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The Life, Journeys and Work

of Meher Baba with an Interpretation of his Silence

and Spiritual Teaching

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The God-Man, a onevolume, beautifully written biography of Meher Baba by Charles Purdom, has been republished by Sheriar Foundation.

Written during Meher Baba's lifetime, it includes not only Purdom's personal recollections and messages he took down as they were being conveyed by Meher Baba, but also diaries and memories of other living witnesses. With this book, full of first-hand accounts of times

with Baba and messages and discourses given by Baba, our hearts are touched and our minds enthralled.

Purdom first met Baba in Devon, England in 1931. He was a British author, drama critic, economist and editor of an English periodical called *Everyman*, a magazine that published many articles about Baba in the 1930s. Purdom, one of the men Baba invited to be with Him in India in 1954 for the "Three Incredible Weeks," includes his first-hand account of this time with the Avatar in the book.

As he writes in the opening chapter: "My object in these pages is to give an account of this man as I know him and as his companions and friends have spoken to me about him, to record his messages and declarations, and to explain what I think to be his significance."

*The God-Man*, a paperback edition, 474 pages, illustrated with photographs, is available from Sheriar Books for \$25.

## A New Way for us to Share, Stay in Touch and Increase Access to Our Little Corner of the World

#### Meher BABA & THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT Sheriar Books Blog

Sometime in the first part of 2011, we will be launching a blog from Sheriar Books. It will be a low key, personal way for us to talk about the everyday happenings at Sheriar Books. In it there will be funny, touching and unpredictable stories about things that happen in the bookstore, especially concerning how new people have found their way here or how books factored into long-time lovers first experiences with Baba.

The blog will also include:

• Online publications of books in and out of print — the first one being The "Divine Theme" by Meher Baba originally published in 1943 along with two beautiful color charts.



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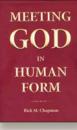
- Current reports of new publications, music, photos from the bookstore.
- Immediate access to online columns centered on life with Baba by Wendy Haynes Connor, Steve Klein, Juniper Lesnik Downs and Babadom's veteran reporter, Ann Conlon.
- Videos and photos of bookstore talks and concerts.
- A special section called "Meet our Customers."
- Lists of recommended reading for new Baba lovers, like the "Bare-bones Classics," "The First-home Starter Set," "The Multimedia Collection" and "Collections of Personal Stories."

The Sheriar Books blog will be a new way of staying current on new releases, getting an inside glimpse of life in the Sheriar bookstore and having access to the various talks and concerts that take place there throughout the year. When it's ready to go live, we'll let you know through a variety of channels including an email update and an announcement on the Sheriar Books Facebook page. By the way, please remember to "like" our Facebook page so that you can receive the news we post there in real time. You can see what our blog is going to look like on the back page of this newsletter.

### WHAT'S NEW, SPECIAL VOLUMES I, II & III **OFFERINGS & LOTS OF** THE REAL TREASURE III by Rustom Falahati Another real treasure by Rustom WONDERFUL STUFF THE REAL TREASURE - III Falahati. In this book the author Life of A not only brings out more stories

## NEW ITEMS

#### **MEETING GOD IN HUMAN FORM** by Rick M. Chapman



An engaging and vivid account of Rick Chapman's first trip to India in 1966 when he was a twenty-three-year-old college graduate on a Fulbright Grant, and his subsequent private meeting with Avatar Meher Baba at a time when He was in the strictest seclusion.

Hardcover, 272 pp. Illustrated. \$27.95

#### **GROWING UP WITH GOD**

by Sheela Fenster



A highly popular, personal account by Sheela Fenster paints a vivid, intimate portrait of life near Meher Baba, from the perspective of a child and teenager. Hardcover, 805 pp. Illustrated with 146 color and black and white photographs. \$50.00

#### **PRAISE IN COMPLAINT**

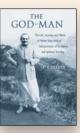
#### by Steve Klein



Back in print! Eighty-two beautiful poems written to and about the Beloved. Originally published in 1978, this popular poetry book is again available for meditation and reflection. 88 pp. \$8.00

#### **THE GOD-MAN**

#### by C. B. Purdom



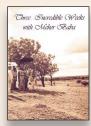
Classic, one-volume biography of Baba includes Purdom's personal recollections and messages as well as diaries and memories of other living witnesses. 474 pp. Illustrated with photographs. \$25.00

#### **READING AS MEDITATION** by Meher Baba



A concise exposition on the divine truths given by Baba for the purpose of providing an ideal meditation through reading. Available now in a pocket-size booklet. 16 pp. \$3.95

#### THREE INCREDIBLE WEEKS by Bob Fredericks



Amazing film footage of the gathering in the Fall of 1954 in India that has come to be known as the "Three Incredible Weeks." Narrated by Bill Le Page and Meherwan Jessawala. DVD. 92 minutes. \$20.00

#### **WEIGHTLESS** by Billy Goodrum



A long awaited second CD by Billy Goodrum – a culmination of songs written during a period of great love and great loss - devoted to the Beloved. Included are

two bonus tracks from out of print CDs. \$12.00

#### LAST CHANTS by Jim Meyer



A brand new album from Jim that spans reggae to blues to rock to his beautiful ballads. 15 wonderful songs. \$15.00

#### **ONE REAL FRIEND** by Jim Meyer



Now available on CD this digitally-remastered recording of Jim's young voice on his first solo album in 1976. Includes nine songs from Journey's of the Heart. Featuring the unforgettable "I Will Never Leave You." 21 tracks. \$15.00

#### **A NEW LIFE**

#### by Adrienne Shamszad



The songs on this long awaited CD have much longing and emotion and are sung with Adrienne's whole heart and soul. In addition to her own compositions, two songs from Brian Darnell are also included. 12 tracks. \$15.00

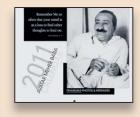


conveying the Truth of Baba's words as narrated by the mandali, but also that aspect of the mandali which reflects beloved Baba in action. Paperback, 147 pp. \$8.00

(VOLUMES I & II ALSO IN STOCK!)

## CALENDARS

#### **2011 AVATAR MEHER BABA CALENDAR**



Another beautiful and informative calendar to relish month by month! Containing finely reproduced photographs of Meher Baba accompanied by thoughtfully chosen messages. \$12.50

#### **HAFIZ CALENDAR 2011** Versions by Daniel Ladinsky

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Uplifting love poems from Baba's favorite poet, Hafiz. Respectfully set within stunning original collages by Saliha Green. \$13.99

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## **CHRISTMAS AT SHERIAR** Three very special sets of books are available

throughout the Christmas season at greatly reduced prices.

#### **THE DANCE OF LOVE & STILL DANCING WITH LOVE:**

**A TWO-VOLUME SET** 

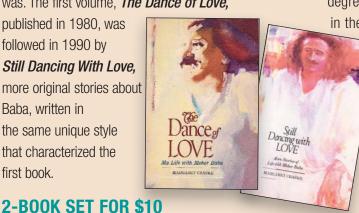
by Margaret Craske



With humor, with love and with incomparable wit, Miss Craske shares wonderful tales of her 60-year relationship with

Meher Baba, and preserves for all time an aspect of Meher Baba that easily could have been lost – His divinely delicious sense of humor. Here is Meher Baba as He really was. The first volume, The Dance of Love,

published in 1980, was followed in 1990 by Still Dancing With Love, more original stories about Baba, written in the same unique style that characterized the first book.



#### **LETTERS FROM THE MANDALI OF AVATAR MEHER BABA:**

#### **VOLUMES 1 & 2**

Behind the well documented areas of Meher Baba's life is a vast store of correspondence between Him and His followers. Written by His close disciples, with varying

degrees of Meher Baba's participation, the letters in these two volumes date from the 1930s to 1981.

> They provide a matchless portrait of Meher Baba's relationship with those committed to following Him.

<u>Letters</u>



#### 2-BOOK SET FOR \$10

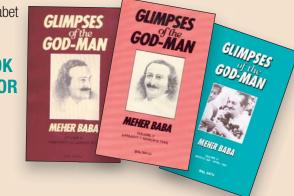
### **GLIMPSES OF THE GOD-MAN, MEHER BABA:**

#### **VOLUMES IV, V AND VI**

The last three volumes in Bal Natu's richly detailed series of biographical volumes spanning from 1953 to 1955.

Volume IV covers Meher Baba's nine-month visit to Dehra Dun in 1953 and the first public declaration of His Avatarhood. Volume V is an almost hourly detail of Meher Baba's travels through Hamipur and Andhra over a nine-week period in 1954. And Volume VI covers March 1954 to April 1955, a period which included The Three Incredible Weeks, the Final Declaration, and Meher Baba's decision to stop using

the alphabet board. **3-BOOK** SET FOR \$15



### PHOTOGRAPHS

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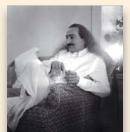
A stunning collection of high-quality photos of Baba from the Mani S. Irani collection. The prints, made from first generation scans of the original negatives, are mounted and protected on 8 x 10" silver cardboard.

The photos, approximately 5 x 7" in size, coupled with an extraordinary clarity, recall the detailed beauty of Indian miniatures. (View these on pages 9-10 in the photo section of our website.) \$20.00







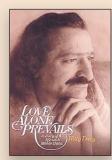






## **2010 OFFER**

Major price reductions have been offered by Sheriar Books in order to make three special books more affordable. Since this program began in May the response has been tremendous. The offer will continue through the end of 2010.



#### **LOVE ALONE PREVAILS** by Kitty Davy

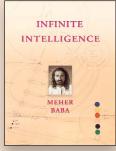
Kitty Davy, one of the earliest of Meher Baba's Western disciples, weaves the story of fifty of her years with Meher Baba.

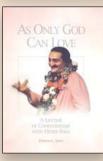
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The book's theme is an ageless one, ever old and ever new: God





**AS ONLY GOD CAN LOVE** by Darwin C. Shaw One of the earliest of Meher Baba's American disciples, Darwin Shaw's

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## **Your Help Makes** a Difference

From an economic point of view, 2010 has been another difficult year for our country, for many of our friends and for Sheriar Foundation as well. In order to keep our publishing activities going, operate the Sheriar bookstore and continue to keep our website accessible to people from all over the world, we depend on a certain level of annual donations from our friends in the Baba community. We appreciate that there are many worthy causes connected to Baba's name and work. We hope you will consider Sheriar Foundation to be one of those causes worth supporting. Our publishing activities are a mix of new books and reprints of books like The God Man that deserve to remain in print regardless of how few copies they might sell. In a similar way, we are about to reprint That's How It Was, a wonderful book of Eruch's stories and we have a number of new publications planned for the next few years. Naturally, all of this requires a source of funds.

We continue to dedicate resources and energy to sharing what we are doing through the online world. It is always a bit of a thrill to see visits to our website from unexpected countries from all over the world. We've also tried to keep in touch through the Sheriar Books Facebook page. If you haven't visited our Facebook page, please do. There's lots of interesting little tidbits. Like recently receiving orders from Israel, Guyana and Slovenia. There's a wonderful photo gallery called "Friends of Sheriar" with photos of many of our wonderful visitors. There's even a little video tour for those of you who have never actually visited us in person. As shown in this newsletter, we have also been working on the design and anticipated content for a Sheriar Books blog. Once it is launched, it will provide additional layers of content and connection. We hope to keep it fresh and interesting so that it may serve as another way to remember Him.

All of this work is made possible by the generosity of people like yourself. Donations of any size are appreciated, and as always, are tax deductible.

## MEHER BABA & THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT Sheriar Books Blog



MEHER BABA AT MEHERA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. nber 1950, Mehera's birthday was celeb rated in Ma 25 Decen the Poona Bhajan Group for the occasion. Photo by Padri.

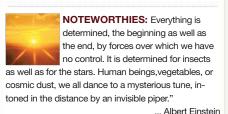
#### THE ROUNDTABLE

Saturday, July 24, 2010

HOME

'All (Baba) Things Considered" Read Steve Klein's new column, "Feeling His Love," in which he explores the opposition between the longing for Baba's love and the pull of the world, using anecdotes from Baba's mandali, and the wit we've come to enjoy, Steve writes about the devotional love towards Baba.

So this parrot walks into a bar & more Bookstore Stories from Laura. Oh, the things people say. Here's one of a million stories that happen in the bookstore. . . . (more)





ON THE FRONT BURNER

**ONLINE LETTERS FROM MANI:** Satara, India from 82 Family Letters. A colorful tead the following collection of letters by Baba's sister Mani, written at Baba's request, give a unique picture of Baba's life from 1956-69. Individual letters will be posted every two weeks.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

ARCHIVAL RELEASES

Search this website.

FROM SHERIAR FOUNDATION ARCHIVES: Conversations read by the author. Informal recording of Bal Natu reading from Conversations With The Awakener. The power of Bal's written words combined with the sweetness of his self-effacing tone, create a unique and poignant dimension to this work

#### **BOOKSTORE HIGHLIGHTS**

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The God-Man by Charles Purdom, the first published biography of Meher Baba, is available again. Completed during Baba's lifetime by one of Baba's close western disciples, this beautifully written biography contains authoritative accounts by living witnesses of His Advent.

#### Recommended Reading for New Baba Lovers & More

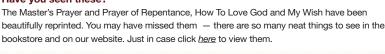
We've put together lists of basic books for various situations. Mix and match according to your special circumstance. The Bare-Bones Classics, The First-home Starter-Set, the Multi-media Collection and Collections of Personal Stories. Please share your suggestions.



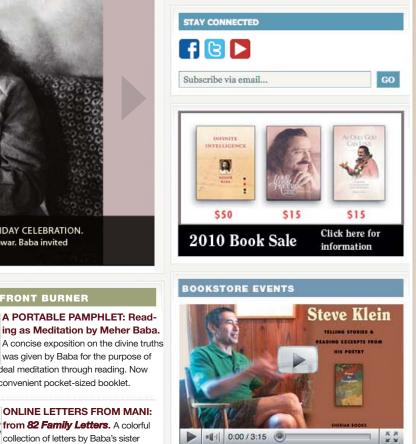
The Real Treasure III is back in stock! Always a favorite, this third in the series of Rustom Falahati's accounts of living in Meherabad. It conveys the truth of Baba's words as

narrated by the mandali, and also captures an aspect of the mandali which reflects Baba in action. Always a favorite, and always hard to keep in stock.

#### Have you seen these?



Meet Our Customers Margaret and Don Euker from New Jersey are members of the unexclusive "Friends of Sheriar" Club. Visitors from all over the world return to the bookstore again and again for the pleasure of browsing books, videos, music and photos; sipping coffee, checking email, and just schmoozing. Meet more "Friends" on our <u>Facebook</u> page.



ONLINE BOOKSTORE



Baidul found a mast called Muhammad Mastan in a lane near Anderson Street. The mast would continually tear up his clothes and then sew them back together again.

Baba wished to contact him, and on July 24th, (1945) Eruch and Baidul took the mast inside a nearby office, which happened to be a bank. Eruch spoke with the manager, explaining that his elder brother (Baba) wanted to be alone with Mastan for some time. Eruch said, "He would greatly appreciate it if you would allow him to use this room for a few minutes." The understanding official immediately agreed, . .



**SHERIAR FOUNDATION** was formed in 1989 as an independent, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation. The purpose of the Foundation is to broaden awareness and deepen the appreciation of the spiritual values exemplified in the life and writings of Meher Baba.