

Avatar's Abode Spring Sahavas Programme

(Saturday 3rd – Monday 5th October 2020)

Out of This Seclusion



Meher Baba at Avatar's Abode in June 1958
(photo by Colin Adams)

Please Note:

- All program items listed below, with the exception of **Sunday's B.Y.O. lunch**, children's story and dance and nature walk, are 'virtual' programs and will be accessed via Zoom Conferencing.
- All times are A.E.S.T. Note that daylight saving starts in some Australian states on Sunday 4th October at 2.00am, so the Sunday and Monday programs in these states will be 1 hour later than the program times shown below. Some international times are listed at the bottom of this programme.
- **Saturday's am program is for Gen Y and Gen Zs only, and Saturday's pm program is for women only.**
- Please direct programme inquiries to avatarsabodespringsahavas2020@gmail.com

Saturday 3rd October

10am - 12noon

Coming to Baba Youthfully with special guest [Rick Chapman](#)

An opportunity for **Millennials and Gen Zs** to have their own time with Rick, focussing on the spiritual search as it pertains to youth. Rick will talk about how, during his college years, he came to Baba, and following this, witnessed the unfoldment of Baba's drug message; then how he had the opportunity of going to India during Baba's seclusion and meeting Baba. Followed by Q & A.

Facilitators: Josh Wolterding and Bill Foley

2.30pm – 4.00pm

For There the Infant God is Sleeping (see Francis Brabazon's, *The Beloved is All in All* page 48, "Time was...")

An opportunity for women to share with other women, their perspectives on keeping "... their hearts comfortable and quiet" in this time of seclusion and confusion.

During 2020 some find opportunity for exploring 'Inner Space': Others barely manage competing family roles and demands – confined by lockdown!

Baba's Mehera, Mani and women mandali were living examples of how to 'be' in ways which integrally remembered Him in daily tasks. How might we establish personal sanctuaries of strength and serenity to draw more on our intuition, in our daily lives with Baba?

Facilitators: Jeanette Young and Kris Hines

Sunday 4th October

10.00am - 12noon

Meher Baba and Queerness – with special guests [Charles Haynes and Christopher Wilson](#)

Charles and Christopher will participate as guests in an interview followed by a round table discussion focused on Meher Baba and LGBTQI people. Queer people have been present with Meher Baba since the early days. ALL are welcome to join us in this discussion on what it means to be on the spectrum of gender and sexual variance in light of being a Baba lover.

Facilitators: Josh Wolterding and Bill Foley

1.00pm - 2.00pm

– **BYO Picnic lunch – The Shed verandah at Avatar’s Abode – B.Y.O. food and drinks {including your own tea/coffee/soft drinks}**
Please note that the kitchen will not be open.

2.00pm - 2.30pm

– **Children’s story and dance** (on The Shed steps) – about animals that connect with the land and the importance of looking after them.

2.45pm – 3.45pm

– **Nature Walk** – embracing the theme of the children’s story above

Note: Covid-safe protocols, as listed below, will apply to the above activities.

MC: Leigh Rowan

Monday 5th October

10.00am – 12.00noon

– **Meeting Meher Baba** – with [Rick Chapman](#)

In 1966, as a Fulbright student on a one-year scholarship in India, Rick Chapman had the unexpected “God-fortune” to meet the Avatar of the Age, Meher Baba, at Meherazad on 15th August, India’s Independence Day. Rick will tell about that meeting and the remainder of his year in India that followed, which included, at Baba’s direction, tours into the heartlands of Baba’s lovers throughout India.

Facilitator: Michael Le Page

Some international time differences:

- Saturday 10.00am A.E.S.T. is Friday 8.00pm on the **U.S. East Coast**
- Saturday 10.00am A.E.S.T. is Friday 5.00pm on the **U.S. West Coast**
- Saturday 2.30pm A.E.S.T. is Saturday 10.00am across **India**

Please Note:

For Sunday’s B.Y.O. lunch, children’s story and dance and nature walk, the following Covid-19 protocols are to be observed:

- Hand sanitiser dispensers will be provided. Please sanitize your hands, on arrival and prior to leaving.
- Register your name and contact details upon arrival; and check-out when leaving
- Where possible maintain the required physical distancing
- **Do not attend the program if feeling unwell, or showing symptoms of fever, sore throat, fatigue or shortness of breath.**
- **Anyone who develops the above symptoms within 14 days of visiting Avatar’s Abode must contact a doctor or call 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84), and notify us if tested positive.**

We look forward to your joining us in-person or ‘virtually’ for some or all of the Spring Sahavas!

Jai Meher Baba!