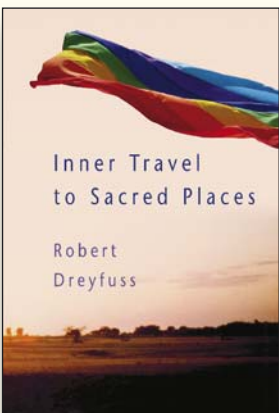




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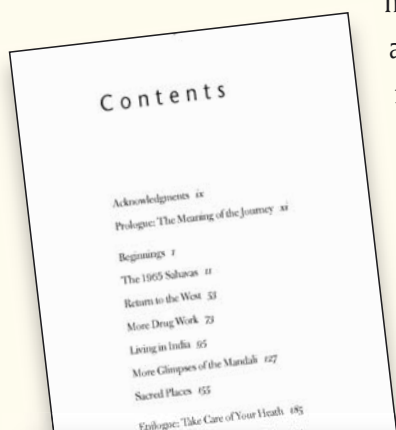
Inner Travel to Sacred Places

On September 1, 1965 Robert Dreyfuss flew from the US to London. He then set out on a 2½ month overland journey to India to attend a gathering called by his master, Meher Baba. However, on arrival, he discovered that the meeting had been cancelled—three days after he had left on his trip! The account of how he persisted against all odds to meet his Beloved is part of Robert Dreyfuss' inspiring life story, *Inner Travel to Sacred Places*.

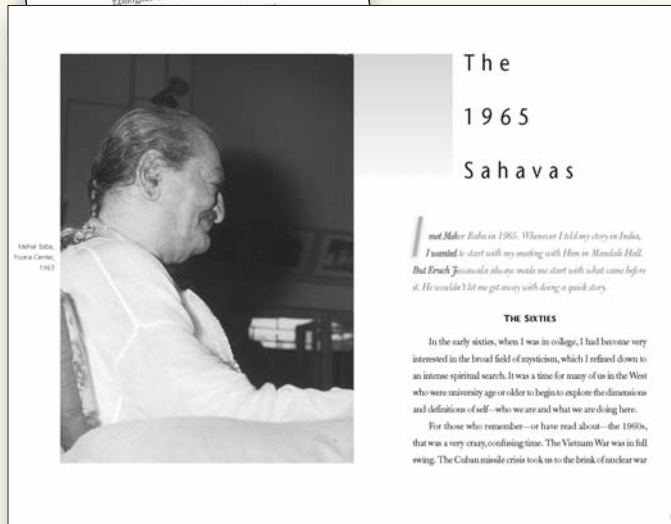
Robert, who was allowed to stay two nights at Meherazad at Baba's behest, was sent back with a mission: to spread His message that drugs were destructive "physically, mentally and spiritually". Along with Rick Chapman and Allan Cohen, he was at the forefront of that effort in the US in the 1960s and '70s.

A sickly child, Robert made a pact with himself as a young teen-ager: he would never again allow physical conditions to interfere with his life.

In fact he would challenge his mind and body at every turn and welcome suffering as "a necessary ingredient of the stew [which] gives just the right amount of flavoring by which the emboldened self can be made Real." Subsequently, Robert tested his ability to withstand even the most primitive conditions in his world travels, which he describes vividly in these memoirs.



Inner Travel to Sacred Places contains over 100 photos and reproductions of letters from Meher Baba. 230 pp. \$25

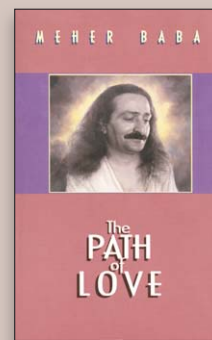


KEEPING BABA MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Sheriar Foundation is committed to keeping valued Baba material in print. Two classic publications have been reprinted this year. In that same spirit, *The Ancient One*, a popular cassette tape produced 38 years ago, has been remastered and is now available as a CD.

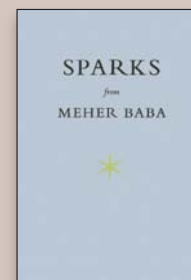
The Path of Love.

A favorite for many readers, reprinted this year by Sheriar Foundation, offers a veritable feast of Meher Baba's messages on a range of religious and spiritual ideas: from basic theories about God and the nature of man to advice on how to conduct our daily lives. Much of this material originally appeared in *The Awakener Magazine* from 1953–1976. 129 pp. \$12



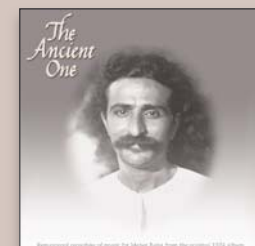
Sparks from Meher Baba.

This power-packed 24-page pamphlet, first compiled by Delia de Leon and Kitty Davy in England in 1962, has been reprinted by Sheriar Foundation this year. This assemblage of quotes from Meher Baba, in its fourth printing, continues to be a popular and inspirational collection. The material is arranged by topic: God, The Awakener, The Master, Silence, The Soul, The Purpose of Life, Work, Love, Good and Evil, Freedom, Prayer, The Seven Realities, and The Prayer of Repentance. 24 pp. \$4.95.



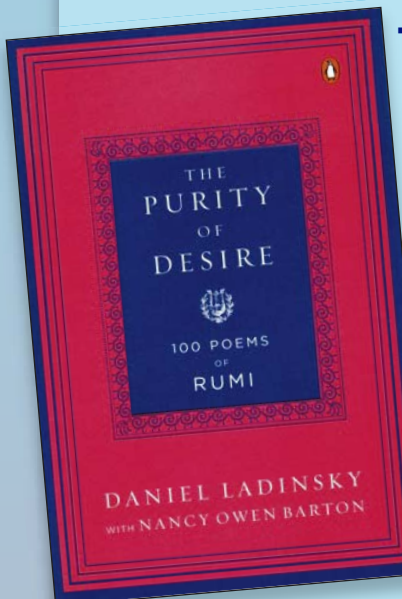
The Ancient One.

Remember these incredibly charged songs? — "Life is a Rainbow," "Ocean Calm," "Song of the Reed," "Baba Wake Up in Our Hearts," "Come Soon?" — music that captivated the Baba world in 1974, performed by Bob and Jane Brown, Buz Connor, Jim Meyer, David Miotke, Cathy Riley and others on this popular album, *The Ancient One*. This remarkable, remastered CD is now available to enjoy all over again. \$15



NEW PUBLICATIONS

100 POEMS OF RUMI BY DAN LADINSKY



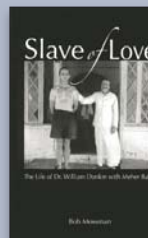
The Purity of Desire: 100 Poems of Rumi

Daniel Ladinsky
with Nancy Owen Barton

Renowned for his poignant renderings of Hafiz's mystical texts, Daniel Ladinsky captures the beauty, intimacy, and musicality of another of Islam's most beloved poets and spiritual thinkers. These poems thoughtfully capture the compelling wisdom of one of Islam's most revered artistic and religious voices and one of the most widely read poets in the English language. **Paperback, 144 pp. \$16**

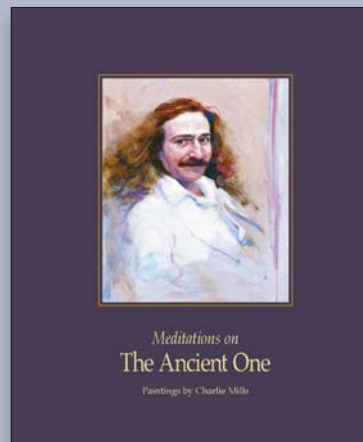
Slave of Love: The Life of William Donkin with Meher Baba

Bob Mossman



A biography of William Donkin, Meher Baba's close disciple and doctor "Don" as Meher Baba called him was the only Western man to accompany Baba on the New Life, live with Him in India, and travel with Him for 30 years. He is the author of *The Wayfarers* — a book chronicling Meher Baba's work with the masts (or God-intoxicated souls). **Paperback, 376 pp. with 60 photos \$25**

THE ART OF THE DIVINE



Meditations on The Ancient One

Charlie Mills

This exquisite book is a work of art. It consists of magnificent pictures that are the culmination of Charlie Mills's 30 years of painting the Divine Beloved. Think of it as a bound collection of 24 color reproductions of selected paintings. Of these, 23 are of Meher Baba and one is a loving portrait of Mehera, Meher Baba's Beloved. Many of the pictures will evoke thoughts of specific places and times in Baba's life: sitting regally on His gaadi near his Tomb-Shrine; smiling in the setting of Meher Center, with the lake, boathouse, and tall pines behind Him; saluting the God in you during a Darshan; gazing out at sea from the deck of an ocean liner—a virtual treasure-trove of images of the Divine Beloved. **8 1/2 x 10 1/4" Hardcover, 28 pp. \$45**

MUSIC

The Ancient One Various Artists

A remastered hit CD from 1974 that includes songs written to words by Mehera, to words of Bhau Kalchuri's ghazals, and to Jalaluddin Rumi's poems. Sung by Bob and Jane Brown, Buz Connor, Jim Meyer, David Miotke and Cathy Riley. Just a beautiful treasure! **\$15**

Song of Huma

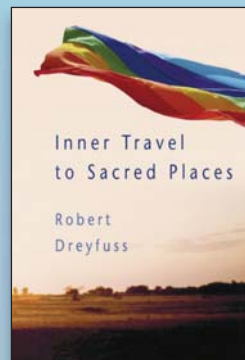
Many of you will remember the two fabulous cassettes of songs Meher Baba wrote, sung by the women mandali, created by Elaine Cox in the 1980s. Now available on CD, they are composed of ghazals written by Meher Baba in the early 1920s using the pen-name of "Huma," the Persian word for the phoenix. **2-CD Set \$20**

Dance For Joy Bobbi Bernstein

When Bobbi's fingers touch the keyboard, rhythm jumps out from the ivories. Bobbie and her many friends create a variety of rhythmic songs on her new CD. The lyrics to three of the songs include Leslie Walsh, Jerry Edwards and many more. **\$15**

Two New Books by Robert Dreyfuss

Inner Travel to Sacred Places Robert Dreyfuss

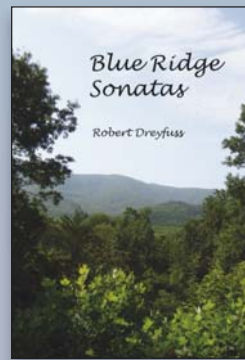


Robert's memoirs, completed just before his death in Oct. 2011, are a fascinating and inspiring description of a remarkable life. Although he traveled by every conveyance around the world, Robert's real journey was inward, culminating in his meeting the Eternal

Beloved Meher Baba. *Inner Travel* is a unique story of an individual who persistently defied the odds and, ultimately, won the prize. This 230-page book includes over 100 photos and reproductions of letters from Meher Baba.

Paperback, 230 pp. \$25

Blue Ridge Sonatas Robert Dreyfuss



Robert Dreyfuss left us these poems as part of a collection of jottings tucked away in notebooks and pads. They were all written, by hand, during the last two-and-a-half years of his life, after he retired and moved from the Bay Area to the mountains near Asheville,

North Carolina. Somehow, during this time, he summoned the images and words and phrases which fill this book with remarkable poems that reveal the struggles, love, clarity, and mystery that had become his intimate friends. **Paperback, 92 pp. \$10**

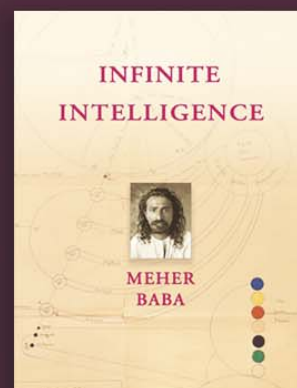
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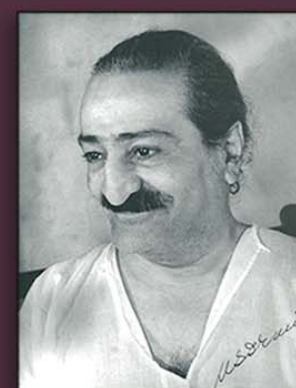
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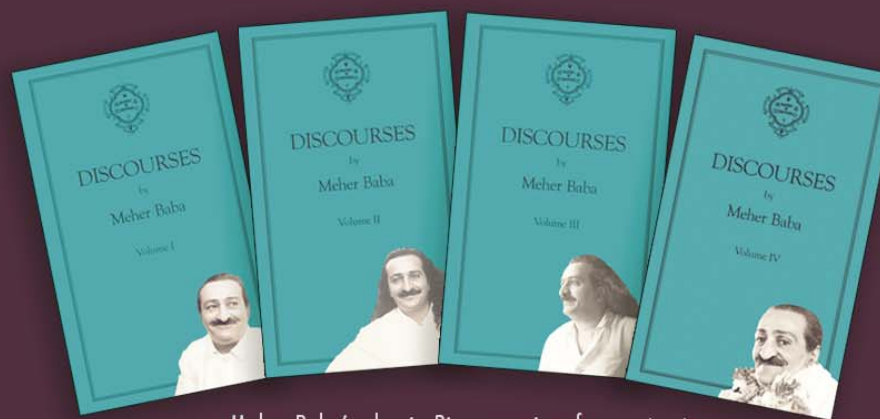


GOD IN HUMAN FORM

An extraordinary collection of over 300 photographs of Meher Baba spanning His life from birth to death. **Hardcover**

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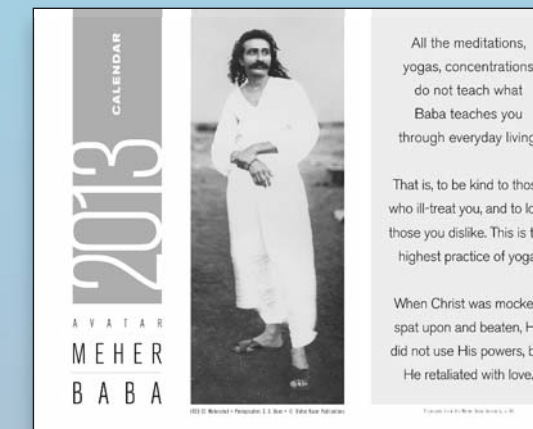
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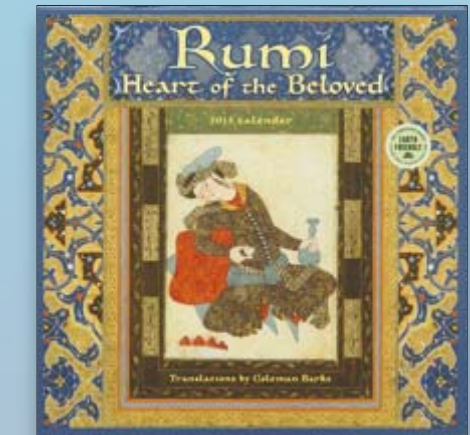
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All the meditations, yogas, concentrations do not teach what Baba teaches you through everyday living. That is, to be kind to those who ill-treat you, and to love those you dislike. This is the highest practice of yoga. When Christ was mocked, spat upon and beaten, He did not use His powers, but He retaliated with love.



2013 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 and indication of events from Baba's life. It serves as a steady reminder of the Beloved all year long.

11" x 9" folded, 11" x 18" open. \$12.50

Rumi: Heart of the Beloved Calendar 2013

Translations by Coleman Barks

Beautiful 12-month calendar for 2013. Each month features a Rumi stanza translated by Coleman Barks paired with exquisite Persian miniatures. An inviting call to mystical reflection all year round. **\$13.99**

SUPERB NEW FILM

I Am The One Reality

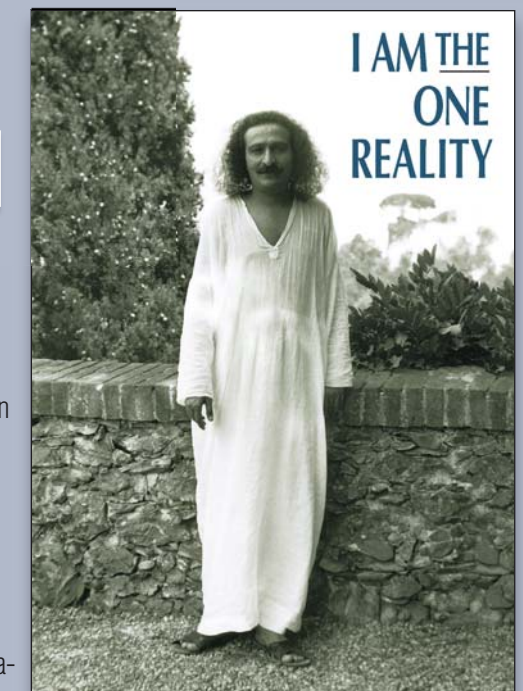
Produced and directed by Wendy Haynes Connor and Buz Connor, this new video interweaves rare and never-before-seen film footage of Meher Baba, taken by Elizabeth Patterson in 1933 in India and Italy, with photos and excerpts from the diaries of Elizabeth, Kitty Davy, Margaret Craske, and Delia DeLeon. This video captures the intimacy of those early days



ELIZABETH WITH MEHER BABA DVD 72-minutes \$35

with the Master when He drew His Western followers to Him with His extraordinary beauty and introduced them to what life with a spiritual master meant.

Special features include the original 1933 film footage, with the oldest surviving moving images of Baba in India, as well as clips of interviews with these remarkable women disciples in later years sharing about their life with Meher Baba.



MUSIC

The Original Songs of The "East-West Gathering"

Francis Brabazon, Raine Eastman-Gannett & Sam Saunders
The original melodies, mostly traditional, were used by Francis Brabazon due to having to write the book, *The East-West Gathering*, at the request of Beloved Meher Baba. **2-CD set \$20**

Lovely Meher Baba Cathy Haas Riley

A new children's Baba CD for "kids of all ages!" These songs will surely appeal to the inner child in us all—adults will be humming these tunes along with their kids. The CD features a wide range of musical styles including swing, tango, **\$15**

Love's Dream Gabriella Tal

Gabriella's songs are supported powerfully by Andrew Marlin with instrumentals and vocal harmonies: A folk, jazz, country blend of songs celebrate the relationship with the Beloved, combining guitar, mandolin, piano, sax, flute and a chorus of Baba-lovers. **\$12**

Your Donations Make a Big Difference

If you appreciate the publication work that Sheriar Foundation does and enjoy visiting the Sheriar Bookstore, we hope that you also appreciate the fact that we depend on donations from people like you to be able to keep on doing what we do.

Even in the best of economic times, the ebb and flow of donations is difficult to predict. In the last few years that has been even more the case. We've been publishing Baba

books for a long time now. In some ways, it's surprising that there still are very few people who buy the books we publish. One day that will surely change but we certainly don't know when. In the meanwhile, we remain committed to publishing books that we believe have intrinsic value because of what they add to the record of Meher Baba's advent. Most of the time, we cannot recoup the costs of publishing these books from the level of sales that they generate. We publish the books anyway. And

this is a big part of why we rely on the generosity of our friends in Baba to help Sheriar Foundation to continue to function in this way. Donations of all sizes are appreciated and welcome so please consider showing us your support if you value the work that we do.

Along with our publishing efforts and the running of the Sheriar bookstore, we continue to post new content to our website as well as to our Facebook page. We post new

content of all kinds almost every day on our Facebook page and we also receive a good number of ongoing comments from visitors to the page so please check us out if you're not already familiar with the Sheriar Books Facebook page.

We thank you for your interest in Sheriar Foundation and wish each and every one of you much love in the Beloved in the year to come.

Memorable Bookstore Events

Two frequent guest speakers at Sheriar Books are Bill Le Page and Ward Parks. And this year was no exception —



both giving captivating talks about Baba to very appreciative audiences.

On July 7th in the bookstore, Bill reminisced about his

times with Baba, and how that contrasted with the way Baba was with the women in Portofino in the 1930s as shown in Wendy and Buz's new DVD, *I Am the One Reality*. During that period, Baba gathered many of His early women disciples when He was so young and beautiful. Bill went on to describe how that period was characterized by personality differences between the women and the few men that were there — giving examples of one causing problems by being too proper and another causing conflict by coveting a

special position with Baba. This was so different from the way Baba was with the men in "The Three Incredible Weeks" in 1954. During this time, Baba often gave discourses, the focus being less on the dynamics between personalities.

As always with Bill, the warmth, humor and intimacy of Baba's presence filled the room.

The following week, Ward Parks gave a very stimulating and provocative talk entitled "The Passing of the Mandali Era and the Three Perennial Paths to God: Knowledge, Action and Devotion." In this talk he explored a variety of Baba literature and touched on some of the implications of these themes for the community of Meher Baba lovers as it begins to enter what will certainly become a phase of historic transformation. The room was packed with people thoroughly engaged with Ward's clear and impassioned presentation.



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Join our Facebook Exchange

With over 600 friends and lively interaction among Baba lovers from all over the world, Sheriar Books' Facebook page is a lively place to visit. Daily posts include photos and quotes from Baba, the latest new items at the bookstore, book reviews, sales, announcements of the new "All (Baba) Things Considered" columns, photos of visitors to the bookstore, as well as interesting stories from the bookstore. The most popular post

to date was of this photo of Meher Baba with this message: "On this day, July 30th, 1956, Baba was having this photograph taken in Washington, DC. On the same day, not far away, President Eisenhower was signing into law the official motto of the United States, 'In God We Trust.' Photos, videos, music, quotes—everyday reminders of our Beloved Baba's presence. Come join the fun!"

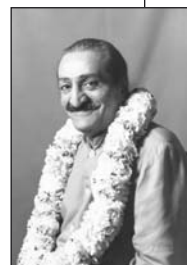


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Three New Online Columnists

All (Baba) Things Considered, an online column on Sheriar Books' website, was started by Ann Conlon in 2003. After Ann's passing in 2005, three columnists, Wendy Haynes Connor, Steve Klein and Juniper Lesnik were invited to write columns continuing the original spirit of personal reflection on life with Baba. This year three more columnists have been added to the roster: Jenny Keating, Bruce Felknor and Billy Goodrum. If you would like to receive an email announcing each new monthly column, write to Laura@SheriarBooks.org to request a free subscription.

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.