I want all of you to know that when you see Me dictate on My alphabet board during the meetings at Meherabad, and heard about:

- 1) A strange disease attacking My body: It was said in your language.
- 2) The humiliation that I will suffer: It was said in your language.
- 3) The breaking of My silence and My uttering the one Word of words: It was said in My own 'language' and simultaneously in yours, because when I utter that Word it will be an audible word to you.
- 4) My Glorification: It was said simultaneously in My language and yours.
- 5) The destruction of three-fourths of the world: It was said in My own language alone.
- 6) The stab in My back: It was said in My own language alone.
- 7) The dropping of My body: It was said in My own language and simultaneously in yours.

"Consequently, whatever is said by Me in your language, you are able to understand and know what is said; but, that which is said in My own 'language' is impossible for you to understand, however much you all may try to interpret and grasp the underlying meaning behind My words. Only the fulfilment of events can unfold to you, in due course, the meaning of what is said in My own 'language'."

...."All this that is destined to take place is unavoidable, yet the resultant effects can be modified in two different ways according to relative circumstances. The modification of the effects of a destined plan can on the one hand either affect the intensity, scope, shape or size of the chain of events, or on the other hand bring about a considerable change in the factor of time.

"....the most important and significant point is that definitely and emphatically the link between My physical body and all My external activities as carried on up to now, will be dropped by April 1955, and there will take place an immeasurable change in the external relations between Me and those who are closely connected with Me. So that if I do not drop My physical body, I will yet, so to say, 'die', for I will then become actually dead to the world up to the end of the modified period of time."

(The God-Man, pp. 278-280)

"There is now no time limit. Things may happen after one month or three months, after three years or twenty years. In short, I may speak tomorrow or after ten years. I am free from all promises, bindings, undertakings and arrangements. ....It is now for you to decide whether to hold on to My daaman, believing in Me and remaining devoted to Me, by following My orders and instructions.

(The Die Is Cast, p. 15)

"My manifestation as the Avatar of the time will be of short duration. This short period will, in quick succession, cover My humiliation, the breaking of My silence, My glorification, and My violent physical end. Everlastingly, with all the divine bliss within Me, I eternally suffer for one and all - thus I am crucified eternally and continually for all."

(Awakener, Vol. II, No. 3, pp. 81-82)

"When the Greatest of all says, 'I am the Greatest', it is but a spontaneous expression of an infallible Truth. The strength of His greatness lies, not in raising the dead, but in His great humiliation when He allows Himself to be ridiculed, persecuted and crucified at the hands of those who are weak in flesh and spirit."

("Meher Baba's Call")

"I want to tell you one important thing which each of you must remember well. It is a fact that I am the Lord of the Universe. I am omnipresent. Now the time is fast approaching and I clearly see the 'dark cloud' hovering. I see its picture. By this I am not referring to the recent motor accident that has already come to pass. The 'humiliation' that I was referring to since long is within sight. During that phase of My life there is every possibility that I may slip off your hands.

"Now let Me first explain what I mean by humiliation. Suppose you are loved by some one very dearly for several years and, one day when you happen to meet him, he suddenly begins to abuse you, kick you and spit on your face; in the context of your previous relations with him, your plight becomes an example of humiliation. In the same way, if some persons, who have previously adored Me and raised Me up to the skies in adoration for years, suddenly turn against Me and express extreme disdain for Me by throwing Me in filth, will be another example of humiliation.

...."You have read in the Gospels wherein Christ had said to His Apostles, 'you will deny Me'. This did happen when Peter the chief

Apostle denied Jesus. The thing is that during the phase of humiliation the circumstances will so array themselves that you won't be aware when My 'daaman' has slipped off your hands. At that time, you may even feel justified in leaving Me.

"But if you feel that this should not happen, there is one remedy. You should grasp well, all what I say, and understandingly act up to it. In short, I clearly see the 'dark cloud'. I do not wish to make a mere mention of the 'dark cloud' without any reason; but this is My loving warning to you so that My 'daaman' may not slip off your hands!"

(Warning from Baba, pp. 2-4)

...."At the time of Jesus, I uttered many warnings, yet none could grasp in advance about my crucifixion.

"The dark cloud is very, very near to bursting and I have to take the whole force of it upon Myself. You can have no idea of what that will mean for Me -- it will be like hell itself bursting upon Me on earth. Be resolved to hold fast to My daaman even when this cloud bursts; you will thereby share in My Work."

(The God-Man, p. 291)

"The Work...can be compared to the amassing and arranging in a universal heap the accumulated rubbish of man's ignorance in illusion that enmeshes him in the false and prevents him from realizing his true identity.

"The result...will be as My applying the match to this rubbish-heap.

"The stage of humiliation to follow will be as the smoke that will first result, getting into your eyes and 'blinding' you, creating confusion and trying to envelop you. Do not let it confound you or get you in a panic.

"The fire that will follow will clear away all the smoke of doubt and confusion, its light will reveal the One Truth that Is, and all that is not will perish in its consuming flames. This is My Glorification.

"Do not worry. Be happy in My love and continue to hold fast to my daaman to the very end. Rest assured that all will be Divinely well. God does not abandon those who trust Him. They who love Me and obey Me as I should be loved and obeyed, will one day be similarly loved and obeyed. Those who have today willingly chosen to become my slaves, will become true masters tomorrow."

(The God-Man, p. 351)

"Just as I am now quite unable to do so many physical things unaided, in spite of an otherwise healthy body, I may, at the time of the impending crisis, become even mentally helpless, without being mentally deranged in the least. You may then not be able to continue to hold on to my daaman because circumstances will seemingly justify your letting it go. I am infinitely merciful, and so repeat the same thing again and again so that you may remember My words and try your best to cling to Me. For example, in a sudden and terrifying earthquake, any man, in the blind hope of saving his life, is likely to run, forgetting in an instant his family and all his possessions, and thus forsake them before he realizes what he has done. ...If it is destined that my daaman should slip from your hands, it will; but it is for me to warn, and for you to remain alert."

(Awakener, Vol. VIII, No. 1, p. 3)

"Maya, being the Showman displaying things that do not really exist, will make everything, including My health, body, energy, words and promises, go against Me, and this will automatically test the faith of My lovers. But the only thing that Maya cannot go against is My Work, because Maya itself is the means of bringing about the results of My Work.

"Maya, being My instrument for fulfilment of My Work, has to do its utmost to bring about the utmost results of this Work.

"Maya, having existence only in non-existence, will, in the end, give way to the one and only Reality that is God. And so God will manifest in His Glory.

"I want all my lovers to guard against Maya's tricks and hold firmly to My daaman."

(The God-Man, p. 349)

...."Though all happenings are in the realm of illusion, a great so-called tragedy is facing Me and My lovers. My long expected humiliation is near at hand.

...."The love, courage and faith of My lovers will be put to severe test not by Me but by Divine Law. Those who hold fast to Me at the zenith of this crisis will transcend illusion and abide in Reality.

"I want My lovers to rest assured that My humiliation and 'tragedy' though necessary are but passing phases which are bound to have a glorious end -- as is destined."

(Life Circular No. 29, July 5, 1956)

In the stage of Humiliation, the measure of your love for Me and your preparedness to obey Me will be tested, not by Me but by the phase of Humiliation itself. Blessed will those be among you who will hang on to My daaman through it all, emerging triumphant in the divine glory of My Love.

"The stage of Glorification to follow, will be when I break My silence with the divine Word--THE WORD that will indisputably assert the existence of God, in the mind and heart of man; that will make the world know that God not only exists, but that HE ALONE exists, infinitely and eternally."

(The God-Man, p. 350)

"The point I wish to drive home is that it is never too late to obey Me, that you should obey Me to the end, that you should obey Me with a courage undaunted by any disaster, and that, above all else, you should obey Me when I stand face to face with the dark cloud.

"Although to let go your hold on My daaman is always easy, it is never easy to hold on to it...But if you try with all your heart to do so, I shall surely help you. Once you let go, remember that it will be very difficult to grasp My daaman again."

(Baba's Reminder, 1957, p. 7)

"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.

"I want you to remain undisturbed and unshaken by the force of life's currents, for whatever the circumstances they too will be of My own creation."

(The God-Man, pp. 355-356)

"There is no peace of mind on this Path. If you want peace of mind then you can get it elsewhere, and in other ways. You can go for nice long walks or listen to soothing music or take sedatives or go to saints and sadhus. But here is not the place to come for it; for if you come to Me, remember that the Spiritual Path is full of hardships and sufferings...."

(Divya Vani, Vol. III, No. 1)

"A post, to stand erect and firm, must have its butt-end sunk well into the ground. Likewise, My lover needs to have the base of his faith deeply embedded in My Divinity, if he would remain steadfast in his love."

(Awakener, Vol. XI, No. 2, 1966)

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..."In those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light. And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

(Jesus, Mark 13:24-26)

"Be composed in the Reality of My Love, for all confusion and despair is your own shadow which will vanish when I speak the Word."

(Meher Baba, 72nd Birthday Message)

Avatar Meher Baba's Message on the occasion of His  
75th Birthday, 25th February, 1969:

TO LOVE ME FOR WHAT I MAY GIVE YOU IS NOT LOVING ME AT ALL.  
TO SACRIFICE ANYTHING IN MY CAUSE TO GAIN SOMETHING FOR YOURSELF  
IS LIKE A BLIND MAN SACRIFICING HIS EYES FOR SIGHT. I AM THE  
DIVINE BELOVED WORTHY OF BEING LOVED BECAUSE I AM LOVE. HE WHO  
LOVES ME BECAUSE OF THIS WILL BE BLESSED WITH UNLIMITED SIGHT  
AND WILL SEE ME AS I AM.

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