The God-Man: Available Again

The God-Man, a one-volume, 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.

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.
- 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.
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

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 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

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

VOLUMES I, II & III

THE REAL TREASURE III
by Rustom Falahati
Another real treasure by Rustom Falahati. In this book the author not only brings out more stories 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

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

RUMI CALENDAR 2011: Heart of The Beloved
Translations by Coleman Barks
The mystical metaphors of Rumi’s poetry are complemented by the rich intricacy of the artwork of Persian miniatures.
$13.99

RUMI CALENDAR 2011: The Illuminated Rumi
Versions by Michael Green
A magnificent meeting of ancient poetry and magical modern art, a classic guide to the life of the soul for a whole new generation of seekers.
$13.99

WHAT’S NEW, SPECIAL OFFERINGS & LOTS OF WONDERFUL STUFF
PHOTOGRAPHS

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.
$15 (reduced from $30)

INFINITE INTELLIGENCE
by Meher Baba
The book’s theme is an ageless one, ever old and ever new: God as Infinite Intelligence.
$50 (reduced from $75)

AS ONLY GOD CAN LOVE
by Darwin C. Shaw
One of the earliest of Meher Baba’s American disciples, Darwin Shaw’s phenomenal memoir.
$15 (reduced from $30)
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.

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.