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BH02333: Upon thee, O Mihdi, be the splendor of God…

Upon thee, O Mihdi, be the splendor of God and His glory! Rejoice that thy name is oft-mentioned before the Throne. Say: Praise be to Thee, O our Lord, the All-Merciful! Thou, while in prison, dost remember those who love Thee and call out to those who seek Thee. I testify that Thy mercy hath encompassed all creation. O Lord! Withhold not the glances of Thy loving-kindness from this servant whose gaze is fixed upon Thy most exalted horizon. Preserve him, then, beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

Know thou that there hath come before Our presence a leaf from the Afnan which We found adorned with the ornament of love for thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed is he in that he hath been mentioned before the Throne and the tongue of Revelation hath spoken in his remembrance words of light that have shone forth from the horizon of the favors of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Remember him on My behalf and say: Should thou ask of the Prisoner, verily He is in the hands of the wicked, and at all times His tongue doth make mention of His Lord and there descendeth from the heaven of Command that which giveth life unto souls. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Qiblih of all horizons and for having been encompassed by the grace of thy Lord, the Creator of all things. Say: O people! The Day hath come—the Kingdom is God's, the One, the Almighty. Doth it beseem anyone to tarry when every rock proclaimeth with loudest voice: Hasten with your hearts unto the Dayspring of grandeur and power!

Give thanks unto God for having adorned thee with the ornament of His love and clothed thee in the raiment of righteousness, which is the recognition of the Manifestation of His Cause, whereby the standards of remembrance have been raised upon the highest mountains. Know thou that upon Our arrival at this Spot, We chose to designate it as the "Most Great Prison". Though previously subjected in another land (Tehran) to chains and fetters, We yet refused to call it by that name. Say: Ponder thereon, O ye endued with understanding! All that hath appeared and will appear hath been recorded in the Book. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Among the people are those who recognize Him before His manifestation, and among them are those who, when He is made manifest, say: "This is what hath proceeded from the Pen of Revelation from God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving." Blessed is he who pondereth the verses of God and readeth them at eventide and at dawn.

We beseech God to make thee steadfast in His Cause in such wise that thou seest all else beneath thy shadow. This beseemeth one who hath laid hold on the Most Great Cord, by whose movement all

creation hath been moved. O My Afnan! We love to remember you by night and by day. Blessed is he who hath aided Me and hath arisen to serve his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Rejoice and be glad on this Day wherein the veil hath been rent asunder and that which was hidden in God's knowledge from time immemorial hath been made manifest. Convey My greetings unto the face of him who loveth Me. Verily thy Lord remembereth whom He willeth through His grace. His grace hath indeed preceded creation. Upon thee be My glory and the glory of all things unto the Day that shall not be followed by reckoning.

BH02364: The Pen testifieth in the Most Great Prison…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

The Pen testifieth in the Most Great Prison and calleth out amongst the nations: "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of eternity!" Yet the people understand not. Every thing hath voiced the praise of its Lord, yet most of the people hear not. The trees and stones have been stirred by the breezes of thy Lord, the Revealer of verses, yet the people recognize not. All faces have turned toward the Countenance of Beauty, yet the people of error perceive not. The Herald crieth out: "Hasten with your hearts toward the direction of the Beloved!" Yet the people are as dead. From the very midst of tribulation, I summon the entire creation unto God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O thou who hast turned toward the Qiblih of existence! By My life, wert thou to know what I endure, thou wouldst lament. Yet the Youth is in joy and gladness. In the darkness of tribulation, the countenance of Baha hath shone forth—exalted be He Who hath caused Him to speak with truth and sent Him with manifest sovereignty.

We have found the fragrance of thy love; therefore have We sent down for thee two Tablets, and after them this holy, mighty, beloved Tablet, from whose horizon hath shone the sun of the favors of thy Lord. When thou attainest unto it, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee for having moved the Pen of Command to my remembrance, and caused Thy sacred, cherished tongue to mention my name."

Arise to promote the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the worshippers of idle fancies nor the conditions of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Blessed is he who hath cast away what the people possess and turned wholly toward the praiseworthy station.

We make mention, at all times, of the loved ones of the All-Merciful, that the fire of remembrance may be kindled in their hearts in such wise that the radiance of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, may be witnessed in their faces. Blessed is he who hath drunk the Salsabil from the hand of his gracious Lord and followed Him upon this path which hath appeared in truth from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

Say: O people! Take ye warning from those who disbelieved aforetime, then ponder what they possessed. Do ye see them today? Nay, by My life! All are in unremitting torment. Those whom this world hath deluded are indeed a people cast down. Blessed is he who hath cast aside all else and held fast to the

cord of his Lord. He, verily, dwelleth beneath the shadow of his Lord's mercy, and the honored servants pray for him.

Say: Abandon ye the pond, then turn ye toward the river of your Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Beloved. They who have kept their covenant with God and His testament are indeed the choicest of all creation in the Preserved Tablet. Were they to behold their stations in the heights of Paradise, they would soar aloft from longing. Thy Lord is, verily, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Say: O My loved ones! Be ye of such a nature that the people of creation may inhale from you the sweet fragrances of your Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious, that your sanctification of His Cause may be made manifest among those who are veiled. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them in truth as a grace from Him unto thee and unto those who are guided.

Convey My greetings unto those from whose faces thou perceivest the radiance of Baha and in whose hearts thou findest the love of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH02419: This is a missive from Us unto her who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High

This is a missive from Us unto her who hath believed in God, hearkened unto His call, recognized His Self, and turned unto Him. Her letter hath been presented before the Throne that We might attract her once again unto God, the Mighty, the Wise.

O Most Exalted Leaf! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Most High, from the Divine Lote-Tree in the luminous spot: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous. O Leaf of Paradise! Hearken once again unto the call from the Ultimate Tree upon the crimson hill from this Most Great Scene: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Thy letter hath been presented in the presence of the Throne, and towards it hath been directed the gaze of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as We have inhaled therefrom the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Compassionate. Thou hast, in most of the hours, been remembered in the presence of the Countenanceâ€"this is of His bounty unto thee; verily He is the Ordainer of whatsoever He willeth.

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast remained faithful unto the Covenant of God and His Testament, and hast turned away from the treacherous. From thee have We perceived the sweet savour of fidelity: glory thou in the testimony of God among all the worlds. Grieve not at aught; by My life! He is with thee at all times. It behoveth every soul to honour thee, to exalt thee, and to observe in thee the right of God and His Cause. Thus hath the decree been sent down from One Who is Powerful, Most Mighty. Render thou thanks unto God, and then make mention of Him with spirit and sweet savour, for that which hath been revealed unto thee from the Pen of Revelation in this perspicuous Tablet.

O my God and my Beloved! I am she who hath turned unto Thee, believed in the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause and the Source of Thine inspiration, and attained unto that which Thy handmaidens have not attained. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name—He Who was afflicted amongst the oppressors of Thy

creation and the rebellious ones among Thy creatures, Whose liver was pierced by the arrows of Thine enemies and Whose garment was stained with the blood of hatred through what befell Him in Thy love—to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and Thy love, speaking Thy praise and glorification, taking refuge in Thy presence in all Thy worlds. O Lord! Deny me not the sweet-scented breezes of the garment of Thy Revelation, the fragrant emanations of the robe of Thy mercy, and Thy signs through which the winds of Thy grace pass.

O Lord! Thou art He Whose bounty hath encompassed all things and Whose mercy hath preceded all who dwell on earth and in heaven. Send down upon me in all conditions that which beseemeth Thy presence and befitteth Thy sovereignty. I am she who, O my Beloved, hath acknowledged Thy singleness and confessed Thy oneness and found intimacy with the Manifestation of Thy Self. Thou seest me, O my God, seeking protection in Thy custody and clinging to Thy grace and favors. Therefore, O Beloved of the worlds, cause me to drink, by the hand of Thy favors, the wine of Thy generosity, that the intoxication of the Kawthar of Thy bounty may so overcome me as to render me detached from all else save Thee and wholly turned unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Transcendent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH02410: The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted…

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High! We have heard thy cry and learned of what hath befallen thee. Therefore did the ocean of thy Lord's loving-kindness surge, that thou mightest witness with thine inmost being that His mercy hath preceded all created things and His grace hath encompassed the worlds. Doth the loss of earthly treasures grieve thee? By My life! All affairs are within the grasp of thy Lord's might, the Powerful, the Almighty. Grieve not for what hath passed thee by. Turn with thy most pure heart unto the Most Sublime Vision.

Say: O Thou Lord of destiny and Creator of humanity! I have cast away what is with me in hope of what is with Thee. Thou art, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful. He accepteth thee in this state, having found thee detached from that wherewith men occupy themselves. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

If what thou hast is lost, be confident in what God hath. If thou art left without a helper, seek help from Him in Whose grasp lieth the kingdom of the heavens and earth. If thou findest no one to aid thee, know thou and be assured that He is thy helper. If thy companions and those who were with thee disperse, He will accompany thee and remember thee in truth. He is the helper of him who hath no helper, and the succourer of him who hath no succourer. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Wise.

By My life! Shouldst thou inhale the fragrances of these verses and discover the breezes of thy Lord's mercy that waft from them, such joy would seize thee that thou wouldst forsake all who are in the realm of being and arise to praise this wronged One, the solitary, the remote. Arise, then remember thy Lord, and fear not what hath passed thee by. Thy Lord, verily, hath power over whatsoever He willeth. He is, verily, the Ruler over whatsoever He pleaseth.

Know thou that thy adornment is My love, thy wealth My remembrance, thy treasure My praise, and thy pearls thy trust in God, the Eternal, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Cast away thy sorrows, then take the cup of joy in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful.

Say: O my God and my Beloved! O my God and my Purpose! O my God and my Object of worship! Unto Thee be praise for having encompassed me with the outpourings from the clouds of Thy bounty and the manifestations of Thy gifts and favors. Though, O my God, what befitteth Thy station and beseemeth Thy sovereignty hath passed me by, yet I behold that Thou hast not withheld from me what befitteth Thy mercy and favor, and what beseemeth Thy generosity and bounty, inasmuch as Thou hast remembered me while I was silent in Thy remembrance. O Lord! Make me detached from all else save Thee, steadfast in Thy love, uttering Thy praise, and gazing toward Thy direction, that I may be a servant unto Thy Cause in my remaining days.

O Lord! Have mercy upon me through Thy bounty, then ordain for me that which shall preserve me from the evil of those who have disbelieved in Thy Self and turned away from Thy Beauty, after Thou didst come unto them from the heaven of Thy Cause with Thy sovereignty and power. O Lord! Leave me not to myself, nor cast me out among Thy servants. Take my hand with the hands of Thy power, then deliver me from the seas of sorrows. Thou art, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

BH02386: That which hath been revealed in the Tablets…

That which hath been revealed in the Tablets of loving counsel regarding unity and other matters hath been and will continue to be intended for all created things, both those who are round about Me and those in all lands. The knowledge of the True One encompasseth all things. That which hath streamed forth from the Most Ancient Pen hath been based upon observation of what was and what would be. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O thou physician! Convey My glorification to the people of Zawra who have embarked upon the Crimson Ark by the leave of God, the Lord of all names. Blessed are they, inasmuch as they have migrated in the path of God, the Originator of earth and heaven. In their departure from Zawra there are signs for those possessed of understanding, and in their return there are clear tokens for those who have been heedless of their Lord's remembrance. Thus doth God single out whom He pleaseth through His grace. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: Be not grieved by that which hath befallen you. Ye have borne what I have borne. This is of God's grace—He bestoweth it upon whom He willeth, though the people are in doubt and behind a veil. Rend it asunder through wisdom and utterance. Thus hath it been ordained in the Tablets of your Lord, the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the One Who ordaineth what He willeth. God hath made you a sign of His remembrance amongst His servants, and this is of His grace upon you, O ye who are endued with insight. Blessed be your ears, for they have heard; and your hearts, for they have turned; and your faces, for they have been illumined by the lights of your Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We have read the letter of Our name Muhammad-Qabli-Mustafa and have turned toward him from this Horizon whence the daysprings have been made to shine. He hath been wronged by those who wander in the wilderness of heedlessness and forgetfulness. God shall soon exalt those who have desired His presence and seize such as have persisted in pride and discord. Upon them be the glory of God, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

Thy likeness hath been honored to attain the presence of the Lord of Majesty, and this is yet another turn. We beseech God to make it one of the supreme examples in the kingdom of creation and to manifest through it that which thy Lord, the Lord of all names, hath desired. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Wise. We make mention of thee in the realms of eternity even as thou makest mention of Us among the peoples. To this beareth witness the Pen that moveth between the fingers of thy Lord's will, the Powerful, the Almighty.

Excellent is that which thou hast inferred regarding him whom thou didst mention. He, verily, is the Protector of those who remember. He aideth him who speaketh by His command and openeth upon hearts the gates of knowledge. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Convey abundant greetings on behalf of the True One to all the loved ones in that land. Be vigilant in all regions regarding the Cause of God, lest any matter arise that might cause harm to the loved ones of that land, for these souls are known by the name of God and their protection is necessary in all circumstances. Let them not be saddened by the disruption of outward means. Verily, He enlargeth unto whom He willeth. In His hand is the dominion of all things. He ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth whatsoever He desireth. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH02449: The Ancient of Days, the Most Great, the Most…

The Ancient of Days, the Most Great, the Most Exalted! These are the verses of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Wise, sent down in truth to all who are in the heavens and on earth.

The Most Exalted Pen addresses those who dwell in the kingdom of creation: O people! The Lord of Names has come and calls you in truth. Fear God and be not of those who remain veiled. Leave behind all created things and hasten with your hearts unto God, the Revealer of verses. This is what you were promised in the Tablets from One All-Knowing, All-Informed. Arise to aid the Cause of your Lord—this is better for you, if you be of those who understand.

Seize the measure of these days wherein has appeared the Dayspring of your Lord's verses, the Mighty, the Praised. Will anything in creation profit you? No, by His very Self, the True One, save what He has ordained for you in His mighty, beautiful kingdom. Hasten to the good things which have been inscribed by the Pen of your Lord, the Lord of Names and Attributes, and follow not every sinful idolater.

By My life! Steadfastness is among the most mighty and greatest of all things. Blessed is he who attains unto it—he is indeed among the most exalted of servants before his Lord. Thus has the matter been decreed in a preserved Tablet.

We have heard your call and answered you with that which has caused the First Ornament to shine forth. This is indeed a manifest grace. When you receive the Tablet, take it with the hand of certitude, then read what has been revealed therein. Thus does He command you Who is imprisoned in this remote spot.

Let not the intimations of the heedless grieve you, nor the might of the ascetics who visit the House and endure hardships, thinking themselves to be among the doers of good. Yet when the Lord of the House appeared, they denied Him—they are indeed among the lost. How many learned ones have perished, and

how many ignorant ones have passed over the Bridge as passes a cloud! Thus does the All-Informed apprise you.

Hold fast to the cord of your Lord's tender mercy, then rest assured in His grace. Say: O my God! Aid me to be steadfast in Thy love and in following Thy command, then ordain for me what befits Thy station and Thy gifts. Thou art indeed the Almighty over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

If you find one who makes mention of your Lord, convey to him greetings from this exiled Prisoner. Say: He has desired for no one save what God has desired for him—to this testifies every fair-minded, discerning one. Throughout His days He was beneath the swords of His enemies, yet from the horizon of prison He calls you unto God, the Lord of Names. Beware lest you deprive yourselves of that for which you were created. Draw near with your hearts unto the Beloved and be not of those who hesitate. You are in your homes while He makes mention of you in exile, being in the hands of the aggressive ones.

Glory be upon the people of Baha who have embarked upon the Crimson Ark in the name of God, the Cleaver of the Heaven, and who are among those possessed of certitude.

BH02489: This is a fragrance from the fragrances of thy…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a fragrance from the fragrances of thy Lord's loving-kindness which We have sent unto thee, that thereby thine eyes may be solaced, and the eyes of those who have turned with their hearts toward the direction of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

We have heard of thy drawing nigh unto God, and We prevented thee from attaining His presence because of that which the hands of those who rode the steeds of passion have wrought, and who committed that which caused the dwellers of the highest Paradise to lament. The Pen of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, beareth witness to this.

O Jamal, grieve not at what hath befallen thee. Nothing hath been ordained for thee save that which is best for thee. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Forgiving. The Evil Whisperer hath whispered among the people and caused them to fear God, the Sovereign, the Supreme, the Chosen One. Therefore hath the matter become severe, and they have prevented from attaining His presence those servants who have turned toward the Kaaba of Beauty. Be thou content with what God hath decreed for thee. We desired to preserve thee that thou mightest aid thy Lord through utterance. He, verily, ordaineth as He pleaseth.

Despair not of God's Spirit and mercy, and forget not when thou wert in the vicinity of thy Lord's mercy and the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Bountiful, was turned toward thee. Remember Him in thy days, and the tribulations which befell Him from those who perceived not the fragrance of faithfulness and followed vain imaginings.

Thou art indeed aware of what befell Us in the Land of Mystery when two persons rose up against God, the Lord of Days. God seized one of them with His might, whereupon, seeing this, he said:

> "I repent unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all men!"

And the other presented himself and repented with hypocrisy, and thy Lord rent not asunder the veil until the appointed time arrived. When We reached the prison, he committed deeds whereby the honor of God was dishonored among His servants. By My life! We showed patience and concealed matters until the affair reached a point where the Cause was well-nigh transformed. Therefore We expelled him and his sister from the gate.

O Jamal! I have sacrificed My soul and My spirit to exalt the Word and to glorify the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Should We observe any of the Branches acting contrary to that which God desireth, We would assuredly cast him out with truth, for verily I am the Mighty, the Compelling. Thou art aware of their deeds. By God! The Eye of Eternity wept at what they committed in the Most Great Prison, and the righteous lamented thereby.

Take thou the reins of the Cause with the power of thy Lord, then make mention of Him amongst the servants with such remembrances as will cause spirits to be attracted. Detach thyself from all else but God, then suffice thyself therewith. He is with thee under all conditions. Beware lest the cares and sorrows of the world take hold of thee. Behold, then remember what hath befallen Us from the hosts of the wicked ones. God will soon exalt thee through the truth and will aid thee through His grace. He, verily, fulfilleth His promise.

Convey My greetings unto the faces of those who have turned toward the Dayspring of Revelation and unto thy kindred from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Luminous.

BH02483: This is a Book from Us to him who…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

This is a Book from Us to him who desired the countenance of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised, and who migrated with Him from Baghdad until he arrived in the Land of Mystery with manifest joy. Then he journeyed thence until he entered the Most Great Prison when the Ancient Beauty arrived there with great sorrow, and he circled round about it until the days reached that day whereon the hand of destiny closed the gates of attainment before the face of those who sought Him. And on this day We make mention of him that his remembrance may endure in the world. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O servant! Be thou steadfast in the love of God and His Cause in such wise that the hearts of the ungodly may be made to tremble by thee. Blessed is he who hath visited thee and dwelt in thy house whereby the horizon of victory was illumined and the power of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise, was made manifest. Blessed is he in that he followed the command of his Lord and went forth from his home, turning unto his Master. We bear witness that he was among those at whom the Evil One trembled and the idol wailed, and the foundations of the transgressors were shaken. We beseech God to aid him and thee in His service and to make you both among the triumphant ones.

We bear witness that thou didst arise to serve the Wronged One and didst endure tribulations in His path, and wert standing at the gate at every morn and eve. Know thou the worth of this station, then give thanks unto thy Lord at all times. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Beseech thou God to make thee steadfast in that wherein thou art, for this is a station greater than every station and mightier

than every mighty thing. Blessed is he who hath clung unto it and from whom its lights have shone forth. By My life! He is of them that are nigh unto God.

Say: O my God, my Lord and my Hope! I beseech Thee by the wrong suffered by the Manifestation of Thy Cause to make me of them who have tasted the sweetness of Thy remembrance in such wise that neither the opposition of Thy creatures nor the objections of Thy creation shall turn them aside. O Lord! Thou art the Generous One. I have turned toward the pavilion of Thy generosity and have clung to the hem of the robe of Thy mercy. I beseech Thee by Thy Self not to deny me nearness unto Thee nor prevent me from standing before the gate of Thy bounty. Then aid me in all conditions to do what Thou lovest and approvest. Verily, Thou doest what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Ordain for me, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, then write down for me what Thou hast written for them who have martyred themselves in Thy path, detached from all created things and turning unto Thy beauteous countenance. O Lord! Inscribe my name upon the Tablet whereon is recorded the mention of them who have circled round the sanctuary of Thy knowledge and kept Thy Covenant. Then cause such of Thy handmaidens as have inhaled the fragrance of Thy garment and turned toward that quarter from whose horizon hath shone the light of Thy countenance to inherit from me. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

BH02485: The Most Great, the Most Wondrous! This…

The Most Great, the Most Wondrous! This is a Book from Us to him who hath attained unto the lights of the Countenance in this Dawn which hath appeared from the horizon of the Cause, that the breezes of utterance which waft from the direction of the All-Merciful may seize him, and that he may summon the peoples in My Most Great Name, whereby trembling hath seized all the tribes. Thus hath the decree been inscribed by the Finger of Command in a Tablet.

Thou art among those who have remained faithful to the Covenant of God and His Testament, and who are mentioned before the Throne. We have adorned thee with the ornament of Mine own remembrance amongst My servants, and clothed thee with the robe of My Name, as a token of grace from My presence. Verily thy Lord is He Who hath power over what He willeth, and He is, in truth, potent over all things.

Say: Fear ye the All-Merciful, O people of the Bayan! Verily He is the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Source of inspiration, and unto Him return all the most excellent names of God. Beware lest ye pervert them from their proper meaning. Fear God, and follow not those who are deprived of the truth.

Say: The true believer in divine unity is he who cleaveth unto this Name which God hath made the Sovereign of Names, and he who turneth away from it remaineth veiled in concealment. Among the people are those who have taken a partner unto God, and among them are those who have denied Him—these shall find none to help them. And among the idolaters are those who have said the verses are ambiguous, even as was said before that they are forgeries. Say: Is that which hath proceeded from thy mouth greater, or that which proceeded from the mouths of thy forefathers? Thus hath his wicked self prompted him, and he remaineth far removed from the horizon of nearness.

And remember the Lame One when he was in Iraq. We sent him the Tablets and summoned him unto God, the Almighty, the All-Chosen. He turned away from the All-Merciful after We had revealed unto him the verses and shown him clear proofs, in such wise that from their horizon shone forth the Sun of evidence and proof. When his Lord's testimony was perfected against him, We promised him torment and seized him with a decree from Our presence. Then We left him as a sign unto those possessed of understanding. He claimed within himself that which was greater than that which was claimed by the first one to disbelieve in God, and promised the people his appearance in this year, heedless of that which had been ordained for him by God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

If thou seest the Letter Ha', say unto him: O Letter of Hell! Thou dost rejoice while the Primal Point weepeth because of thy deeds, O thou idolater, full of doubts! We granted thee respite according to Our wisdom. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Fear God, and speak not that whereby the atoms, and beyond them the Sacred House and the Station, curse thee. Is doubt befitting after thou beholdest the Sun of My Name, the All-Bountiful, shining from the horizon of certitude? Abandon vain desire and hold fast unto guidance.

From the horizon of tribulation He summoneth mankind unto the Mighty, the Bestower. Thus have We inspired thee and revealed unto thee that whereby hearts are gladdened and eyes are solaced.

BH02521: O Divine Healer! God willing, mayest thou be joyous…

O Divine Healer! God willing, mayest thou be joyous and successful through the divine bounties. A letter from thee was presented before Us wherein thou hadst mentioned a house for the travelers. Act in whatever way thou deemest advisable. As for the travelers, they have not been and are not commanded to stay in that land, for if people gather there from outside it will become the cause and reason for certain events. Two souls had permission to stay, and later mention was made of Nabil-i-Qabli-ʿAli regarding Rafi' and his companions—upon them be the Glory of God for drawing nigh and returning without entering, in obedience to their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. These are souls who have not moved according to their desires but have acted by God's leave. Regarding travelers, it hath been repeatedly counseled that they must conduct themselves with perfect character, courtesy, truthfulness and sincerity amongst the people. We beseech God to assist us in what He loveth and approveth. It is most essential that they act according to the character and conduct which they have been commanded, that the fragrance of passing through the divine lane may be inhaled from them.

A letter from Milani was presented before Us. Blessed is he who, when he heareth God's prohibition, refraineth and returneth to his place, enkindled with the fire of love and longing. By My life, he is among the successful ones and among the visitors. Blessed art thou, O son of Ahmad, for having turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Thy mention came before Us and this wondrous Tablet was revealed for thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to love Thee and turn unto Thy face, and for having made me know Thyself after every ignorant and remote one turned away from Thee. Thou knowest, O my God, that I desired to attain Thy presence and appear before Thy face and abide in the precincts of Thy mercy, but I was prevented by the conditions of Thy Cause which have shone forth from the horizon of Thy wisdom and power. Therefore I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Ruler of earth and

heaven, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for those who drew nigh and attained unto every good in Thy days. Then write down for me the reward of those who have attained Thy presence. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Supreme, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Convey the greetings from Us to those in thy land. We have sent them the breaths of revelation. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those who have obeyed the command of their Lord. They are among the successful ones.

BH02517: O Muhammad-Qabli-Mustafa! Hearken unto the call from the crimson…

He is God, exalted be His glory and might

O Muhammad-Qabli-Mustafa! Hearken unto the call from the crimson horizon, wherewith the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing doth speak: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. Thy letter hath come before Our presence, and the two souls have entered. We have caused them to depart by Our command, for He is the Ruler, the All-Knowing. The matter hath been decided through other hands, for He is the Decider, the All-Wise. We beseech God that He may assist them and strengthen them, inasmuch as they have turned with pure detachment unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. We have commanded them to return unto thee. Thus hath the decree gone forth from thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great.

In thy letter was mention of one who desired to be remembered before the Countenance, that he might arise to praise his Lord, the Glorious. Say: O Sasson! There hath come forth from Zion that which was hidden, and the Call hath been raised from every direction. Blessed is the ear that hath turned and heard, and woe unto the heedless. Stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, detached from all that is on earth. This is better for thee, if thou be of them that know. He loveth him that loveth Him, and ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth that which He willeth. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Praise thy Lord for having enabled thee to turn unto Him, after all the heedless and the dubious had turned away. His letter hath come before Our presence, and We found from it the fragrance of his love for the Beloved of the worlds. That which he hath deduced concerning this Cause is the truth, about which there is no doubt. The land of Syria hath been given glad-tidings of God's righteousness. Verily, He hath appeared with the truth. Blessed are they that turn unto Him. The mount of God hath quivered from the breeze of reunion. It is named Carmel, and it proclaimeth:

> "The Builder of the Temple hath come, and the Healer of all ills."

Blessed are they that attain.

The enemies have surrounded Us in these days, yet in this state We remember him with that which shall eternally establish his remembrance. It behooveth him to be of the thankful ones. We counsel him to observe wisdom, lest there occur that which would disturb the hearts of the weak ones. O Muhammad! Convey My greetings unto Daniel, and upon him be glory. Blessed is he who hath attained the remembrance of the Lord on this Day which was promised unto men by One Who is All-Knowing, All-

Informed. We beseech God to assist thee and His loved ones to remember and praise Him, and to make them keys of providence for the doors of men's hearts. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth.

Blessed are ye for having fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and for having cast behind your backs all vain imaginings, turning unto the Kaaba of all mankind. All this is from His grace upon you, O concourse of the sincere ones. We hear your call in the Most Great Remembrance, and your proclamation of this mighty Cause whereby the hearts of men have been shaken, except for those whom your Lord, the Guardian, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath preserved.

BH02530: A mention from Us to him who hath acknowledged…

In the Name of God, the Everlasting, the Eternal

A mention from Us to him who hath acknowledged what God hath testified when He was established in truth upon His mighty throne, and who hath perceived the fragrances of revelation when they were diffused throughout all lands, and who hath turned with radiant countenance toward the Dayspring of the Cause. He is of them who were stirred by the breeze of God when it wafted from the paradise of His wondrous Name. We have answered thee before and ordained for thee a station in the Tablet. Preserve it through My Name, the Protector over all the worlds. Thou wert mentioned before the Throne, and We have sent down for thee such verses as cannot be equalled by all the treasures of creation. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Blessed art thou for having answered thy Lord when the Tree raised its call that there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Be thou steadfast that the servants may become steadfast through thee and that the hearts of them that are disturbed may find peace through thee. Beware lest thou be moved by the intimations of those who outwardly claim to love God and His Cause but inwardly speak that which rendeth the veil of sanctity. Thy Lord verily is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He knoweth what is in their hearts and heareth their whisperings. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and the earth. These have made mention of the inward a snare for the servants.

We testify that they have not found the fragrance of God—had they found it they would have testified to that which the All-Merciful hath testified concerning this Revelation whereby the Most Great Depth was stirred and all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, willed. They worship their desires and reckon themselves among the sincere ones. Were anyone today to worship with the duration of the kingdom and the dominion and to recite what God hath revealed from the beginning that hath no beginning, it would not be accepted from him except through My Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

God shall soon reveal what is in their hearts and thou shalt find concerning them what the All-Merciful hath revealed in this wondrous Tablet. He knoweth them better than their own selves. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a Book that none hath encompassed save His all-encompassing knowledge. Regard creation as though no one had ever been mentioned except him who hath held fast to the cord of the Cause and clung to the hem of My Name, the Merciful.

Grieve not at the conditions and hardships of the world. Remember thy Lord with joy and fragrance in such wise that all possibility may be attracted thereby. This behooveth thee, for We have specially chosen thee for the service of this Great Announcement. We have mentioned thee in the Tablets and shall mention thee, if God willeth and desireth, with such a mention as shall gladden the hearts of them that know. We have sent down for thee what thou didst desire of the Tablets and dispatched them to thee as a bounty from Our presence, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones. Verily the glory be upon you and upon those who are with you, whether young or old.

BH02538: In the Name of God, the Most Holy…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. From time immemorial He hath been hidden in the essence of His Being and concealed in the reality of His Self. No one among all created things hath known Him, and no soul among all existing beings hath comprehended Him. He whom He hath manifested is, in truth, His Manifestation amongst His servants and the One Who standeth in His stead. Through Him His sovereignty, then His command, became manifest, and through Him the sun of His Will hath shone forth from the horizon of His purpose upon all who are in the heavens and on earth. Whoso denieth Him hath denied Me, and whoso denieth Me hath denied Him.

Say: Fear God, O people, and let not the atoms curse you. Fear the All-Merciful, and be not of the ignorant ones. Say: He hath appeared in truth with His sovereignty, and He is the Dawning-Place of His prevailing Will, the Manifestation of His all-encompassing Purpose, the Source of His transcendent signs, and the Dayspring of His wondrous inspiration. By God! Through a movement of His finger all things were drawn unto Him. Thus was the decree ordained, if ye be of them that understand. Whoso hath hesitated in His Cause hath strayed from the Path and cast aside justice. By My life! He is of the wrongdoers.

Say: Through My sovereignty His sovereignty hath appeared, and through My exaltation His exaltation hath been manifested to all things, and through My Own Self-Subsistence His Self-Subsistence hath been revealed as the One dominant over all worlds. O people! He is the Most Great Sea and the Most Ancient Mystery. He is the One Who hath been named in every world among the worlds of God by one of the most beautiful names, and in the Kingdom of eternity by that which the tongue hath uttered. Thus doth your Lord, the All-Merciful, testify, yet the people of all realms remain heedless save those who have turned to the Dayspring of Revelation and said: “I believe in Thee, O my Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.”

Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and entered the presence of his Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, and hath drunk the most pure wine from the Supreme Horizon. He is assuredly among those who have detached themselves from all else but Him and soar in the atmosphere of nearness. Blessed is he who hath recognized the new in this wondrous One through Whom the cry of the deluded ones and the clamor of the ungodly have been raised—they who, when that which was hidden was made manifest, denied God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

O servants of the All-Merciful! Cast behind your backs what is with men and turn unto the Qiblih of all creation, Who calleth out from the midmost heart of Paradise: “There is none other God but Me, the

Almighty, the Best-Beloved." Beware lest that which ye possess prevent you from this glorious Quarter. Turn with your faces unto the Face of God and with your eyes unto His Luminous and Radiant Horizon. Thus doth the Pen command you from the presence of the Ancient King. Beware lest ye abandon the decree of God and follow those who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed.

BH02631: In the name of the Friend without name or…

In the name of the Friend without name or trace! The fragrances of the Beloved's love are beloved by His lovers, therefore We have sent them with these sublime words. The emanations of the love of those who seek the throne are desired—this is what the Revealer of verses has testified to. Praise be to God that the outward gates are also opened and the fragrances are wafting and passing from both directions. We beseech God to punish those who have come between us and you, just as He punished those who came before. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

The letter that was sent to the friends in the land of Alif was presented before the Countenance. They had inquired about new tidings. The new tidings are that in these days it was mentioned that the ruler of the great city heard that a sandal belonging to the Prophet, peace be upon Him, was in the possession of a nobleman in Diyarbakir. Therefore an order was issued from the government to bring it, and the mentioned person arrived with a messenger at the Black Sea shore. Afterwards multiple ships were specially sent from the great city to receive it and transport the trust. And as they approached the great city, numerous other vessels were sent and the bearer with the trust was settled in the royal vessel as they proceeded to the city.

Upon arrival at the seashore, the Grand Vizier and all the deputies and ministers came to receive it and were waiting. After arrival the Grand Vizier approached and took the trust, placed it in a most distinguished carriage, and the bearer of the trust rode behind the carriage on a most distinguished horse, followed by all the ministers and deputies as they proceeded to the special place that had been designated. On the right and left of the carriage walked a group of clergy with censers of incense, chanting glorification and praise, until they arrived at the appointed place. After the arrival, the ruler and other people came in successive groups for three days to attain the bounty of visiting it.

Now is the time for reflection and awakening. Observe how they cling to the branch while remaining heedless of the root. Thus it has ever been and ever shall be. Even as in these days no one has paid attention to the imprisonment of those souls, but ere long they shall speak of the details of what befell you. More detail than this is not permitted in this station. We send greetings to the friends. Praise be to God, first and last.

BH02636: The Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!…

The Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High! This is a Book from Us to him who hath heard the Call and answered his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, that he may hear once again that which hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven, and may arise to serve the Cause of his Lord Who hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of lands. Blessed is he who hath quaffed the wine of life from the hands of the grace

of his Lord, the All-Merciful, in these days wherein the Promised One hath come with the ornament of God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

Have they who turned away departed? Nay, by the Lord of Lords! Are they who hesitated among the living? Nay, by His Self, the One Who dominateth the horizons! This is a Day wherein the Beloved proclaimeth: The Best-Beloved hath come, and this Day belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Compelling. And wherein He Who conversed with God calleth out: The Ancient of Days hath come with power and sovereignty. And the Spirit rusheth forth in the wilderness of longing, and proclaimeth among the people and remindeth them of the Covenant. They who hesitated have lost, and he hath won who cast away all else save God, turning unto Him, the Lord of Religions.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Blessed art thou for having turned unto God, the Lord of all men, after all the oppressive learned ones had turned away from Him. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then bid the servants likewise. By My life, this is the Most Great Sign among men. Blessed is he who hath clung unto it in the path of God, his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Arise in the Cause, say: O concourse of divines! Be silent that ye may hear that which hath been sent down from the heaven of utterance from your Lord, the All-Merciful. This is better for you, as testify they who are endowed with insight. Say: Cast down your pens, for the authority thereof hath appeared. This indeed is the Most Exalted Pen, whose cry hath been raised in the kingdom of creation. Fear God, and follow not your own imaginings. Cast away your fancies, take hold of that which ye are bidden in the Book. Say: Will aught profit you this day? Nay, by the Creator of earth and heaven! Ye are dead today save him who hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath extolled his Lord amidst the peoples of the worlds.

Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause, then read that which the Wondrous One, Whom We have manifested with authority from Us and made Him the Manifestation of power, hath sent down. Therein hath been revealed from every aspect that which causeth eyes to be solaced and mountains to bow down in awe. Read thou what is therein, then ponder the verses that have shone forth from the horizon of the Tablet and illumined thereby the worlds.

Thus have We turned toward thee from the precincts of the Prison, that thou mayest rejoice in the remembrance of thy Lord while He was in the hands of the wicked ones. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon them that are with thee from among the loved ones of thy Lord, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

BH02589: In His name, the One Who remains after all…

In His name, the One Who remains after all things have passed away! God willing, may you be detached through divine grace from all else save Him, and be focused on and hold fast unto Him.

It behooves such as your honor in this day to strive with utmost endeavor in God's Cause, that perchance the waves of vain imaginings which have emerged from the seas of heedless hearts may be stilled, and may surge forth through the breezes of the will of the Lord of creation. This momentous and mighty Cause has been and will continue to be dependent upon teaching. Therefore, it is incumbent and obligatory upon your honor to give the heedless to drink of the choice wine of the wondrous, sublime

verses of the Lord of the worlds. Be thou a cupbearer of the wine of thy Lord's verses—by God, through them are attracted the minds of all peoples.

Every deed that is manifested for God's sake in this day will endure through the perpetuity of the kingdom and the realm of heaven. Blessed is the soul who in this day speaks a word in the path of Truth and becomes the cause of reviving dead hearts. I swear by the Most Great Name that today is the springtime of deeds and actions. Just as there is no likeness for the Day of God, likewise there will be no likeness or equal for any deed manifested therein for His sake. Blessed are they who understand.

In these days the Most Holy Book has been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will. In it is that which brings joy to eyes, gladdens hearts, and causes spirits to soar. Blessed are those souls who gaze upon it with the eye of insight and ponder the sweetness of God's verses and what is concealed therein of the pearls of knowledge and wisdom. Should God will, it shall be sent. Consider all aspects in this wondrous Revelation. If thou ponderest this blessed word, thou wilt understand what none before hath understood.

Call the people to the supreme steadfastness, lest they be deprived of the horizon of certitude through the manifestations of doubts and idle fancies, and be veiled from the Truth by the intimations of creation. For ere long will be lifted up the cawing of the crows. Blessed is he who remaineth steadfast and is of those who are firmly rooted. All must be detached and severed from the vain imaginings circulating amongst the servants, and must fix their gaze upon that which the Truth hath commanded and doth command. This is the foundation of religion, before and after, to which thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, doth testify.

May the Glory rest upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Just King, the Mighty, the Powerful. And a Tablet hath been revealed specifically with verses for your honor and sent. Preserve it, then recite it in such wise as to attract hearts and minds.

BH02597: Thou seest Thy dear One, O my God, lying…

Thou seest Thy dear One, O my God, lying at the mercy of Thine enemies, and hearest the voice of His lamentation from the midst of such of Thy creatures as have dealt wickedly in Thy sight. He it is, O my Lord, through Whose name Thou didst beautify Thy Tablets, and for Whose greater glory Thou didst send down the Bayan, and at Whose separation from Thee Thou didst weep continually. Look Thou, then, upon His loneliness, O my God, and behold Him fallen into the hands of them that have disbelieved in Thy signs, have turned their backs upon Thee, and have forgotten the wonders of Thy mercy.

He it is, O my God, about Whom Thou hast said:

> "But for Thee the Scriptures would have remained unrevealed, and the Prophets unsent."

And no sooner had He, by Thy behest, been manifested and spoken forth Thy praise, than the wicked doers among Thy creatures compassed Him round, with the swords of hate drawn against Him, O Thou the Lord of all names! Thou well knowest what befell Him at the hands of such as have rent asunder the veil of Thy grandeur, and cast behind their backs Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, O Thou Who art the

Maker of the heavens! He is the One for Whose sake Thou (the Bab) hast yielded Thy life, and hast consented to be touched by the manifold ills of the world that He may manifest Himself, and summoned all mankind in His name. As soon as He came down, however, from the heaven of majesty and power, Thy servants stretched out against Him the hands of cruelty and sedition, and caused Him to be afflicted with such troubles that the scrolls of the world are insufficient to contain a full recital of them.

Thou seest, therefore, O Thou Beloved of the world, Him Who is dear to Thee in the clutches of such as have denied Thee, and beholdest Thy heart's desire under the swords of the ungodly. Methinks He, from His most exalted station, saith unto me: "Would that my soul, O Prisoner, could be a ransom for Thy captivity, and my being, O wronged One, be sacrificed for the adversities Thou didst suffer! Thou art He through Whose captivity the standards of Thine almighty power were hoisted, and the day-star of Thy revelation shone forth above the horizon of tribulation, in such wise that all created things bowed down before the greatness of Thy majesty.

"The more they strove to hinder Thee from remembering Thy God and from extolling His virtues, the more passionately didst Thou glorify Him and the more loudly didst Thou call upon Him. And every time the veils of the perverse came in between Thee and Thy servants, Thou didst shed the splendors of the light of Thy countenance out of the heaven of Thy grace. Thou art, in very truth, the Self-Subsisting as testified by the tongue of God, the All-Glorious, the one alone Beloved; and Thou art the Desire of the world as attested by what hath flowed down from the Pen of Him Who hath announced unto Thy servants Thy hidden Name, and adorned the entire creation with the ornament of Thy love, the Most Precious, the Most Exalted.

> "The eyes of the world were gladdened at the sight of Thy luminous countenance, and yet the peoples have united to put out Thy light, O Thou in Whose hands are the reins of the worlds! All the atoms of the earth have celebrated Thy praise, and all created things have been set ablaze with the drops sprinkled by the ocean of Thy love, and yet the people still seek to quench Thy fire. Nay—and to this Thine own Self beareth me witness—they are all weakness, and Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful; and they are but paupers and Thou, in truth, art the All-Possessing; and they are impotent and Thou art, truly, the Almighty. Naught can ever frustrate Thy purpose, neither can the dissensions of the world harm Thee. Through the breaths of Thine utterance the heaven of understanding hath been adorned, and by the effusions of Thy pen every moldering bone hath been quickened. Grieve not at what hath befallen Thee, neither do Thou lay hold on them for the things they have committed in Thy days. Do Thou be forbearing toward them. Thou art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate."

BH02614: The Most Great, the Most Holy. Glorified be…

The Most Great, the Most Holy. Glorified be the All-Merciful Who hath sent down the proof in the form of man and made him the dawning-place of His signs for all who dwell within the realm of possibility. He summoneth the people unto God even while in the serpent's mouth. There hath befallen Him in the path of God that which hath befallen none before Him. To this testifieth that which was sent down in the Bayan. Soon shall the clamor be raised in all regions. Blessed is he who hath cast away the people of

discord and stood firm in the Covenant. This is a matter that hath no parallel in creation. Verily it is wondrous in the heavens and on earth.

O people of Baha! Be not veiled by what the people possess from Him through Whom the Sun hath shone forth and the religions have been distinguished. Those who are drowned in the ocean of idle fancies—these are far removed from the Kawthar of nearness and are debarred from the wine of reunion. They run about in the valley of error and say "Where is guidance?" Say: Here is the Lord of creation! They hasten in darkness and say "Where is the light?" Say: Open your eyes! Verily it hath shone forth from the horizon of glory with power and sovereignty. Among them is he who turned away and said "Where are the signs which we were promised in the Book?" Say: They have all appeared while ye were beneath the veils. Rend them asunder through My Name; then shall ye behold the Sun of grace shining from the horizon of might. Among the people are those who are veiled by vain imaginings from their Lord, the Self-Subsisting, and among them are those who cling to tales of old, cut off from this Cause through which the worlds have been illumined.

Say: O people! Fear God and follow not what your idle fancies command. Follow Him Who, when He speaketh, all things speak: "There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower." The call of God hath been raised from the precincts of the Prison; hasten unto it, O people of understanding. Act not as did the servants before you. Beware lest the veils of glory prevent you from turning to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Ye were created for this Day and were promised this Remembrance around which circle all remembrances. Is there any who will hear the verses of God and recognize what is treasured therein of wisdom and mysteries?

O My loved ones! Grieve not over those who speak according to their desires. By My life! They are among the companions of the left hand. Be ye My trustees among My servants, the dawning-places of My justice among My creation, and the daysprings of My courtesy among My creatures. Thus doth your Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One, counsel you.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto the lights of knowledge in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and for having turned unto Him after most of the servants were prevented therefrom. Give thanks unto God for having confirmed thee in that whereon thou art, and glorify Him with praise at eventide and at dawn.

BH02673: O Abdu'l-Karim! Hearken unto the call of the All-Bountiful…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Bountiful

O Abdu'l-Karim! Hearken unto the call of the All-Bountiful, as the Countenance of the Ancient Beauty turneth toward thee from this bountiful horizon, inasmuch as thou hast turned toward Him with a heart enkindled with the fire of thy Lord's love, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having recognized the Purpose of the world and discovered the fragrances of the Ancient Beauty from the garment of thy Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

He hath created all things for His mention and praise; yet when He appeared, they who followed their desires denied Him, while they who were given the vision of light by the All-Forgiving, the Merciful,

believed. Behold the people and their lack of understanding: they make mention of God morning and evening, yet when He came with the truth they denied Him and followed every ignorant remote one. They clung to what they possessed and cast behind them Him Who created all things by His binding, wise command.

Among the people are those who recite the Qur'an yet deny Him Who revealed it in truth—they are indeed among the abased. And among them are those who recite the Bayan yet deny the All-Merciful—thus doth the Lord of all creation recount unto thee while in the hands of the oppressors. And among them are those who said He came before the appointed time, thereby objecting to Him through Whom the decree of the appointed time was established between the heavens and the earth.

We have heard thy call and accepted thy mention which was adorned with the ornament of thy Lord's love, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Thus have the breezes of forgiveness wafted over thee from the direction of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and ordained for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of the mystics. Rejoice in the remembrance of thy Lord and in that thy letter was accepted at the Throne, for We found it purified from the mention of aught else. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Blessed is the servant who hath attained this day to the mention of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and is among the steadfast.

Despite this tribulation, I summon all created things unto God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Calamities have encompassed Us to such extent as cannot be mentioned by the pen nor completed in tablets. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The swords of tyranny have not prevented Us from remembrance and utterance. We make mention of Him at all times, even though the hosts of oppression from these heedless ones surround Me.

We beseech God to make thee a servant of His Cause among His creatures, to strengthen thee for the mention of this Remembrance at Whose appearance all on earth would swoon except whom God willeth, the Almighty, the Powerful, and to aid thee in helping His Cause and to manifest through thee that whereby His mention shall be spread among the worlds. Verily the Glory be upon thee and upon those who have circled round the Cause with such power as was not prevented by the affairs of misbelief nor the onslaughts of the oppressors.

BH02786: Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords…

In the Name of God, the Eternal, Who perisheth not!

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Lords, for having consumed the veils with the fire of attraction and drawn me, through the heat of the Word which hath appeared from the mouth of Thy Will, unto the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy Cause, until the lightning flashes of the lights of Thy countenance and the breathings of the days of Thy manifestation seized me.

I am he, O my God, who hath raised empty hands toward the heaven of Thy grace and favors, and turned my face toward the direction of Thy tender mercies and gifts. Wilt Thou render me deprived after my gaze hath been fixed upon the horizon of Thy mercy, awaiting the outpourings which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty? Or wilt Thou make me forbidden after Thou hast caused me to

hear the singing of Thy Most Exalted Pen which was raised between earth and heaven? Nay, by Thy Self! Such was not my thought of Thee. Rather, I remain certain that Thy mercy hath preceded all created things and Thy grace hath encompassed all beings. Thou drawest nigh unto whoever draweth nigh unto Thee, and givest unto whoever hath held fast to the cord of Thy favors.

O Lord! The thirst of separation and remoteness hath consumed me; give me to drink, by the hands of Thy favors, from the Kawthar of nearness and reunion, that the intoxication of the choice wine of Thy mercy may seize me in such wise that I may arise to aid Thy Cause amongst Thy creatures and rend asunder the veils of glory that have prevented the servants from turning toward the horizon of beauty.

O Lord! All things testify to my poverty and Thy wealth, to my powerlessness and Thy might. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, by the Word whereby the world was set ablaze and the Most Great Ocean was made to surge, to aid me in Thy love and Thy Cause in such wise that I may arise from the horizon of detachment through Thy Name, O Lord of creation and King of invention.

Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Name whereby Thou didst raise the standards of Thy power in Thy lands and uplift the banners of Thy Cause in Thy realms, to make me self-effacing in Thy Will and enduring through the endurance of Thy countenance in every world of Thy worlds. Then make me to arise through Thy Self-Subsistence in remembrance of Thee amongst Thy creatures and in praise of Thee throughout Thy realm. Then ordain for me what Thou didst ordain for Thy chosen ones who soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness until they were martyred in Thy path.

Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth and Who ruleth over whatsoever He desireth. Thou hast ever been in the heights of grandeur and glory, and wilt ever remain in the exaltation of loftiness and majesty. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH02799: In the Name of God, the Most Holy…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a Tablet We have caused to shine forth from the horizon of grace for people who understand. Through it We give the believers to drink of the Kawthar of immortality and the seekers from a sealed nectar. Say: Verily it is the water of reunion for those seized by the thirst of separation, and a torment for those who have turned away from the Truth—these indeed are a people cast down.

Blessed are they who have answered their Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, when the Call was raised from the right of the Mount through this Revelation whereby the All-Merciful has come, set up the Balance, and the Spirit has proclaimed: The Kingdom belongs to God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting! Blessed is he who has attained the lights of the Tablet and has arisen through this Spirit which was breathed from the mouth of the will of his Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved.

When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful, arise and say: O people! The proof has been perfected, the evidence has come, and the Cry has been raised amongst the worlds. We sent it upon a human temple and dispatched him to the chief of the oppressors with a Tablet from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. When he appeared, he raised the Tablet through the grace of the Spirit with such

steadfastness as amazed the denizens of the highest Paradise, then the dwellers of the celestial garden and the hosts of favored angels.

Through this We manifested the power of thy Lord that they might know that prison and tribulation have not prevented Us from the remembrance of God, the Most High, the Great. We proclaim at all times: O peoples of the worlds! This is your Lord, the All-Merciful, Who has come with the truth—turn to Him with your hearts and be not of the heedless. Through His power the sun of might has shone forth and through His proof the proofs of the Messengers have appeared. Were it not for Him, the All-Merciful would not have been manifest, the evidence would not have come, and the faces of those who have attained to this wondrous Cause would not have been illumined.

Blessed is the one who has arisen in the name of the All-Merciful, detached from the worlds, who has taken the wine of detachment in the name of the Creator of innovation and drunk thereof despite the ungodly. Does the animal desire the water of life? Nay, by My Self, were ye of those who know!

O people of Baha! Give thanks to your Lord for having aided you to recognize the Manifestation of His Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Stand firm in your station and arise to assist the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the might of the hypocrites. Thus have We sent down the verses to thee and dispatched them through grace that thine eyes might be consoled thereby and thou mightest be of the thankful. Hold fast to the hem of sanctity with a power from Us—verily thy Lord is the Strong, the Powerful, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the All-Powerful.

And upon thee be glory, and upon whoever has heard the call of his Lord and turned to Him with an illumined heart.

BH02771: In the Name of God, the Most Holy…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! A remembrance from Our presence to him who has adorned his heart with the ornament of faith in the days of his Lord, the Most Merciful, that he may be assured that He remembers whoever remembers Him and loves whoever seeks the face of his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. We have indeed found the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord; therefore have We sent down to thee clear verses whereby the eyes of those near unto God have been solaced, that the verses of thy Lord may attract thee in such wise that thou mayest hear from all things:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Most Glorious, the All-Praised."

Remember thy Lord in thy days—this is the best of all deeds before thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Say: O people! The Beloved hath come and the horizons are illumined. Why do I see you among the heedless? Doth it beseem anyone to seek the pond and turn away from the Kawthar and Salsabil? Nay, by my Lord! This beseemeth you not, were ye of them who know. Say: The pond representeth your vain desires, while the ocean speaketh the truth. Hasten with your hearts and follow not every remote misbeliever.

Blessed art thou for having tasted the pure wine which hath flowed from the direction of the Most Great Scene, and for having attained unto a station wherein He Who possesseth all destiny remembereth thee

in the prison—He through Whom the divine fragrance wafted throughout all creation and every wise decree was made manifest.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear God and follow not him whom ye know not. Follow the path of God—this indeed is the straight path.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for having attained and turned toward the Wronged One in days when He was in the prison of the ungodly. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the winds that blow from the hearts of the heedless cannot move thee. They whisper in the breasts of men even as the Evil One whispered aforetime, whose mention was sent down in a clear Book. We see nothing greater than steadfastness in God's Cause. Hold thou fast unto it through thy Lord's sovereign might, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and to strengthen thee among His servants through His remembrance and praise. He is the Protector of those who remember Him. Trust in Him in all matters. He, verily, will help those who help Him. He is indeed the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful.

We have heard thy call in remembrance of thy Lord and have answered thee with this exalted Tablet. When the wine of thy Lord's verses intoxicates thee, turn thy face toward the holy court and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds! Verily, all glory be upon Thee and upon those who have heard the call of their Lord from this Scene wherein the Temple of the Cause is established upon a mighty throne.

BH02738: O Rida! Your letter hath reached the prison…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Rida! Your letter hath reached the prison, and come before the gaze of the Prisoner, through Whom the Tree hath spoken, and the Mount called out, and the Rock cried aloud, and the Vale flowed, and the Dove sang: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Most High, the Most Great!" We have taken note of its contents and heard that wherewith thou didst call upon God, thy Lord. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We had previously sent thee a Tablet, wherewith We adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of wisdom and explanation. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath sent it down in truth. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Ancient of Days. Hold fast unto it and recite what hath been revealed therein with joy and radiance, that perchance they who slumber on the couch of idle fancies may awaken and hear the call of thy Lord from this Quarter wherein the Remembrance hath been raised from this All-Wise Remembrance.

Recite the verses of thy Lord unto them that have turned away and hesitated. Thus hast thou been commanded by One Who is the Mighty, the All-Wise. Follow in all matters thy Lord, the Lord of Revelation, in such wise that nothing shall prevent thee from celebrating His praise amongst His servants. This is what God hath chosen for His chosen servants who sleep in His love and arise in His remembrance and move by His command and proclaim wisdom among His creatures.

The Table hath been sent down, and the proof completed, and that which was mentioned in the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath come to pass. They who have veiled themselves there and followed the Calf are in grievous error. There hath been sent down for each one of them that whereby the sun of proof and evidence hath shone forth. Blessed is he who hath turned with his heart unto this momentous News.

We sent the Badi' unto the Chief with thy Lord's Book, which hath no equal in all that hath been created in the heavens and earths. Through it was the proof completed unto all creation. When they turned away, tribulations seized them and they were encompassed by hardship and adversity. Were it not for thy Lord's mercy that hath preceded all things, thou wouldst have seen them all among the perished.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy mercy that hath preceded all created things, and by Thy grace that hath encompassed all beings, to have mercy upon Thy weak servants. O my Lord! Look not upon their deeds and what beseemeth them, but rather upon the generosity Thou hast chosen for Thyself and Thy mercy which Thou hast made the Most Great Sign for all who are in earth and heaven. O my Lord! Thou art He Whom the turning away of Thy creatures harmeth not, nor doth the acceptance of Thy servants profit Thee. The atoms bear witness that Thou are the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH02747: O My servants! It behoveth you to refresh…

O My servants! It behoveth you to refresh and revive your souls through the gracious favors which, in this Divine, this soul-stirring Springtime, are being showered upon you.

The Day Star of His great glory hath shed its radiance upon you, and the clouds of His limitless grace have overshadowed you. How high the reward of him that hath not deprived himself of so great a bounty, nor failed to recognize the beauty of His Best-Beloved in this, His new attire.

Say: O people! The Lamp of God is burning; take heed, lest the fierce winds of your disobedience extinguish its light. Now is the time to arise and magnify the Lord, your God. Strive not after bodily comforts, and keep your heart pure and stainless. The Evil One is lying in wait, ready to entrap you. Gird yourselves against his wicked devices, and, led by the light of the name of the one true God, deliver yourselves from the darkness that surroundeth you. Center your thoughts in the Well-Beloved, rather than in your own selves.

Say: O ye that have strayed and lost your way! The Divine Messenger, Who speaketh naught but the truth, hath announced unto you the coming of the Best-Beloved. Behold, He is now come. Wherefore are ye downcast and dejected? Why remain despondent when the Pure and Hidden One hath appeared unveiled amongst you? He Who is both the Beginning and the End, He Who is both Stillness and Motion, is now manifest before your eyes. Behold how, in this Day, the Beginning is reflected in the End, how out of Stillness Motion hath been engendered. This motion hath been generated by the potent energies which the words of the almighty have released throughout the entire creation. Whoso hath been quickened by its vitalizing power, will find himself impelled to attain the court of the Beloved; and whoso hath deprived himself therefrom, will sink into irretrievable despondency.

He is truly wise whom the world and all this is therein have not deterred from recognizing the light of this Day, who will not allow men's idle talk to cause him to swerve from the way of righteousness. He is indeed as one dead who, at the wondrous dawn of this Revelation, hath failed to be quickened by its soul-stirring breeze. He is indeed a captive who hath not recognized the Supreme Redeemer, but hath suffered his soul to be bound, distressed and helpless, in the fetters of his desires.

O My servants! Whoso hath tasted of this Fountain hath attained unto everlasting Life, and whoso hath refused to drink therefrom is even as the dead. Say: O ye workers of iniquity! Covetousness hath hindered you from giving a hearing ear unto the sweet voice of Him Who is the All-Sufficing. Wash it away from your hearts, that His Divine secret may be made known unto you. Behold Him manifest and resplendent as the sun in all its glory.

Say: O ye that are bereft of understanding! A severe trial pursueth you, and will suddenly overtake you. Bestir yourselves, that haply it may pass and inflict no harm upon you. Acknowledge the exalted character of the name of the Lord, your God, Who hath come unto you in the greatness of His glory. He, Verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Possessing, the Supreme Protector.

BH02900: The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This…

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a remembrance from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Bestower, that the Call of God may attract him in such wise that the oppression of the oppressors and the gathering of them that have disbelieved in God when He came in the shadows of the clouds will in no wise affect him. We behold thee among them that have turned away. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Be thou at peace, then stand firm.

Say: O people! Is this the Day of doubt after the Promised One hath come with sovereignty and power? Fear ye God and deny not Him Whose sovereignty hath encompassed the horizons. Who else but Him could establish the Cause, if ye be fair, O company of transgressors? Through Him were raised the standards of triumph and the banners of remembrance were hoisted throughout all lands. Say: Doth it beseem anyone to turn unto a fly, turning away from the All-Bountiful? This indeed is a strange thing! Say: Leave ye the rivulet and behold the Most Great Ocean before your faces, if ye be of them that perceive, O ye that have eyes to see!

Say: By my Lord, the All-Merciful! But for Him the Bayan would not have been revealed, nor would the Tablets of God, the Mighty, the Exalted, the Unconstrained, have been sent down. Break ye the idol of vain imaginings through the power of certitude, turning unto the Dayspring of inspiration. The Bayan was revealed for My name and was adorned with My remembrance, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. He made the Bayan dependent upon My leave and a leaf from My Paradise, yet ye assail Me with the arrows of hatred. What aileth you, O company of wolves? Read ye it that ye may recognize this Day wherein the proof circleth round the throne of your Lord, the All-Merciful.

But for the Glory who would help God in secret and in public? By My life! Were these people to ponder what hath appeared in this Revelation, they would cast the world behind their backs and hasten unto the

Kaaba of Him Who is in earth and heaven. Grieve thou not. Put thy trust in God. He, verily, will help whom He willeth through His power and sovereignty.

Say: O my God! Thou beholdest me among Thine enemies who have disbelieved in Thee and turned away from Thy beauty after that which they were promised in Thy Book and Thy Tablets. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Name through which the fragrance of the garment of Thy mercy was wafted throughout Thy dominions, to help me in all conditions and to ordain for me the recompense of such as have arisen to serve Thy Cause and have remained steadfast in Thy love. O my Lord! Aid me to help Thee in Thy lands, then write down for me that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who were martyred in Thy path. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH02861: This is a remembrance from Us to those who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

This is a remembrance from Us to those who have attained the lights of the Bayan when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty, that it may kindle within their hearts the fire of God in such wise that the waters of opposition from those who are heedless cannot extinguish it. By God! Whoso heareth My call with the ear of the heart is drawn to a station wherein he ariseth to aid his Lord, detached from all the worlds. Blessed is he whom the warmth of his Lord's love hath seized and whose face hath been illumined by the lights of His shining and radiant countenance. Blessed is the ear that hath attained unto this call, and blessed is the mouth that hath tasted the sweetness of this utterance, and blessed is the nostril that hath inhaled the fragrance of the garment from the breezes of the Pen of his Lord's will, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Is he who turneth away alive? Nay, by My soul, he is among the dead! Is he who is remote from the Kawthar of nearness possessed of sight? Nay, by My soul, he is blind. Blessed are they who behold!

O friends of the All-Merciful! Mount ye the ark of certitude and sail upon the Most Great Ocean, every drop of which proclaimeth:

> "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praised!"

Then drink ye the Kawthar of certitude, despite the people of creation who speak according to their desires and utter that which their souls command them. They are indeed behind a mighty veil.

O friends of God! Ye are the eyes of the world. Through you must be opened the eyes that have been veiled by the dust of vain imaginings. Thus hath it flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful in this Great Prison. Be ye steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the tongues of all created things may speak in praise of you. This is what We counsel you on this day whereon the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. Differ not in the Cause of God. Gather ye together around this River which hath flowed from the Source of the Pen of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed are the servants who have cast away vain desire and laid hold on guidance, and blessed are the handmaidens who have held fast unto this mighty cord.

When ye attain unto a Tablet of God and His traces, preserve it, then read it that the fragrances of that which hath proceeded from the mouth of the Will of your Ancient Lord may waft between you. How many a wealthy one hath been prevented this day, and how many a poor one hath been admitted to the ocean of wealth, and how many a learned one do We see among the most lost!

May His bounty be upon those who have shattered the idols by the power of their Lord, the Lord of all mankind, and have turned with their hearts to the court of their Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Glory be unto the people of Baha who have attained unto the knowledge of God and were among the steadfast!

BH02879: We sent forth Badi' through a favor from Our…

In the Name of Him Who is powerful over all who are on earth and in heaven.

We sent forth Badi' through a favor from Our presence, bearing with him a precious Book. Our sole purpose was to draw the servants nigh unto the Most Exalted Retreat; yet they perpetrated deeds whereat the denizens of Paradise have lamented, and likewise the inmates of the Concourse on high, and they who circle round the Throne of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We sent him that he might announce unto the people the glad-tidings of God, but they met him with torments the like of which hath not appeared in all creation, until at length they slew him with manifest injustice. When his blood was shed upon the earth, it trembled and quaked, cried aloud and called out:

> "Behold, O Thou in Whose grasp of power is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and the earth! Were it not for the precedence of My mercy, I would cause the earth to swallow them up; yet have We withheld it through a grace from Our presence, and I am the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous."

Thereupon We tried its people with that wherewith We tried them, that perchance they might awaken and turn repentant unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. Behold, then, how the might of thy Lord encompassed them; verily I am the All-Compelling, the Severe. We seized them first, for through them the root of oppression was strengthened; ere long shall We return unto it, for He is indeed the Powerful, the Omnipotent. The proof of God and His testimony have been completed against him and against them; therefore hath that which hath descended descended upon them. This is what was set down in the Tablets aforetime, could ye but understand. Say: That which ye possess can never prevail against Him, nor can the sting of the aggressors weaken Him.

Were He to will it, He could destroy all that are on the earth by but a word from Him. Verily He is powerful over all worlds. O My loved ones! call ye to mind al-Badi'—his dominion, his power—then ponder the burning ardor that seized him through the Word of God, the Almighty, the All-Conquering, the Mighty, the Wise. Remember, O Pen of the Most High, when he stood before the Throne, and there was breathed into him the spirit of might and dominion from One strong and faithful; and the attractions of longing laid hold upon him after he had been thunderstruck by the first Word. Thus was the decree ordained in the presence of the Throne. Blessed are they that remember.

Then did We send him forth, by a command from Our presence, with a countenance from which the horizons were illumined, and likewise the faces of them that are nigh. Thus have We commemorated him through a favor from Our presence, and have sent these words unto thee, that thou mayest read and be of the thankful. We make mention of him in most of the Tablets, for he bore that which none among men hath borne. Upon thee and upon him be My glory, and thereafter My mercy until a Day that none can reckon but God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH02848: Say: We have heard the call of Thy mystery…

In the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Great

Say: We have heard the call of Thy mystery and Thy turning toward God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: I give praise to Thee, O my God, that the fragrance of Thy loving-kindness hath enraptured me, and the gentle winds of Thy mercy have inclined me in the direction of Thy bountiful favors. Make me to quaff, O my Lord, from the fingers of Thy bounteousness the living waters which have enabled every one that hath partaken of them to rid himself of all attachment to any one save Thee, and to soar into the atmosphere of detachment from all Thy creatures, and to fix his gaze upon Thy loving providence and Thy manifold gifts.

O Lord! Make me ready, in all circumstances, to serve Thee and to set myself towards the adored sanctuary of Thy Revelation and of Thy Beauty. If it be Thy pleasure, make me to grow as a tender herb in the meadows of Thy grace, that the gentle winds of Thy will may stir me up and bend me into conformity with Thy pleasure, in such wise that my movement and my stillness may be wholly directed by Thee.

Thou art He, by Whose name the Hidden Secret was divulged, and the Well-Guarded Name was revealed, and the seals of the sealed-up Goblet were opened, shedding thereby its fragrance over all creation, whether of the past or of the future. He who was athirst, O my Lord, hath hasted to attain the living waters of Thy grace, and the wretched creature hath yearned to immerse himself beneath the ocean of Thy riches.

I swear by Thy glory, O Lord the Beloved of the world and the Desire of all them that have recognized Thee! I am sore afflicted by the grief of my separation from Thee, in the days when the Daystar of Thy presence hath shed its radiance upon Thy people. Write down, then, for me the recompense decreed for such as have gazed on Thy face, and have, by Thy leave, gained admittance into the court of Thy throne, and have, at Thy bidding, met Thee face to face.

I implore Thee, O my Lord, by Thy name the splendors of which have encompassed the earth and the heavens, to enable me so to surrender my will to what Thou hast decreed in Thy Tablets, that I may cease to discover within me any desire except what Thou didst desire through the power of Thy sovereignty, and any will save what Thou didst destine for me by Thy will.

Whither shall I turn, O my God, powerless as I am to discover any other way except the way Thou didst set before Thy chosen Ones? All the atoms of the earth proclaim Thee to be God, and testify that there is none other God besides Thee. Thou hast from eternity been powerful to do what Thou hast willed, and to ordain what Thou hast pleased.

Do Thou destine for me, O my God, what will set me, at all times, towards Thee, and enable me to cleave continually to the cord of Thy grace, and to proclaim Thy name, and to look for whatsoever may flow down from Thy pen. I am poor and desolate, O my Lord, and Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most High. Have pity, then, upon me through the wonders of Thy mercy, and send down upon me, every moment of my life, the things wherewith Thou hast recreated the hearts of all Thy creatures who have recognized Thy unity, and of all Thy people who are wholly devoted to Thee.

Thou, verily, art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02835: O Abdullah! Thy letter hath come before thy Lord…

He is the One Who endureth after the passing of all things.

O Abdullah! Thy letter hath come before thy Lord and the glances of divine favors have been directed towards it. He, verily, is the Hearer, the Answerer. We have become aware of what was mentioned therein concerning that which was revealed from the heaven of command in the Surah of Counsel. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Ye are mentioned before the Throne—the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh in remembrance of you and His Pen, the Subduer of the worlds, floweth over your names. Rejoice ye at this bounty, then give thanks unto your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Abdullah! By God, the Wronged One hath remained without helper or assistant. Had My loved ones acted according to that which they were commanded, thou wouldst have seen the banners of victory raised upon every lofty and impregnable mountain. Arise to help the Cause of God. He hath ordained that victory lieth in the manifestation of His goodly character amongst all people. Blessed is he who attaineth unto this mighty station.

Say: O My loved ones! Be ye of such nature that those who approach may behold in your faces the radiance of the All-Merciful and in your gatherings the gathering of letters in a single word. This behooveth those who have turned unto God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Ye are they who have been mentioned by name of the Beloved and have attained unto a station whereunto none have attained save honored servants. Blessed art thou for having remembered thy Lord and for this mighty Tablet which hath been revealed for thee. Grieve not over separation—ye are before the Throne. Thus doth the All-Merciful testify.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds! Verily he who hath arisen to serve his Lord is among those who circled round the Cause from time immemorial. Thus doth your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, give you glad tidings. Arise to serve in that place and unite hearts in remembrance of the Beloved. This is what God, the Goal of the worlds, commandeth thee.

Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God and give them the glad tidings of this mighty remembrance. We beseech God to assist them to love and unity, to gather them beneath the pavilions of His Cause, and to make them of those who, in helping the Cause, have not regarded themselves and what they possess, but have helped God’s Cause through their character, deeds and remembrance. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the

Generous. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have arrived there, turning unto God, thy Ancient Lord.

BH02863: The Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious. A remembrance…

The Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious. A remembrance from Us to him who hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Wise, that he may rejoice in Our mention of him and be drawn unto a station ordained in a preserved Tablet. Blessed art thou, O servant, inasmuch as thou hast turned unto thy Lord, the Ancient, and hast responded to His call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, and hast arisen to serve His Cause amidst all people. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

There hath come before the presence thy letter which thou didst send to one of My loved ones, and toward it hath been directed the gaze of thy Lord, the Compassionate, the Generous. We have found from it the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou for having been faithful to God's Covenant when He came with the truth with manifest light, and blessed is thy father who hath ascended unto God—verily he is in a noble station.

Beware lest anything prevent thee from that whereon thou art. Hold thou fast in all conditions unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness. He, verily, is with His servants who have turned unto Him. We have sent down unto thee aforetime manifest verses through which the fragrances of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful, have been wafted. Blessed is the eye that hath attained unto them, the tongue that hath uttered them, and the heart that hath recognized what they contain of the wondrous favors of thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds.

Be thou thankful that the gaze of God hath been directed toward thee from the horizon of this mighty Prison, and that He remembereth thee with that whereby thy mention shall be established in the Concourse on High and thy name in the Kingdom of Creation. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Generous.

None should grieve over aught save that which hath befallen this imprisoned Stranger. By God! I am in the mouth of the serpent, calling the peoples of possibility unto their Lord, the All-Merciful, yet the people are in manifest remoteness. Hath anyone become aware of what hath befallen Me in God's path? Nay, by His All-Knowing Self! I was born but to bear tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of Names. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Tablets. Thy Lord, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth. I have desired naught but what He desired, and I desire naught save what hath been ordained by God, the One, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Peerless.

Follow thou thy Lord in the remembrance of thy Lord, and be thou of the thankful ones. Beware lest thou transgress the bounds of wisdom wherewith We have adorned My Kingdom and wherewith We have commanded those who have turned unto the Countenance. Thy Lord, verily, is the Mighty, the Wise.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of guidance when the Lord of Names came with His everlasting Kingdom, the Most Wondrous, the Most Beautiful.

BH02905: This is a Book from Us to him who…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

This is a Book from Us to him who was named Muhammad-before-ʿAli, that he may testify in his being to that which God did testify before the creation of all things that there is none other God but Him, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the Call from this Tree planted in the Paradise of Decree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. Arise to serve thy Lord, then aid thy Lord, detached from all the worlds. Blessed art thou in that thou hast turned unto Him, attained His presence, hastened forth and heard that which most of the servants have not attained, and which no ears have heard except those who have turned with clear certitude toward the Dayspring of the Cause.

Give glad tidings of My remembrance unto the servants, then recount unto them what thou hast witnessed and known. Thus hast thou been commanded by the Most Exalted Pen which moveth by God's leave, the Lord of all names, upon the Tablet which God hath made the source of all tablets and the dawning-place of the books of the heavens and earth.

O Muhammad! Grieve not at anything. Place thy trust in the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Turn by thy Lord's command unto the lands, then remind the people of this wise Remembrance. We have known thy condition and are aware of thy hardship and what hath befallen thee in the path of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Be thankful that thy name hath been mentioned in the Tablet and the Tongue of the Spirit hath spoken of thee. By My life! This is indeed a great bounty. Despair not of His grace, for it hath encompassed all created things, nor of His mercy, for it hath preceded all contingent things.

Glorify the name of thy Lord, then immerse thyself in the ocean of My Name, the Help in Peril over the worlds. Blessed be thine ear, for it hath heard the call of thy Lord when the Tongue of Grandeur did speak verses that have no equal in all creation—thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, doth testify to this. Blessed be thy foot, for it arose when the verses descended from the kingdom of the mercy of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Say: O my Lord! Praise be to Thee for having honored me with Thy presence, for having turned toward me the gaze of Thy grace, and for having caused me to hear that which Thy tongue of revelation hath spoken. O my Lord! Thou art the All-Sufficient and I am the poor one. Write down for me that which befitteth Thy grace and bounty, then number me among Thy servants who have circled round Thy Cause and Thy Will, and who have arisen to serve Thee such that neither the clamor of the idolaters nor the whisperings of the evil ones deterred them. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Mighty, the Invincible.

BH02829: In His Most Holy Name! O thou who gazest…

In His Most Holy Name! O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! This is a Day wherein We bid patience itself to be patient in the Cause of its Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Grieve not for what hath befallen Us. Nothing that hath been created in the heavens or on earth can frustrate Him. Whoso is for God, God is

for him. We testify that He was with Us on the day We were born and will continue to be until the end that hath no end. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Did might avail Al-ʿUzza? Did Pharaoh prevail? Nay, by His very Self, the Truth! Rather were they among those who were brought low. God shall soon obliterate all traces of those who turned away and clung to calumny that they might lead people astray from the path of God, the Lord of all names. They are indeed in manifest loss.

Remember when he who turned away thought We feared him. Say: Neither the might of those who transgressed nor the ascendancy of the oppressors can intimidate Us. We speak the truth as We have spoken and summon all to God, the Sovereign Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

They who have quaffed the living waters from the hands of the All-Merciful are those who call humanity from behind them, turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. By thy life, O My patience! Neither the barking of dogs nor the grunting of swine can deter them.

He thought We were grieved by what he had wrought. Nay, by the Self of God Who overseeth all creation! Rather do We walk and call upon God morn and eve, saying:

> "Draw nigh the days of meeting with Thee, then make me one of those who lay down their lives in Thy path. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

By God! Should all who dwell on earth gather against Me with sharpened swords and piercing spears, thou wouldst find My tongue in that hour speaking His Name and Mine eyes fixed upon His shining and luminous horizon.

Know then that what thou hast composed in remembrance of this wronged Exile hath reached Our presence. We beseech God to strengthen and assist thee in all conditions, to make thee a champion of His Cause from beginning to end, and to draw thee nigh unto Him in such wise that remoteness shall never intervene. Thy Lord is verily the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. We moreover beseech Him, exalted be He, to unite us in His love, to cause us to speak His praise and glorification, and to make us among those who have soared in the atmosphere of His love and who have detached themselves through His Name from all the worlds. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Encompassing, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH02949: O mother, I write this letter to you…

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

O mother, I write this letter to you in Persian that you may hear the sweet utterance of the divine bird in the Iraqi tongue and forget the melodious songs of Hijaz, and acknowledge that the spiritual nightingale sings in all tongues upon the holy branches in the gardens of the spirit, in remembrance and utterance, that you may hear from these outward songs the inward melodies.

O mother, pass beyond the heart and turn to the Beloved of hearts; transcend the soul and attain to the Beloved of souls. Join the stream of the heart to the ocean of the Heart-Transformer, and firmly bind the

cord of love to the root of nearness to the Loved One. A soul without the Beloved of souls is not worth a dirham, and a heart without the Beloved of hearts cannot be exchanged for a farthing. Better that the head without its Lord be in dust, better that the heart without pain be consumed, better that the neck without its cord be severed by the sword.

Say: O friends, lie down thinking of the Friend, and find repose in your beds contemplating the Beloved. Smell the fragrance of the Beloved in the flowers, and behold in the bright flames the light of the countenance of the Friend. I swear by the life of the Friend that if you catch the fragrance of Joseph's garment and enter the Egypt of divine friendship, O mother, you will become one of all those near to God.

Therefore strive with your soul in love and enter with your heart the abode of the Friend. Leave the grief of the age to those who belong to it. Pay no heed to the fleeting days of this world, that this old garment of the world may fall from your body and you may take up your dwelling upon the everlasting throne, don the divine brocade, drink from the cup of the Beloved the wine of love, be illumined by the candle of love, and sew the garment of love.

This is that which never changes. Know then that all divine laws in every age and dispensation change and are transformed according to the requirements of the time, except the law of love which forever flows and never changes or is transformed. These are the wondrous divine mysteries which He has mentioned for His servants, and He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful. And clothe Sakineh with the robe of glorification from the divine lights.

BH03013: Thy letter which expressed the degrees of utter powerlessness…

In the name of the One Friend

Thy letter which expressed the degrees of utter powerlessness, nothingness, complete effacement and absolute non-existence was received in the Most Holy Presence and was accepted. He who acknowledges his powerlessness and confesses his nothingness before the manifestations of the greatness of his Creator is indeed among those who have recognized their Lord and are counted among the successful ones. The soul that has ever been convinced of and confessed to utter powerlessness and complete effacement has been and will continue to be reckoned before the All-Merciful as one of the people of true knowledge.

By the truth of My Self, thy letter which was in the Persian tongue is more beloved before God than the utterances of the deluded ones who day and night fancy themselves to have attained the stations of knowledge of the Lord of all creation. For today the purpose of all things is that the fragrance of the good-pleasure of the All-Merciful should waft from them. Whatever thing is deprived of this station is recorded before God as among the most worthless of things.

How many souls who day and night, in their own imagination, were occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of all names and were speaking the highest stations of vain mystical utterances, while the Truth was sanctified and exempt from all such souls. Observe how some souls are so weak that through the croaking of a croaker they have been and continue to be deprived of the ultimate goal and the divine

Lote-Tree. The Truth, Whose lights of manifestation have encompassed the world and Whose banners of grandeur and power have been raised upon all hills and heights—they have remained far from Him through the word of the basest of people. Each day a hasty cry is raised and the mewing of a cat appears.

We beseech God to protect thee and protect those who have drunk the Kawthar of the All-Merciful from this gleaming, resplendent cup and who have become so detached through His remembrance from the remembrance of all else that they see naught in creation save as a handful of clay. God willing, thou shouldst in all conditions fix thy gaze upon the All-Glorious and associate and consort with upright souls, illumined hearts and steadfast minds. Thus doth the Beloved counsel thee out of love for thyself. Verily He is the Beloved and the Lord of all the worlds. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the Possessor of great bounty.

BH02998: The call of the Ancient King hath been raised…

In His Name, Who is established upon the Throne

The call of the Ancient King hath been raised from His Most Great Prison, when He was in the hands of the oppressors, summoning the people unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. The nations and religions have united against Him because He calleth the servants unto God, the Lord of all causes. Say: Die in your wrath! Verily He doeth what He willeth through the sovereignty vouchsafed unto Him. The hosts of earth and heaven cannot withhold Him. All are within the grasp of His power and encompassed by His sovereignty which hath embraced the worlds. Were He to will it, He would destroy all who are on earth with but a word from Him. But His mercy hath preceded all creation. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous.

Say: O people! Fear God and follow not those who have turned away from the Countenance and have turned unto those who are forbidden unto them in the perspicuous Book. Say: This is the Countenance of God, did ye but know with certainty, and this is the Cause of God, were ye of them that comprehend. The Divine Will hath been fulfilled through what He hath willed, and His Purpose through what He hath purposed. He is verily the Ruler over what He desireth. Every matter hath been realized through His command, every manifestation through His manifestation, and every book through this Book which walketh and speaketh. Exalted be the Ancient One Who hath sent down this great bounty!

Among the people are those who have cast guidance behind their backs, turning to their desires, thinking themselves to be guided. Most of creation standeth in the wilderness of bewilderment—they hear but understand not, they see but perceive not. Say: Draw nigh with illumined hearts. By God the Truth! He is verily the One manifest from the Supreme Horizon and the Dawning-Place of the Most Beautiful Names, were ye of them that discern.

Blessed art thou for having turned, heard, recognized and become of the triumphant. Thy mention was made before the Countenance and this wondrous Tablet was revealed for thee. God shall soon adorn the brocade of existence with the mention of His loved ones who turned unto Him when every stubborn tyrant turned away. Grieve not at anything. He will assist thee with the truth. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty.

We beseech God to protect thee from every harmful one, to exalt thy station among the servants, and to ordain for thee the good of the seen and unseen. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous. And upon thee and those with thee be the glory from thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH03011: This is a Book from Us to him whose…

In His Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

This is a Book from Us to him whose letter was present before the Throne and who attained the presence of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, that he may be assured that He remembers the one who hath voiced His praise and heareth that which he hath called upon Him with. Verily, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have read thy letter and recognized thy advancement in the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We beseech God to assist thee in such wise that the imaginings of those who make mention of Him among the people while harboring other intentions in secret shall not cause thee to slip. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He heareth that which their tongues utter and that which passeth through the hearts of the doubters. Guard thyself from the utterances of them that make allusions, and immerse thyself in the oceans of the favors of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Place thy whole trust in God, detached from all else. This is My counsel unto thee and it shall profit thee in this world and in the next. Verily, He is the Protector of the sincere ones.

O servant who gazeth upon the Countenance! Thy letter from which wafted the sweet savors of the love of the All-Merciful was presented at the Most Great Scene. Blessed art thou for having attained thereunto and for being among those who have turned towards Him. Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds that thou hast recognized Him and art celebrating His praise.

That which is desired in these days is steadfastness in the Cause of God, for there are many who harbor doubts, and from every direction the voice of the calf is raised. Those souls who have drunk from the cup of the love of the All-Merciful and have raised high the pavilion of certitude in the midmost heart of the world must regard all else besides God as utter nothingness and absolute void, save those souls who arise to serve the Cause outwardly and inwardly. The most abject of people in the sight of God are those who prostrate themselves at the call of every calf and who worship every idol out of vain imaginings. The worshipper and the worshipped are both in manifest loss. And certain souls have become the cause of the waste of God's Cause while counting themselves among the mighty ones. Humiliation shall soon overtake them from every direction unless they repent and return unto God, the Lord of all the worlds.

O thou who art mindful of the Truth! God willing, thou shalt ever drink from the cup of steadfastness and quaff from the chalice of detachment. Verily, He is with thee under all conditions. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH03038: In His Name, the Most Holy, above all names!…

In His Name, the Most Holy, above all names! O My Name! In thy letter mention was made of Rida and of Nabil-i-Husayn. Therefore We send down for them that which illumineth the darkness in this radiant

dawn. Say: The Most Great Ocean hath sprinkled upon you both the sprinkling of glorification from this far-off station. Though the station be remote, yet He is the Near One, and was ever watchful over you. Rejoice ye in God's remembrance of you, then remain steadfast in such wise that the hearts of the righteous may find peace and the hearts of the ungodly be disturbed. Your mention hath come before the Throne and this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for you both.

O Husayn! The Beloved shall show thee concerning that whereon thou art. Blessed art thou for having recognized and attained and remained steadfast and been among those who remember. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having enabled thee to that whereon thou art and aided thee in His love after all the oppressive ones turned away from Him. Be thou a servant of My Cause, celebrating My Name and praising thy Lord for what hath been revealed from His mighty and impregnable Pen.

O Rida! Rejoice in the remembrance of the Lord of Names, then speak forth His praise amongst His heedless servants. We beseech God to enable thee to do what He loveth and is pleased with, and to strengthen thee in what hath been sent down in a preserved Tablet. Verily the glory be upon you both and upon those who have acknowledged the Seat of the Cause and the Dawning-Place of thy Lord's revelation, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O My Name! Give thanks unto God for having chosen thee for the service of His Self and preferred thee above most of creation. He is verily the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Be thou assured of thy Lord's grace. He remembereth thee most often even when He was in the hands of the ungodly. The air of the city was filled with dust, its earth was shaken, its people were terrified, and its fire appeared, but God calmed it in truth. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty.

By My life! In times of tribulations and appearance of hardships, I find Myself in such joy and attraction that those in the world are powerless to mention them. Though sorrows may at times seize the body, yet they cannot prevent it from what it was engaged in, and the spirit remaineth in evident sovereignty.

Convey My glorification to My Afnan and then to My loved ones who have held fast to My strong cord. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02997: God—there is no God but Him! He has wished…

God—there is no God but Him! He has wished to mention you, O Desire of the worlds, that He may behold you wholly turned toward God, the Mighty, the Wise. He loves that you should have a single, radiant and illumined countenance in this Cause whereby the Cry has been raised up and the people of all religions were terrified, save those whom your Lord, the All-Merciful, wished. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Would that you had known the waves of this Most Great Ocean and what lies concealed therein of the pearls of the knowledge of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Rend asunder all the veils of the world, then turn with your heart toward the Lord of Names, detached from the idolaters. Say: He knows the hidden thoughts of souls and the treachery of eyes. With Him is the knowledge of what was and what will be, in a Tablet sealed by the finger of the will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Say: O people, remember when Muhammad, the Messenger of God, came, the learned ones and every possessor of knowledge turned away from Him, while those who tended sheep believed in Him. Thus do We detail the verses unto you that you may call out with this Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

It behooves you today to adorn your head with the crown of this wise Remembrance and to be one who calls out My Name amongst the servants. By this will God exalt your station and establish your mention throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly kingdom. Verily your Lord is the Ruler over what He wills.

Say: Look and remember the one named Abu Dharr. He was tending the sheep of the people when he believed. The learned ones denied him, yet today every possessor of manifest knowledge takes pride in his name. Those who act unjustly today—God will soon erase their traces and exalt those who have believed to such a degree that their names will be spoken throughout the earth. Thus do We inform you, and none can inform you like One who is All-Knowing.

Arise to the Cause in such wise that God's help may be manifest from you in all else, and the servants may behold in your face the radiance of divine bliss. This is a Day wherein if anyone misses aught, all the means of earth combined cannot make up for it, and your Lord is witness to what I say.

Rise from the horizon of silence, speaking in remembrance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Say: It behooves every soul, when hearing the Call from the direction of his Most Glorious Lord, to say "Here am I, O Dawning-Place of the Command of my Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful." Convey My greetings to those servants who have believed in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

BH02979: In the Name of the Peerless God. Praise be…

In the Name of the Peerless God. Praise be to the pure Lord who was ever-living and self-subsisting by His own Self. Every non-existence has come into being through His existence, and every nothingness has become manifest through His being.

O Rustam! God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, be a man of the arena so that through this divine melody you may ignite the dispirited ones, bring the dead to life, and make the withered ones fresh. If you discover this fire which is light, you will come to utterance and see yourself endowed with deeds.

O Rustam! This day the signs of bounty are made manifest: He turneth the mote into a sun, and, through the radiance of the effulgent splendours of the Most Great Name, He maketh the drop to become an ocean. Say: O ye [Zoroastrian] high priests, in My Name ye are accounted noble; yet in fleeing from Me ye have shown yourselves to be high priests of demons. Had ye been high priests of the Merciful One, ye would have been with Him, and would have known Him.

O Rustam! the sea of divine generosity is revealed, and the sun of the All-Merciful's bestowals is shining forth. Blessed the possessor of eyes that hath seen, and blessed the possessor of ears that hath heard.

Say: O blind ones, the Shelter of the World has come—it is the Day of sight. The All-Seeing, the All-Knowing One has come—it is the time of sacrificing one's life. On this Day of bounty, strive that you may be recorded in the book of the righteous.

None but the All-Merciful Lord has ever been, or is, capable of forgiving the wayward and the sinful. How can one who has not received existence bestow existence, and how can one who is himself guilty of error forgive error?

Say: O high priests! The Beloved of the worlds calls you to God from His prison. Accept from Him, and flee not from Him Who has accepted endless tribulations for your deliverance. Pass beyond the seeming friend who is an enemy, and attach your hearts to the one true Friend.

Say: O people, be content with that which the Friend has willed, for what He has chosen is indeed praiseworthy.

Say: O high priests! No man's acts shall be acceptable in this Day unless he forsaketh mankind and all that men possess, and setteth his face towards the Omnipotent One. Today is the day of the truthful ones who have passed beyond creation and joined with Truth, who have fled from the darkness of remoteness and drawn near to the light.

O Rustam! Hear the words of the Lord and convey them to the people.

BH03122: In the Name of God, the Most Holy…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Affairs have so transformed that thou seest vultures dwelling in palaces while the Sovereign of the Kingdom resideth in the most ruined of houses. Thus hath the matter been decreed by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. God hath made their palaces their tombs. Well is it with them that possess insight!

They whose eyes have been illumined with guidance in the days of their Most Glorious Lord—these see not things but they first perceive their eventual passing. By My life! Through them doth the earth yield its fruits and the clouds pour down their rain.

The world, at every moment, calleth out to man, saying:

> "Dost thou expect fidelity from me? Evil is that which thou hast imagined! Soon shalt thou find thyself in abasement and loss."

Well is it with him who casteth it behind him, turning unto the Dawning-Place of lights. Say: The world is that which preventeth you from God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Among men is he who maketh his religion his world and it preventeth him from the straight path, and among them is he who maketh his asceticism his world while he remaineth in heedlessness and error, and among them is he who maketh his poverty the world itself while remaining unaware of his condition. Thus have We detailed the matter in the Scriptures and Tablets. Rend ye the veils! This is the Lord of lords Who hath come with the Kingdom of verses.

Among men is he who hath clung to the Evil One, turning away from the Kingdom. Say: Woe unto thee, O thou who associateth partners with God and doubteth! We have manifested the Cause in such wise that necks have been humbled before it. Whoso drinketh from this cup, neither the cawing of the deniers nor the clouds of allusions shall shut him out.

How many a wise one hath been veiled from the Sun by clouds of fancy, and how many a child hath rent asunder the veils! How many a person of understanding hath been confounded within himself, and how many a heedless one hath advanced until he entered the Kingdom of his Lord, the Exalted, the Most High! Say: Grace is in the hand of God—He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth of His creation. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Forgiving. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him! Woe unto every proud oppressor!

Thus have We cast upon thee and sent down unto thee verses that nothing in earth or heaven can equal, that the breezes of revelation might seize thee in these days wherein the Dove hath warbled and the Raven hath cawed. And the glory be upon thee and upon every patient believer.

BH03124: Your letter has reached Our presence and We found…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Holy

Your letter has reached Our presence and We found it adorned with the remembrance of God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. We have read it as a token of Our grace—verily your Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

The world has been set ablaze by the heat of your Lord the All-Merciful's utterance, yet most people remain heedless. We have made heat the cause of motion, and We have sanctified it above the types of motion mentioned in the books of men, for it has appeared from thy Lord's word without how or gesture. Reflect and be of the thankful. The world moves by this motion and the celestial spheres rotate by the name of your Ancient Lord.

Can you remain still while the Spirit soars between the heavens and earth? Can you be patient while the Most Great Temple cries out with His wondrous name? It has seized those who were prevented by the moisture of vain imaginings and moved those who turned to the heat of My Name, the Beloved, Who is the Best-Beloved. Thus does the ocean of utterance flow forth from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Aware.

O Muhammad! Give thanks to God for having accepted your turning to Him and for having mentioned your name before the Throne and for the Tongue of Grandeur having spoken your name while in the prison of the heedless. Do not grieve over what has befallen Us, for My soul longs for tribulation to establish the Cause of your Lord, the King of Names. This is more glorious to Me than all else and sweeter than all sweetness, were you to know.

Remember My tribulations, My oppression, My imprisonment and My affliction, that perchance those who sleep on the couch of heedlessness and passion may awaken and remember their Lord, the All-Bountiful.

O Muhammad! It behooves you to remember My tribulations, and it behooves Me to manifest the ocean of My patience. Thus have We divided the work between Me and you. Rejoice in these words that have perfumed the worlds.

What We mention of patience and forbearance is for Our servants. By My life! When tribulation appears We give thanks to God, Creator of the heavens, and leave patience to the patient ones. When tribulation appears it behooves His servants to thank Him. But when We see them in weakness We command them to be patient. Thus do We explain for you that you may be of those who know.

May glory be upon you and upon those who have arisen to serve God when He came with manifest sovereignty.

BH03145: In the name of God, the Most Holy…

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious. This is a Book from Us to him who has turned to the Face on a Day whereon the foundations were shaken, that he may detach himself from all that is with the people and hold fast unto this Cord whereby all possibility has been moved.

Hearken unto the Call of God from this most holy and most glorious Quarter, upon the luminous Spot from the verdant Tree: Verily, there is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bestower. Arise to make mention of God amidst His creation and remind the people of this News whereby the Evil One has lamented and tremors have seized all in the lands.

Say: O people! The Self-Subsisting has come, and there is no escape for anyone except by turning to the Dawning-Place of verses Who speaks the truth—verily, there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

Say: O people! The Unseen speaks with this Tongue among you—know this and follow not every doubtful misbeliever. From the Unseen has appeared the Temple of the Witnessed One, and through the beauty of the Witnessed One has been established the decree of the Unseen. All that appears from Him appears from His presence. Thus has shone forth the Sun of Unity from the horizon of detachment—blessed are they who possess insight.

Say: O people! He was from everlasting and will forever remain as He has been. Whoso denies Him has denied Him Who speaks the truth at the axis of all existence, that there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Gracious. Set aside those who have disbelieved and what they possess. By My life! They speak only according to their desires and wish only to cast doubt into the hearts of those who have shattered the idols.

He who has drunk the choice wine of inner meanings from this white chalice—the allusions will not prevent him from drawing near unto God, the Revealer of verses. Their only purpose is to find grounds to object to God, the Lord of the Day of Return. Say: All that is revealed—verily the Revealer is God. To this testify all atoms. Whoso denies Me has denied the Unseen, and all things curse him, and behind them the Tongue of Grandeur and Power.

When you attain unto the Tablet of God [say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having mentioned me] after [being] in the hands of the wicked ones.

BH03074: O Muhammad! We have found from thee the fragrance…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O Muhammad! We have found from thee the fragrance of My love and the sweet-scenting savor of My affection. Therefore hath My Most Exalted Pen, which We have commanded to cry out between earth and heaven, been moved to mention thy name. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

May the rapture of thy Lord's Most Glorious utterance seize thee once again and cause thee to voice His praise amidst all peoples. Blessed art thou and thy children and those around thee—upon them be the remembrance and praise of God—inasmuch as they have cast away what the people possess and taken hold of the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Rejoice ye in the days of God, celebrate and glorify this Name which God hath made to exercise dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Take ye the chalices of prosperity in the name of the Cleaver of Dawn, then drink therefrom through this wise Remembrance. Blessed is he who hath drunk of the choice wine whose seal We have broken with the finger of My Will that embraceth all things. Thy Lord is, verily, the Most High, the Most Great.

Say: This is the Day whereon God, the King, hath called unto His Own Self, the All-Encompassing over all things. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of a Mighty, Ancient One. Say: The world hath been set ablaze by the heat of God's Word, yet the people are in strange drunkenness and rejoice though they know not. Soon shall they know what hath escaped them in these days wherein the All-Merciful hath come with a manifest light.

Gather the servants at the Most Great Ocean and remind them of what hath been sent down in the Tablet. Thy Lord is the Best of Rememberers. In the prison He remembereth those who have turned unto Him. He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him.

Say: O loved ones of God! Grieve not at anything. Put your trust in Him. He will assuredly aid you through the truth. He is the Protector of the sincere ones. God shall soon exalt your names in the earth and make manifest your traces. Rejoice ye in what hath been ordained for you in the Tablet.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know! Glorify on My behalf the faces of those who have believed. Say: Blessed are ye for having turned unto the Countenance on a day when every misbeliever turned away in doubt. Upon thee and upon those with thee be the Glory from the presence of a Mighty, Beauteous One.

BH03101: A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Bountiful

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned unto God after hearing His call from the luminous Lote-Tree raised up upon the crimson spot. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Blessed art thou for having drawn nigh unto the Desired One and for having migrated from thy homeland out of longing to attain the presence of God, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Know thou the worth of this station—naught that hath been created in the realm of existence can compare with it.

O Mihdi! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One Who, from the dark pit, calleth out to them that dwell in the kingdom of creation and summoneth them unto God, the Lord of all mankind. Wert thou to become aware of the tribulations of thy Lord, thou wouldst weep as weepeth one who is bereaved. Though We have made mention of it in the Tablets, it representeth but a drop from the ocean. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Grieve not at anything. Be content with what God hath ordained for thee. He hath destined for those who desire Him that which is better for them than all else created in the contingent world. Didst thou but know what hath been inscribed for thee by the Most Exalted Pen, thou wouldst soar with rapture. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then stand firm in the love of thy Lord, for this Cause is mighty, mighty indeed—none comprehendeth it save those endued with understanding. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this Tablet whereby the preamble of the Book of Creation hath been adorned. Sorrow not over anything. Place thy trust in God. He is with thee and will help thee in truth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Compelling.

Preserve the verses of thy Lord, then recite them with the melody of the heart. God willing, mayest thou ever rest beneath the shade of the favors of the eternal King and be adorned with the ornament of His bounties. Strive that perchance in these fleeting days thou mayest arise to serve the Countenance of the All-Glorious, be mentioned by His Name and be known by His love. The hardships thou hast borne in His path shall not be lost. No righteous deed appeareth from any doer except that its reward hath been recorded by the Pen of the King of Oneness. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest grace.

We beseech God to assist thee in His service, to aid thee in His remembrance, and to make thee one of those who have stood firm in His love and good-pleasure. He is, verily, the Ruler, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling.

BH03141: This is a remembrance from Us to one who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

This is a remembrance from Us to one who hath attained the lights of the Countenance and been adorned with the ornament of his Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Wise, and who hath consorted with the Beloved for a number of years. By My life! This is indeed a great bounty. Blessed art thou for having carried the trust of thy Lord and fulfilled God’s Covenant in days when hearts were agitated and every mouldering bone was stirred.

How many were the servants who heard the Call from the Dayspring of creation, turned towards it and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names!” And how many were the servants who heard and turned away—these are assuredly the companions of the fire. They whom the breezes of Thy Lord’s mercy stirred—these are the people of Baha inscribed in a glorious Tablet.

Say: This is not a day to tarry. All things have been set in motion by the breaths of revelation, yet the heedless are in evident drunkenness. O glad tidings unto thee for God hath aided thee to love Him and to win His good-pleasure, and hath caused thee to recognize Him Who speaketh the truth between the heavens and the earth!

If thou desirest to learn what hath befallen the Wronged One, read what We have revealed unto Our servant Husayn. But grieve not, for thy Lord is the Powerful, the Possessor of great might. My case is like unto him who walked in the depths of the sea while the waves encompassed him—thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, inform thee. In such condition We summon the peoples unto the Lord of eternity in such wise that neither the oppression of tyrants nor the ascendancy of Pharaohs can hinder Us. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent, the Almighty.

Gather ye together in the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink the water of life through His mention, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Be ye assured of God’s grace and mercy. He is with you in all conditions. He is the Protector of the sincere ones.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the wrong suffered by the Manifestation of Thy Self and by His power that hath encompassed all in Thy kingdom, to draw me near unto Thee in all conditions, that I may be mindful of Thy remembrance, speaking forth Thy Name and circling round Thy will. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

Glory be upon thee and upon thy kindred and upon those whose images were present before thy Lord’s throne, the Most High, the Most Great. Thus hath God ordained for them the reward of those who attained the presence of the Countenance. This is indeed a manifest bounty.

BH03127: Baha calleth out: “Where are the people of fidelity…

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

Baha calleth out: “Where are the people of fidelity whose faces reflect the radiance of God, the Lord of Names? These are servants by whom the horizon of certitude hath shone forth. The All-Merciful sendeth blessings upon them at all times. They are among the bearers of the Throne amidst all worlds. God hath singled them out for this greatest bounty and preferred them above all who dwell upon the earth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Verily, they who are heedless this day—their names shall not be mentioned before the Throne, except that they are among the lost. Soon shall they behold the recompense of what they have wrought in the days of God. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. He recompenseth every soul for what it hath earned. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. He desireth naught for His servants save their drawing nigh unto Him, yet today they are among the drowned, except for him whom the hand

of grace hath saved and drawn nigh to the holy court and made to be among the triumphant. Verily, the Cause is in the grasp of His power. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And remember when the Bearer of Glad-Tidings came unto them and informed them of this Great Announcement. But when He came with the truth, the people differed concerning Him. Among them were those who denied and rejected the proof of the All-Merciful when He appeared with manifest sovereignty. And among them were those who said: He hath appeared contrary to our imaginings.' Thus did their souls beguile them on this wondrous Day. And among them were those who said: He must follow what we possess.' Say: Rather is He more worthy to be followed, did ye but understand. Say: He is the One Whom the world must obey. He hath created all things for His following. This is what hath been decreed in the Tablet, were ye of those who know. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is the Chooser of whatsoever He desireth. None hath the right to hesitate in what hath been sent down from His presence, and whoso hesitateth is assuredly among the companions of the Fire.

O people! Look not unto what ye possess, but unto what hath been sent down from your Lord, the All-Knowing. Be thou thankful unto God for having attained unto the Most Great Sea and been numbered among those who have turned unto Him. I counsel thee to steadfastness most great, for it hath a station that no other deeds can surpass. Hold thou fast unto it and be among the firmly rooted."

BH03104: Ra. Sin. May you rest, God willing, at all…

In the name of the One Friend

Ra. Sin. May you rest, God willing, at all times and under all conditions beneath the shade of the mercy of the All-Merciful, detached from the world and all who dwell therein.

You have ever been and continue to be before Our gaze. Your burning in separation has been recorded and mentioned in divine Tablets and Writings. By My life! God has written down the reward of one who has attained His presence, heard His call, and circled round His Self. Seize this opportunity and be of the thankful ones.

Praise the Beloved of the world that you are known among the people of Baha in the Supreme Concourse. Although this station is now hidden from sight, soon this bounty will become manifest in all the worlds. Occupy yourself with service to the Cause and with wisdom summon the people to the eternal Law.

In these days the door of the House is closed—none may enter from without nor leave from within. From the beginning of creation until now, no one has endured such afflictions, nor have any of the Manifestations of Divine Unity and Daysprings of God's Revelation been imprisoned in one place with seventy souls. These tribulations are unique to this Revelation. Consider then what has befallen and continues to befall Us in the land of Ta.

Although the imprisonment of the Primal Point was brief, yet those who were with Him in prison, concerned with preserving their own lives, turned away and objected—except for one soul who, clinging

to the cord of faithfulness, detached from all the worlds, drank the cup of martyrdom with the Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth, and attained the Supreme Companion.

But be not grieved—despite all internal and external tribulations, the Cause of God is manifest with utmost glory and the light of God is radiant. Exalted be this bounty that has encompassed the horizons and this power that has encompassed the worlds.

Convey greetings from the All-Merciful to all the friends and command all to steadfastness, for this station is most great. Blessed is he who has attained unto it—he is, before God, the Most High, the Most Great, of the people of Baha.

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BH03153: The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great, Most Glorious

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great, Most Glorious

O Abu-Javad! Hearken unto the Call from the Lord of creation on this Day of Return. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. This is the Day of which We have given tidings in the Tablets, saying that it would come, and when it came with the truth, the people turned away from it, save those whom thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, did will. Give thanks unto God for having caused thee to hear the cooing of the Dove upon the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree, and honored thee with the days of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. They who are heedless this Day are indeed among the most lost of men—soon shall they find themselves in manifest loss.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the cawing of the infidels nor the utterances of the ungodly shall deter thee. Hold fast unto this strong and mighty cord—verily it is God's handle between the heavens and the earth. Blessed is he that holdeth fast thereunto, and woe unto the heedless ones.

The Lamentation hath wept for this Day, and the Interlocutor for this resplendent Beauty, while the Spirit crieth out in the wilderness: "The Beloved of the worlds hath come!" By God! The divine fragrance hath wafted, and the breeze hath blown, and there hath appeared from Zion that which was hidden, and the eternal Call of God is heard from this wondrous station. Is there anyone who perceiveth the fragrance of the Word that hath wafted from the Seat of authority? Nay, by My life, except whom thy Lord willeth, for the people are afflicted with a manifest cold.

Know thou that thy son hath attained the presence of the Throne, and circled round it, and was illumined by its lights, and quaffed the wine of reunion from the cups of the favors of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. I bear witness that he is a righteous child. Give thanks for that which hath flowed in his behalf from the Supreme Pen, and be thou of the thankful ones. The world shall indeed pass away, and there shall remain for thee what hath been recorded by the Pen of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. By God! No created thing on earth can equal mention by Him in His remembrances—to this testifieth every fair-minded and discerning one.

Convey My greetings unto thy wife, then give her the glad-tidings of this mercy which hath preceded all worlds. Then mention thy two daughters on My behalf—We beseech God to make them among those women who have trusted, and were patient, and remained steadfast, and attained unto that which God hath desired in His mighty and wondrous Book.

BH03134: The Most Holy, Most Exalted Book of Glory hath…

The Most Holy, Most Exalted Book of Glory hath been sent down from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. From the horizon of tribulation it beareth glad-tidings unto all creation. The Face hath appeared and the Sun of the Cause hath risen from the Dayspring of the Will of their Lord, the Mighty, the Great.

Blessed is he in whose heart the breezes of his Lord's days have stirred, and woe betide the heedless ones who followed vain imaginings and who, when the Lord of all beings appeared, broke the Covenant and were numbered with the deniers. Know they whither they flee? Are they aware whither they run? Nay, by the Lord of what was and what shall be! They are among those who wander distracted. We behold them wrapped in the veils of fancy after We commanded them to rend them asunder, and We see them in the shadows of glory after the Beauty hath shone forth from this manifest horizon. I know not by what excuse they would justify themselves when questioned. Nay, by My soul! God's proof hath been perfected against them and His testimony completed unto all who dwell in the realms of creation. That which they possess shall not be accepted from them. Soon shall the breaths of chastisement seize them from the presence of One Who is Mighty, Ancient.

O thou who hast turned towards Me! Reflect upon what hath befallen the Beloved and His arising to promote the Cause. Then shalt thou find thyself in a station wherein thou wilt arise to aid the Cause of thy Ancient Lord. Blessed art thou and thy father. We bear witness that he is among those who have attained. The Most Exalted Pen hath been moved to make mention of him and shall continue to do so throughout the eternity of God. Thus doth God single out whom He pleaseth through His bounty. He is verily the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Arise to make mention of Me amongst My creatures, then call to mind what hath befallen this Wronged One when He was a stranger in the hands of the oppressors. Forget not God's favor unto thee when the gaze of His mercy was directed towards thee over the course of several years, and His tongue speaketh in remembrance of thee in this remote prison. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions and to assist thee in His triumph among His servants. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful.

Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses and dispatched them to thee, and before them was sent down a glorious Tablet, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and be assured that He remembereth him who hath uttered His mention. He is verily the Protector of those who remember Him. May the glory rest upon you and upon those with you and upon them that observe God's right concerning you. They are surely among the doers of good. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03102: The Most Great, the Most Great! A remembrance…

The Most Great, the Most Great! A remembrance from Us to him who circumambulated the desert valley out of longing to attain the presence of God, the Lord of Names, until he arrived at the Most Great Prison—the place whose very atoms lament for what hath befallen this Wronged One, the Solitary, the Stranger. Wert thou to look with the eye of the heart, thou wouldst behold Me in the two prisons between the two factions. Yet My grace hath veiled the matter, and My mercy hath not permitted the rending of the veils. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Soon shall they tear asunder with their own hands what We did not tear, and that which is in their breasts shall be revealed. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Hasan! Blessed art thou for having desired what the world desireth and for having turned towards the direction of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Remember when thou attainedst the presence of the Countenance, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which caused the fragrances of the All-Merciful to waft throughout all possibility. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and glorify their faces from this distant place. Be thou a servant of thy Lord's Cause. Beware lest anything prevent thee from His remembrance amongst the servants. He aids whosoever desires to aid His Cause. He is the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am he who hath turned towards the Kaaba of Thy Cause and the Sanctuary of Thy glory, until I arrived before Thy throne and heard Thy melodies. I find myself powerless before the wonders of this grace that hath encompassed me and these gifts that have surrounded me. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, to assist me in serving Thee in such wise that neither doubts nor idle fancies shall hinder me, and to remember Thee amongst all peoples with wisdom and utterance throughout all days. Then manifest unto me that which is best for me, for I know not what profiteth me. Thou art the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O my God and my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to inscribe me among those who have turned with their entire being to Thy face, who have soared in the atmosphere of Thy love, and who have been so carried away by the sweet savors of Thy utterance that they have cast the world behind their backs, until their spirits took flight from their bodies. O Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy love and Thy Cause in such wise that the winds of trials shall not move me. Thou art verily the Almighty, the Exalted, the Bestower. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH03066: Hearken unto the Call from the Master…

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Imperishable!

Hearken unto the Call from the Master of the Crimson Ark from the precincts of ʿAkka which hath been named the Snow-White Spot. He is, verily, none other than God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. The heaven hath been darkened through the oppression of the people of the earth, and the dwellers of the pavilions of glory have lamented by reason of what hath befallen Us at the hands of the heedless ones. Verily the Word at all times proclaimeth that Word from which wafteth the fragrance of God, thy Lord and the Lord

of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else save Him and taken that which was given unto him from One mighty and powerful.

Thy letter hath come before the Most Great Scene, and the glance of loving-kindness hath been directed towards it. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. We beseech God to aid thee in His Cause and to acquaint thee with that which will detach thee from all else save Him, that thou mayest arise to make mention of Him amongst His servants, that the breaths of remembrance may draw them to His luminous and shining horizon.

As to what thou didst desire regarding nearness and reunion, the loved ones of God have been prevented therefrom by reason of what the hands of the transgressors have wrought. So grievous hath Our plight become in this Prison that the tongue is powerless to describe it and the Pen unable to recount My supreme affliction. Grieve thou not at this. Be content with what We have ordained for thee. He is, verily, the Protector of whosoever loveth Him. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. Within His grasp lieth the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth.

Say: O my God and my Lord! I have desired the waters of Thy presence and the wine of reunion with Thee, and to enter beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy oneness, and to stand before the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Manifestation of Thy signs, yet have I been prevented therefrom by reason of what the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures and the rebellious ones among Thy people have wrought. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, to ordain for me the reward of those who have circled round Thy Throne, and hearkened unto Thy call, and drunk the choice wine of reunion from the fingers of Thy bounty.

Then cause me, O my God, to be steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the denial of the deniers and the words of the proud ones who have clung to the cord of vain imaginings and have turned away from the Lord of all men Who hath come with manifest sovereignty, may not hinder me. O Lord! Deprive me not of the ocean of Thy knowledge, and leave me not to myself for less than the twinkling of an eye. Preserve me, then, beneath the shadow of Thy mercy and Thy favors. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful.

BH03220: In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! Every year the fragrances of the eternal Garment have wafted over thee from the direction of divine unity, and verses of God have been specifically revealed and sent down. Consider this universal bounty as great and count it as a precious opportunity. God willing, mayest thou be ever successful in a manner befitting this station.

The infinite favors of God have encompassed all created things, and their manifestations are dependent upon their effort and endeavor. We beseech God that He may cause the hidden fruits within the divine trees of human souls to appear in the world of kingdom through the blowing of the winds of mercy and the outpourings of the cloud of infinite bounties. Verily, He is powerful over all things. May all ever dwell in the paradise of the love of the All-Merciful and be sustained by the endless divine bounties. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Generous.

The ultimate goal and the highest of all ordained stations in the kingdom of creation has been the recognition of the Ancient Beauty and the Most Great Name. Whosoever truly attaineth unto this most exalted station and most glorious horizon, the hidden mysterious manifestations and the veiled maidens of inner meanings from every direction without direction and from every station without veils will be unveiled and revealed unto him. And he will become so immersed in the manifestations of the lights that are neither of the East nor of the West that the world and whatsoever hath been ordained therein of the manifestations of beauty and the signs of glory and adorned things and diverse bounties will not prevent him from the eternal bounties which is the station of recognition of the Primal Point. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this station and hath drunk from this chalice.

Forget not what We have bestowed upon thee and shown thee. Be grateful and abide in manifest joy.

In these days the prison-land is greatly disturbed and in turmoil, such that the friends are dwelling in a new prison, and tribulations are present from every direction. However, through divine grace and infinite mercy, there hath been and is no sorrow. All that cometh to pass in His path is indeed a mercy unto those who are nigh and a glory unto the sincere ones. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03226: Hs is the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted

Hs is the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted

A mention from Our presence unto him who hath attained unto the lights of the Countenance and was inscribed in the Mother Book by the Pen of Revelation, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of the Prisoner and utter His praise with wisdom. Thus hath the matter been decreed.

Blessed art thou for having stood firm in the Cause of thy Lord and been illumined by the lights which were witnessed from the horizon of dawn. This is a Day wherein all things were stirred by the breeze of God and the believers soared in an atmosphere that was luminous with the adorning of the Command. Again, blessed art thou for having taken the chalice of success from the hand of the favor of the Cleaver of Dawn and drunk therefrom in a Name that was visible from the horizon of the Prison.

This is a Day wherein it behooveth every soul, when he heareth the call of God, to forsake all else and say:

> “I have turned toward Thee, O Thou the Possessor of Names! I testify that Thou hast ever been powerful over all things.”

They who have hesitated this Day have followed vain imaginings and were far removed from the precincts of nearness. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and cast away what is with the people, turning unto a horizon that was illumined with the lights of the Throne.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We behold the divines busying their pens after the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised between earth and heaven, and they speak of idle fancies when the Sun of the Self-Subsisting hath dawned from the dayspring of a Name that was, in truth, exalted. God shall soon erase their traces and establish what He willeth. He hath ever been wise over all things.

They who have fulfilled the Covenant of God and His Testament—God shall soon exalt them through a sovereignty from His presence. He hath ever encompassed all things. We have sacrificed Our souls in the path of God and summon all from the horizon of tribulation unto God, the Possessor of Names. Blessed is the soul that hath advanced and the countenance that hath turned—he is of the people of Baha in a Tablet that was sealed with the seal of glory.

We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and to ordain for thee the good of this world and the next. He hath ever been watchful over His servants. And the Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who have turned unto the Countenance and were known by the name of God.

BH03254: We have heard thy call and what thou hast…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

We have heard thy call and what thou hast mentioned before the Remembrance of the worlds, and from thy letter We perceived the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We found it adorned with the ornament of the mention of the Lord of Names and embellished with His Name, the One Who rules over the worlds. In every season He hath sent unto thee the proof of God and His utterance, and every year He hath revealed unto thee that whereby the anemones of divine knowledge spring forth from the realities of creation, bearing witness that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing. The Tablets have been filled with thy mention—this is from My favor unto thee. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Soon that which is hidden today shall be revealed, and the Kingdom and the Realm above shall bear witness to the exaltation of the Word of God and that wherewith ye were mentioned in a preserved tablet. Do they who denied imagine they possess glory? Nay, by His very Self, the True One! All glory belongeth unto God and unto them who acknowledged His sovereignty when He came with His mighty, impregnable dominion. God shall soon manifest the glory of them who believed in the Dawning-Place of Revelation. Then shall the idolaters behold themselves in manifest loss.

Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of revelation and attained unto the love of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: His love is water in its effect and fire in its nature. Through its heat it attracts the moisture which hath prevented people from ascending to the atmosphere of the knowledge of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. In this verse hath been revealed the cause of motion and rest. Blessed is he who hath understood and soared with his heart to a station which the pens and tongues of the speakers are powerless to describe. At times thou seest it as the water of life whereby We quickened the hearts of them who have recognized Us; at times thou beholdest it as fire whereby the veils of idle fancy were consumed and hearts were turned toward the countenance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Luminous.

Thus have We caused to flow from the Most Exalted Pen the Salsabil of remembrance and praise as a grace from Our presence unto thee and unto them who are with thee from among God's sincere servants. Drink ye by Our leave. Verily thy Lord is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth, and He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

BH03286: O My Name! God hath ordained for every soul…

He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth

O My Name! God hath ordained for every soul to serve His Cause and to promote His commandments. Therefore it behooveth first Myself and thyself and whosoever hath held fast unto the Most Great Handle to follow that which the All-Knowing Ruler hath decreed. Thou knowest that I, while immersed in oceans of tribulations and sorrows, and while tried among those the like of whom time hath never witnessed, remain standing in His service, speaking in His remembrance and praise, and acting according to that which wafteth His fragrances throughout the heavens and the earth. And We command thee on this night to turn towards the lands that perchance through the lights of thy guidance the faces of those who are ready may be illumined.

O My Name! All creation hath been created for the service of God, and God hath ever gazed and continueth to gaze upon the servants of His Cause. The service of this servant is known, but thy service is that thou shouldst migrate for the sake of God and speak for the sake of God and remind His creation of Him for His sake, that perchance some ready souls may be delivered from the abyss of passion and desire and may turn towards the blessed City which is the source of the Most Beautiful Names and the Dawning-Place of the Most Exalted Attributes. Thus hath the Command gone forth from the Source of Command that thou mayest remind those servants who have strayed from the Truth. Verily thy Lord loveth His creation, even though they be heedless.

In every city thou enterest, convey to all the loved ones the Most Great, Most Glorious Greeting, for there hath been no opportunity to reveal special Tablets for each one due to the suddenness of thy departure. Thou must gladden them all with the remembrance of God. Verily We remember Our loved ones at all times, as attested by the Tablets assembled with them that equal not what is in the heavens and the earth.

In brief, gladden all the loved ones of God, one and all, with divine, wondrous utterances and exalted, transcendent favors. The Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hearkeneth unto thy word concerning the Cause of God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of all the worlds.

BH03225: A remembrance from Us to him who has attained…

He is the Most Great, the Most Impregnable, Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us to him who has attained the lights of guidance when the Manifestation of his Lord's Cause, the Lord of the Last and the First, appeared, that his heart may be stirred by the breezes of the utterance of the Creator of Names, Who came from the heaven of destiny with manifest sovereignty.

O servant! Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee to turn towards His Self that dominates the worlds. By My life! Whosoever has today attained the lights of the Countenance, the denizens of the Supreme Concourse make mention of him, and towards him turn the faces of those through whom the clouds pour down rain, the winds blow, and the earth brings forth its vegetation. This is the certain truth.

Arise to serve the Cause by the command of thy Lord, then make mention of Him amongst the servants, that perchance those servants who are heedless today of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, may arise to praise Him. Blessed is he who has drawn near with an illumined heart to the Most Great Scene and has held fast to the Most Great Cord which God has made a sign of His favor amidst the nations. And woe to him who has turned away from this glorious Scene.

O people! Obey Him Who calls you to God and follow not those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. At all times and under all conditions We have called all to the Mighty, the Powerful One. Once We were in chains, and We called the tribes to God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. And once We were among the captives in God's path, the Lord of Names, and We called the people of creation to that which is better for them than the kingdom of the heavens and earth. And now in the Most Great Prison We call the nations, but the people are in grievous stupor.

Among them is he who heard the call, cast aside what he possessed, turned towards Us and said: "Here am I, O Beloved of the worlds!" And among them is he who heard and turned away—he is assuredly among the perishing ones. And among them is he who heard not his Lord's call—We found him among the dead. Blessed is he who heard and turned towards and answered his Ancient Lord.

Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thy heart may rejoice thereby and the eyes of the mystics be consoled. Take the Tablet of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, with assurance, then place it upon thine eyes. Say: Praise be to Thee, O God of the worlds!

BH03272: This is a Book from Us to him who…

He is the Almighty, the All-Glorious

This is a Book from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, that the verses may draw him unto the Kingdom of Names and Attributes. By My life! This is indeed the most glorious station. Draw ye nigh unto the Best-Beloved with your hearts, O ye who are sincere! Blessed is he who hath been set ablaze by this Fire and hath been seized by the intoxication of the choice wine of his Lord's beauty in such wise that it hath caused him to speak His Name, detached from all who dwell on earth.

Say: O people! None may test God his Lord, the Lord of the heavens and earth; rather doth God test whomsoever He willeth of His servants. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He pleaseth. Let not your faith depend upon your own desires, but upon that which hath appeared and shone forth from this manifest horizon. Say: He, verily, knoweth what is in the breasts, and with Him is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book.

Say: If ye desire power, it hath encompassed the horizons, and if ye desire signs, they have filled the land—to this every truthful and trustworthy one doth testify. We have manifested in every respect that which hath rendered powerless all who are in the heavens and on earth. Reflect, that ye may recognize that which hath flowed from the Pen of the Almighty.

Say: Seize ye the days of God. Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from beholding the lights of certitude. The gate of the Divine Presence hath been opened, for the Promised One hath come with His

mighty Name. Be ye united, O loved ones of God, then aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through remembrance and utterance. This is better for you, did ye but know. He revealeth unto whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Arise in My Name and say: O people! Cast aside learning, for the All-Knowing hath come with His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and through Him the veil of fancy hath been rent asunder. Exalted be God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Rend ye asunder the greatest veil through the Name of the Lord of Destiny, then drink ye the most pure wine in My wondrous Name.

Let not the world sadden thee, nor let things prevent thee from the remembrance of the Lord of Names. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Bountiful. He is with those who desire His presence, and He aideth them through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And the glory be upon thee and upon every discerning believer.

BH03323: The Most Great, the Most Holy. O ʻAta'u'llah!...

The Most Great, the Most Holy. O ʻAta'u'llah! The gift of thy Lord hath dawned from the horizon of His bounty. Draw nigh unto it with humility and contrition. This indeed is the gift whose mention hath been revealed in the Tablets of thy Lord. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and hath uttered the praise of his Lord amidst all peoples. They that are heedless this day are in strange delusion. Blessed is he who hath adorned his heart with the ornament of faith and hath turned toward the Sanctuary of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

We have sent down the heavenly table and have manifested it in the temple of man. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath sent it down in truth. He is verily the Powerful, the Chosen One. O servant! Know thou that the Gift is Mine Own Self, and the Bounty is that which hath been sent down to thee from this Quarter. By God! Nothing in earth or heaven can equal it. Aid thy Lord through utterance. Beware lest the denial of them that have disbelieved withhold thee. Leave behind thee all who are on earth, then make mention of thy Lord by His Name, the Mighty, the Compelling.

Say: O people! Follow not your desires. The heaven of piety hath been upraised and adorned with shining suns and brilliant stars. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Revealer of verses. They that are heedless this day are in doubt and loss. Their desires have made them heedless and their imaginings have held them back. When the clouds are lifted and the dawn appeareth before their eyes, they will cry out and say: We have failed in our duty toward Thee, O Lord of all beings!

Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee that thine eyes might be solaced thereby, and the eyes of them that have believed in God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Hold fast unto the Tree, each leaf whereof proclaimeth: The Beloved is come and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Compelling. Should the idolaters object to thee, leave them to their vain disputations, then turn thy face toward thy Lord.

Say: O my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to turn toward Thee and for having guided me in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Thou art

verily powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

BH03409: O loved ones of God in the Most Great…

O loved ones of God in the Most Great and Most Glorious House! O companions of the House! Hearken to the call of your All-Forgiving Lord from this Manifestation, whereby darkness was illumined and the horizons were brightened. By My life! You have become inhabited through what befell you in the path of God, your Lord, the Master of all necks. How many buildings are followed by ruin, but what was built for you through what you bore in My love shall not be followed by extinction nor destroyed by waters. Thus was the matter decreed from the presence of the Cleaver of the dawn.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of Our servant Muhammad who attained to recognition on a day when faces turned black and eyes were frozen, that the breezes of revelation might attract him and the wine of the All-Merciful might intoxicate him in such wise that he would speak the praise of his Lord amidst all possibilities. Blessed art thou for having borne hardships in thy Lord's path and for having inhabited the house of the heart with this remembrance which God hath made the sovereign of all remembrances. What befell Us hath befallen thee. Blessed are We and thou and every steadfast and patient believer in tribulation.

The countenance of Baha hath shone forth and from the horizon of prison and destiny hath dawned in such wise that the earth and heaven were illumined thereby. O Muhammad! Illumine hearts with the remembrance of the Beloved and faces with the name of thy Lord, the Master of creation. Remember My loved ones on My behalf and adorn the head of each one with the crown of the remembrance of their Lord, the Subjugator of the winds.

When your eyes are solaced by the breezes of the Tablet, turn your faces toward the prison and say: We bear witness unto Thee, O Thou Wronged One, that Thou hast borne for the life of the world what none bore before. Blessed is the heart that hath turned to Thee, and woe unto every misbeliever and doubter. How can we dwell in the House while Thou art imprisoned in the most ruined of houses? May the House be sacrificed for Thee, O Dawning-Place of the Manifestation! May our souls be sacrificed for Thee, O Lord of the servants!

Thus have We cast upon you verses whereby the fragrance of the All-Merciful was diffused throughout all lands. It behooveth every soul to inhale it and say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me in prison while I was in the hands of the oppressors. And upon you be glory from the presence of the Master of all necks.

BH03439: The Summoner calleth out at all times: O servants…

He is the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious

The Summoner calleth out at all times: O servants of the All-Merciful! Hasten with your hearts to the court of the Beloved. The way has been barred by that which the hands of the wicked have wrought. How many servants desired to attain the presence but were prevented from attaining unto the throne. For this

did the dwellers of the cities of the Kingdom of Names and the denizens of the Concourse on High lament—upon them be My blessings and mercy until the Day that cannot be reckoned by numbers. Blessed are their faces for having turned unto the Face of God, and their hearts for having turned to the Luminary of earth and heaven. How many turned and attained His presence and achieved what God had ordained for them in the Book. For each is a portion from this Most Great Ocean. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Let not distance grieve you. How many servants never attained the presence of the Throne, yet their attainment was inscribed in the Scriptures and Tablets. And how many a servant was in My vicinity yet failed to attain My presence. Thus does the All-Merciful testify in this Tablet from whose horizon has shone the Sun of wisdom and knowledge. Blessed are they who have achieved both. That which shall bring joy to the eyes of creation hath been ordained for them.

O My loved ones! When you gather in any spot, remember what befell Me in My days and what I witnessed from those who denied God, the Cleaver of the dawn. Among the people were those who desired to extinguish My light, those who sought to shed My blood, those who openly turned away, and those who said "He hath fabricated lies about God"—after I had come to them from the Dayspring of grandeur and power with might and sovereignty. Soon shall We seize them as We seized the factions of old, and We shall raise up the banners of the Cause as We please. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Compelling. Were it not for My mercy, We would send down chastisement upon them, but We grant them respite, looking to the appointed time.

Give thanks then to God for what We have sent down to thee of verses and dispatched unto thee, that thou mayest find what was diffused in the Most Great Scene before the face of thy Lord, the Master of all mankind.

BH03327: O Nabil! Your letter hath been received…

In the Name of Him Who is the Everlasting, the All-Glorious, the All-Helping!

O Nabil! Your letter hath been received in the presence of thy Lord at a time when the City and all around it were shaken with the fear of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Therefore did We stay Our Pen until the appointed time had come, and this Tablet was revealed with power and sovereignty. Grieve not at what they say. Be steadfast in the Cause—verily He will exalt thee through the truth. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Draw hearts through the fragrances of thy Lord and souls through this Wine whereby the dead have been quickened. Thou art beneath the gaze of thy Lord Who mentioneth thee through His grace and hath chosen thee for His remembrance amongst His servants. Despite tribulations without parallel, We summon the servants unto the Dayspring of this Light. Hold fast to the cord of His bounty—verily He sufficeth thee in truth and is with thee in all conditions. Soar in the atmosphere of the spirit in such wise that the veils of them that are veiled may not sadden thee. By My life! Thy joy in My remembrance of thee cannot be equaled by aught created on earth. To this beareth witness He Who speaketh from the throne of oneness with grandeur and power.

God hath seized those who rose up in hypocrisy and made them a warning unto them that have eyes to see. They conspired to undermine God's Cause when the Ancient Beauty dwelt in the house behind closed doors. Thou knowest how We protected them under Our wings for successive years and bore with patience what befell Us through their tyranny by night and by day, until they reached the utmost bounds of wickedness.

Then did the tongue of grandeur speak forth in the house, detached from all directions:

> "Too long have necks been stretched forth in hypocrisy. Where are Thy swords of vengeance, O Destroyer of the worlds?"

Through what was uttered by the tongue of power, servants possessed of mighty strength were raised up who entered upon them with power and sovereignty. Thus was the matter decreed and judgement came from thy Lord, the One Who oversees what is and what shall be. Make mention of My loved ones, then gather them together unto My remembrance and give them the glad tidings of this Remembrance which God hath made the Dayspring of all remembrance.

BH03324: O ʿAli-Qabli-Muhammad! Hearken unto that which hath been sent…

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy!

O ʿAli-Qabli-Muhammad! Hearken unto that which hath been sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance. By God! Through it the fragrances of the All-Merciful have been wafted. Blessed is he who hath heard and found, and woe unto them that have turned away.

Verily, they who are heedless this Day are in manifest loss, and they who have turned towards Him are the gems of creation before the Truth and theirs is a noble station. The days shall come when the tongue of all created things will speak in praise of him who hath turned unto the Most Great Remembrance, Who hath come from the heaven of destiny with His sovereignty supreme over all the worlds.

Rejoice thou in the remembrance of thy Lord. It is verily the remedy for all ills and a light unto whoso holdeth fast unto this firm cord. Grieve not over remoteness, for thou hast drawn nigh, as doth testify this wondrous and glorious Pen. That which He hath testified for you is better for you than whatsoever ye behold on earth. He, verily, is the Ordainer of whatsoever He willeth.

Wert thou to discover the bounty of thy Lord and taste the sweetness of the Kawthar of utterance which hath flowed from the direction of the will of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, thou wouldst soar with longing and return unto thy home with such love and eagerness as would cause the servants to be drawn. Thus have We sent down the verses as a token of Our grace. Thy Lord is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Be thou assured through the bounty of thy Lord. Let not the Cause of thy Lord grieve thee. Rejoice in all that appeareth from the horizon of His decree. Say: Thine is the decree, O Thou Who art the Lord of decree! I am content with what Thou art content with, and I testify that Thy mercy hath preceded me and Thy favor hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. O my Lord! Aid me at all times to remember Thee and to serve Thee, then assist me through Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the best of helpers. Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me when I was among the heedless ones.

When thou beholdest the loved ones of God, convey to their faces Our greetings. Say: Be ye steadfast in the Cause of God and in His love in such wise that neither the veils of glory nor the utterances of them that have turned away shall hold you back. Grieve not over anything. All that befalleth you in the path of God is assuredly a treasure stored up for you in His exalted and glorious Kingdom.

BH03431: O Lutfullah! Your name has been mentioned before Us…

He is the Most Holy

O Lutfullah! Your name has been mentioned before Us and We have turned toward you from this Scene that you may become aware through your Lord's loving-kindness toward you and be among those who attain. We have mentioned your name again as a token of Our grace—hearken with the ear of thy heart and inscribe the verses of thy Lord upon the tablet of thy breast. They will protect thee from those who have denied God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Be thou assured of God's grace—verily He forgets not those servants who have turned toward Him and remembers them as He remembered before. He is indeed the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

Thy father attained the presence of the Countenance and won the meeting with his Lord. The grace of thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds, has preceded. Then know that in this land a fire lies concealed—We do not wish to mention it. Soon its flames will become manifest. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

It is not for anyone to turn toward this Scene. It behooveth every soul to be content with the good-pleasure of his Lord and follow the command of his Master with manifest joy. We inscribe for one who has sought his Lord with pure sincerity the reward of those who have attained His presence, for this is a Day whereon mercy has encompassed all things, the banner of grace has been raised, and the standards of bounty have been planted. Blessed is he who has recognized the value of these days and who has drunk therefrom the living waters in the name of his Lord, the Most Merciful. He is assuredly among those who have attained, he is assuredly among those who have arrived.

O Hasan! Upon you be the mercy of God and His remembrance, and the loving-kindness of God and His grace. Rejoice in His loving-kindness toward you, then remember Him at all times.

O Hasan! We have heard the call of Baqir which was mentioned in thy letter. Convey My greetings to him. Say: Excellent is what thou hast mentioned. He is the Helper of whosoever desires and the Succourer of whosoever wills. Grieve not at the separation. Be content with what We have ordained and be of those who rejoice. We decree naught except with wisdom and We desire naught save what is best for Our loved ones. It behooveth every soul to be content with the decree of his Lord and to be of those who are thankful.

BH03345: This is a remembrance from Us to him who…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

This is a remembrance from Us to him who hath gained the lights of guidance when the Lord of the Throne and earth came with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and earths, and sorrows seized him in the path of his Lord, the All-Merciful. Lo! He is among the triumphant.

Blessed is he in that the Beauty of the Ancient of Days remembereth him in the Most Great Prison, that joy may possess him in the days of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, in such wise that no sadness shall overtake him in the Cause of his Lord, the Unconstrained. He ariseth and saith:

> "O people! Follow Him Who hath come unto you with the Command of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Powerful."

Give thanks for having attained unto the days of thy Lord and for having drunk from this Ocean that hath appeared through this Most Great Name amidst the nations, and for having turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. God knoweth what hath befallen thee in His path. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He will surely recompense those who have been touched by tribulations in His love. He is the Protector of those who have been wronged, and He is the Succorer of those who cry for help.

Rejoice thou in the Tablet of thy Lord and turn with thy heart unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou steadfast in His service in thy days, then reconcile those who have differed regarding the Cause, that they might cast away what they hold and take up what they are commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Blessed art thou and thy son who hath attained the presence and beheld the signs of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. He had entered the Most Great Prison once before—this is from God's grace, the Lord of Names. He is the Protector of the sincere ones. We beseech God to aid thee and him to serve His Cause with kindness. He, verily, is the Kind, the Merciful.

When thou hast gained the Tablet of God and its effect, arise and say:

> "O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Wronged One, Who hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of lands, to make me detached unto Thee and steadfast in Thy love in such wise that should the idolaters cut me to pieces, I would not turn my gaze from the horizon of Thy Name, the Luminous. Then make me, O my God, to circle round Thy Cause in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art, verily, the Ruler over what Thou desirest."

BH03418: The Most Holy, The Most Great, The Most Glorious

The Most Holy, The Most Great, The Most Glorious

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this Tablet which hath shone forth from the horizon of the will of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. When thou attainest unto it, arise and take it with the hand of submission, then inhale from it the sweet-scented fragrances of the garment of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Then turn with thy heart toward the Most Great Scene, this Spot wherein hath been established the throne of the Lord of Destiny.

Say: O my Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having made Thyself known unto me and turned me toward the direction of Thy gifts and favors. O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth, to grant me from the cups of Thy bounty that which will make me steadfast in Thy Cause and vocal in Thy remembrance amidst Thy creatures. O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have turned toward the Dayspring of Thy revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration. Look upon me with the glances of Thy loving-kindness, then make me one who is assisted to accomplish what Thou hast desired in Thy Tablets, in such wise that I desire naught save what Thou hast desired and seek naught except what Thou hast decreed, to the extent that I behold my will as extinct within Thy will and my desire within what Thou hast willed and dost will. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

O my Lord! Draw me by the breezes of Thy days that the wine of the Kawthar of Thy favors may so intoxicate me that I turn neither to the right nor to the left, and remain at all times gazing upon the Beauty that hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy Name, the All-Merciful. Thou art He before Whose power and sovereignty all things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and might every matter hath submitted. Nothing whatsoever escapeth Thy knowledge. Thou givest unto whomsoever Thou willest whatsoever Thou willest. All good is within Thy grasp and in Thy handful. The oppression of the oppressors cannot prevent Thee from what Thou desirest, nor can the veils of them that have disbelieved hide Thee. Assist me, O Thou through Whom the sincere ones have soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and reunion, and the hearts of the devoted ones have been consumed in their remoteness and separation from Thee. Ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the All-Giving, the Bountiful, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

BH03371: In the Name of Him Who hath conquered all…

In the Name of Him Who hath conquered all who are in earth and heaven! The Book hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen as it moved between the fingers of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. Therein hath been sent down all things and every wise matter been distinctly set forth. A single letter thereof surpasseth all that the people possess, yet most of them are heedless. The Lord of Books hath been sent down, yet they, in their own vain imaginings, count themselves among the thoughtful. The Lord of Names hath appeared with the sovereignty of His Most Glorious Name, yet they remain devoted to names they have heard from their fathers—verily they are among the most lost!

We have ordained for them the laws of religion, yet they turn away therefrom. The Word of God hath appeared and the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the Most Great Throne, yet most people do not understand. The Promised Day hath come and the Intended One drawn nigh, yet most people remain far removed.

The Rock hath recognized the Lord of all creation, yet they recognize not. The Tree hath testified that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and the Dove hath warbled upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of the Uttermost End: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of Names,” yet the people witness not. The Kingdom of heaven hath been adorned with the ornament of God, and the realm of might with this wondrous Name.

Say: O people, open your eyes! The horizon of the Cause hath been adorned with this Hidden Name. Blessed is he who hath beheld, and woe unto those who turn away! He desireth for you naught save what shall profit you in the worlds which none can reckon save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Place not your trust in what ye possess; rather trust in the grace of God. Verily He hath shone forth from the horizon of certitude with a manifest light.

Say: It behooveth every servant to recognize his Lord. Whoso hath not recognized Him is assuredly among the transgressors. Ye have been created for this Day—wherefore have ye turned away therefrom after being promised it in a preserved Tablet? Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken out of love for thyself, that thou mayest hear His call and be of them that are firmly established.

Read thou the Tablet of the All-Merciful with spirit and fragrance. Through it God openeth unto the heart of whomsoever He willeth the gates of knowledge and wisdom. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bountiful.

BH03402: This is the Day whereon a Bird from among…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Holy

This is the Day whereon a Bird from among the birds of the Throne hath taken flight, and with it have flown the hearts and the minds.

O Mim of Glory! Thou didst ascend with joy and fragrance, while thy loved ones remained in grief. Thus hath the All-Merciful decreed. He, verily, is the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Thou wert God's remnant when the idolaters drove Me from the Land of Ta, and thou didst burn with the fire of separation for numbered years. When the appointed time came, We guided thee to the Kawthar of reunion until thou didst enter the prison and sacrifice thyself before the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed art thou and blessed he that turneth unto thee, and visiteth thy grave, and draweth nigh, through thee, unto God, the Lord of all that was and shall be.

O Ha of the Divine Essence! Thou didst seek the heights of holiness and forsake the world in the path of thy Lord. I testify that thou didst ascend to a praiseworthy station and I testify that thou didst return in meekness unto thine abode. Great is thy blessedness and the blessedness of them that hold fast unto the hem of thy outspread robe.

O Dal of Eternity! Through thee that land and its surroundings have been honored. Thou art, verily, the trust of God and His treasure in this land. Erelong will God reveal through thee that which He hath desired. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. When thou wast laid to rest in the earth, the earth itself trembled in its longing to meet thee. Thus hath it been decreed, and yet the people perceive not.

O Ya of Pre-existence! Blessed art thou for having sacrificed thy spirit in the Most Great Prison, after being in the hands of those who denied God on the Promised Day. Were We to recount the mysteries of thine ascension, they that are asleep would waken, and all beings would be set ablaze with the fire of the remembrance of My Name, the Mighty, the Loving.

O thou who art mentioned before the Countenance! We have recounted unto thee what hath befallen the Branch of God this day, that thou mayest be informed of what hath been ordained in the prison by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Grieve thou not. Give thanks unto thy Lord in all conditions. He is with those who remember Him and act according to His command. May glory rest upon thee and upon those who have detached themselves in His love from such as have joined partners with God.

BH03403: In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! Can the Tablet contain the mysteries of thy Lord? Can the Pen flow with what He hath willed? Nay, by His very Self, the True One! Rather only with what the people are capable of bearing. Thus hath the Command gone forth from the Dayspring of Revelation when He appeared with manifest sovereignty.

O people! Hearken unto the Call that hath been raised from the divine wilderness, this praiseworthy station. Then detach yourselves from whatsoever ye possess, turning unto God. This is better for you than what hath been and what shall be. By My life! The Water of Life hath flowed in all times, yet the people perceive it not. Among them are those who fled, and those who partook and said: “In Thy Name, O Beloved One!” and drank in remembrance of Me, the Mighty, the Loving.

Be as thy Lord desireth. When thou attainest unto the Tablet of thy Lord, turn with thy heart to the Qiblih of all horizons and say:

> “Praise be to Thee, O Knower of the seen and unseen, for having caused to flow upon me from the oceans of Thy Most Great Name that which causeth spirits to soar and minds to be startled. I testify that through Thee the banners of victory were hoisted and the standards of guidance were raised amidst all created things, while the flags of the rebellious were brought low. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all who are in the heavens and earth, and through which the people of the graves arose, to preserve me beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy singleness. Then make me of those who soared in the atmosphere of Thy love and spoke in Thy remembrance until their spirits took flight from their bodies in their longing to meet Thee.”

Thus was the matter ordained by One mighty and praiseworthy.

O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward the direction of Thy grace and raised the hands of supplication to the heaven of Thy bounty. Send down upon me that which will render me sincere toward Thyself and a servant of Thy Cause. I testify that Thou art the Intended One and all else is as naught, and that Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Therefore manifest in the kingdom conquering hands and powerful hearts that they may aid Thy loved ones on earth, through Thy Name which Thou hast made the Supreme Ruler over every witness and witnessed thing.

The Water of Life hath flowed through what the Tongue of the All-Merciful hath spoken in utterance. Blessed is he who hath drunk and said: “Praise be to Thee, O God of existence!”

BH03523: The tongues of all created things have spoken…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

The tongues of all created things have spoken in remembrance of the Revealer of Verses, and faces have been illumined by the light of His countenance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Say: This is the Face through which all faces have turned toward the Worshipped One, and the realities of all contingent beings have proclaimed: There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

I have heard the call of him who called upon Me, and I have turned toward him who turned toward My direction and made mention of Him Who spoke of My wondrous remembrance. Nothing can outstrip Me in anything, verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient.

I have manifested Myself to all servants—among them are those who have inhaled My fragrance and attained the ocean of My presence, and among them are those who turned away by following those who clung to vain imaginings and hesitated in this Great Cause. All the Tablets have testified to My Self, and all religions have promised this resplendent Beauty. The ocean of knowledge has surged through My utterance, and the horizon of Revelation has been illumined by My beauty, and the Books have been adorned with My Name, the Mighty, the Generous.

We have heard that wherewith you called upon the All-Hearing, and We know your condition, verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We answered you when you called, and now We answer you again as a grace from Us unto you, that you may be among the steadfast.

Leave behind all remembrances and hold fast to this Remembrance, the Manifest. Set aside the tales of the people and take what you have been given of this Great Announcement. The Announcement of God cannot be weighed against what tidings the people possess, nor can what is with Him be equaled by what exists between the heavens and the earth.

Arise and say: By God! The All-Merciful has come and the Most Great Balance has appeared, if you be of those who know. All things are weighed by this Balance, even It itself, were you of those who understand. Deprive not yourselves of the Sacred Sanctuary and follow not every harmful slanderer.

Thus have We counseled you and taught you that you may rejoice in your Lord's counsel and inform the people of what has flowed from the Pen of Revelation by the command of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

BH03491: A remembrance from Us to him who hath attained…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us to him who hath attained unto the Most Great Remembrance, when there was sent down unto him from the Lord of eternity that which consoled the eye of understanding and illumined all faces.

O My servant! Hearken unto My call from around My throne: He is, verily, none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee.

I swear by My life! Nothing save that which profiteth them can befall My loved ones. To this testifieth the Pen of God, the Most Powerful, the All-Glorious, the Best Beloved.

Be content with God's decree. Say: O my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I am content with what hath befallen me in Thy days. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Forgiving.

Verily, thy father hath ascended unto God, and he is in a praiseworthy station. We have, of a truth, forgiven him as a token of Our grace unto him. Thy Lord is, verily, the Ruler over what was and what shall be. Blessed is he in that his remembrance hath been mentioned by the Pen of the Ancient of Days when the Tongue of Grandeur spoke that which diffused the fragrance of the All-Merciful, though the people understand not. We had indeed sent down unto him aforetime clear verses which no treasuries of kings could equal.

Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in God, then stand firm in His love. He will, in truth, protect thee and aid whomsoever He willeth in this world and the next. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Take heed, then, of what hath befallen you and know that every soul shall perish and what remaineth is only that which hath been revealed from the Truth for those who have believed in God after He came from heaven with manifest sovereignty. Were anyone to possess all the treasuries of the heavens and earth, and were We to remove the veil from his eyes, he would expend them all for the mention of but one of his Lord's remembrances. By My life! This is a truth well-known.

Know thou, moreover, that Our name al-Javad is with Us, and God hath honored his face by turning it away from aught else but Him. Thus hath the matter been decreed from God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH03547: The Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!…

The Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Well is it with thee, O Mihdi, in that thou hast been set ablaze by the fire of the Divine Lote-Tree and art occupied with teaching the Cause of thy Lord. This is, before thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, the greatest of all good.

Say: O people, hearken unto the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree which hath been raised up in the name of your Lord, the Most Glorious—verily, there is none other God but I, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Be thou a herald of this Name amongst the servants, then draw hearts through this wondrous Remembrance. He verily aideth whom He willeth through a sovereignty from His presence. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O peoples of the earth, perish in your hatred! The seal of the choice Wine hath been broken, and We have drunk thereof despite you, O heedless ones! Is there any doubt concerning His Manifestation? Open your eyes that ye may behold Him shining from the horizon of His Cause, the Inaccessible, the Mighty. Is there any uncertainty about His sovereignty after it hath encompassed all who are in the realm? Fear God and follow not the wrongdoers.

Grieve not over anything. We hear thy call. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Those who have disbelieved—God will soon seize them with a might from His presence and will exalt the names of those who have turned to the lights of the Countenance when it shone forth from this luminous horizon.

Be as thy Lord hath been. The oppression of those who denied the All-Merciful did not prevent Him from utterance. He speaketh from the horizon of tribulation and calleth the people unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou steadfast in such wise that nothing shall prevent thee from God. Thus hast thou been commanded by the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

Blessed art thou in that thou hast spoken of the Most Great Name and illumined thy heart with this wise Remembrance. By My life! There hath been ordained for thee that which none comprehendeth. Were We to reveal it in the realm, thou wouldst hear from all things saying: This is the bounty and mercy of God upon him who spoke His Name. He verily recompenseth the doers of good.

Subdue hearts through this Most Great Name and faces through His mighty remembrance. Glorify him who hath believed in God, the Lord of Destiny, and turned unto the Most Great Scene from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH03555: This is a Book from the Wronged One…

In the name of the Ever-Abiding One

This is a Book from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, that the rapture of the Call may seize him and bring him to a station wherein he beholdeth naught in existence save the effulgences of His Worshipped Lord, and speaketh amongst the peoples that which the Most Great Name hath spoken: that there is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the Best-Beloved.

We have recognized thy turning unto God and thy directing thyself toward His Face; wherefore have We sent down unto thee this Tablet. Thy Lord, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Blessed is the soul that hath turned in such wise as beseemeth turning unto the All-Possessing, the Most High, and blessed is the breast that hath been illumined by the lights that have shone forth from this manifest horizon.

Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of God's bounty in His days, and follow not every rejected idolator. No Book have We sent down but the people denied it, and no Messenger have We raised up but they opposed and turned away from him. Thus hath the decree been fulfilled aforetime, yet most of the people understand not. This is a Day wherein We have made the highest among the people their lowest, and their lowest their highest, and We have made those who were oppressed the inheritors of the Kingdom, even as We promised them aforetime. Thy Lord, verily, is potent over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

Arise to aid the Cause of thy Lord through wisdom and utterance, then unlock the cities of hearts with the keys of His Name, the Guardian over the seen and unseen. Beware lest the conditions of creation hinder

thee or the turning away of those who have denied the Promised One grieve thee. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before His Face, and for that which hath been sent down unto thee—that which the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal. Thy Lord, verily, is the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Compelling.

Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf, then give them the glad-tidings of this Remembrance whereby spirits have taken flight and minds have been attracted. The glory of God be upon thee and upon them from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

BH03472: These are the verses of God, the King…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious

These are the verses of God, the King, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful. They have been sent down from the heaven of Revelation unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning.

The gates of heaven have been opened, and the Lord of Names hath come with sovereignty and power. The appointed time hath come, and He Who is the Possessor of Names and Attributes hath appeared. This is what ye were promised in the Book.

O people! This is He through Whom faces have been illumined and eyes have been gladdened. He hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of cities for your salvation. Fear ye God, O ye who are endued with insight! Cast away what ye possess and turn with your hearts toward the Focal Point of the Beloved. Thus have ye been commanded in the Books of your Lord, the Creator of all things.

Blessed art thou for having cast away what the people possess, turning unto God, He Who causeth the rivers to flow. Be thou thankful unto Him for having aided thee to love Him and for having adorned thee with the ornament of His remembrance amongst His servants.

Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Dayspring of Thy verses and the Source of Thy laws, after He was denied by those servants who deemed themselves to be amongst the learned ones in the midst of Thy servants and the mighty ones amongst Thy creatures. By Thy glory, O my God! Were I to sacrifice my life in Thy path in return for what Thou hast bestowed upon me through Thy grace, it would still be little compared to the manifestations of Thy gifts and favors. O Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy love and then cause me to stand firm in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The glory be upon thee and upon her who was with thee. Convey unto her face the greetings from thy Lord, the Lord of all days.

O servant! Consider the divine favor and reflect upon the infinite outpourings of thy Lord. He hath guided thee and led thee to the shore of the Most Great Ocean, and now thy name is mentioned in the Supreme Concourse while the names of those who considered themselves the most learned of the learned are unmentioned. Thus have We made their highest ones lowest and their lowest ones highest. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH03494: This is a remembrance from My servant…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted

This is a remembrance from My servant, that the fragrances of remembrance may attract him to the most exalted station. Arise, by God's leave, to promote the Cause of thy Lord, and remind the people with wisdom and utterance, through this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Lord of all mankind. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy heart hath been adorned with the ornament of the love of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and thou hast turned toward the Qiblih of all horizons.

Know thou that I have been afflicted between two parties, after being imprisoned in the most desolate of lands through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought. I have borne tribulations in the path of God, yet they have not prevented Me from remembering Him amongst His servants. Summon the people unto the truth, even should the idolaters surround Me with arrows and swords.

We summon the people to the Most Exalted Horizon while they call Me to that which they follow—this indeed is a wondrous thing! Say: He hath arisen to promote the Cause of God in such wise that none on earth can turn Him back, nor can the might of any froward oppressor disturb Him. He calleth the nations unto God, the Ancient of Days, and pointeth with the finger of certitude:

> "O people! Follow Him Who hath come to you with power and sovereignty."

Those who have turned away from the Countenance are indeed in heedlessness and error.

Rejoice in what hath been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation, then give thanks to thy Lord for this bounty that shall never cease. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle and cling to the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Convey My glorification to thy son and give him the glad tidings of his Lord's gracious favors having been directed towards him, the Unconstrained. Say: Blessed art thou for having heard and turned unto God. Beseech God to make thee steadfast in His love in such wise that the cawing of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords, shall not deter thee.

Adorn thy tongue with My remembrance, thy heart with My love, and thy breast with that which hath been sent down from the Pen of thy Lord. This is better for thee than all thou seest, and He Who speaketh the truth from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, doth testify to this.

BH03513: The Most Holy, the Most Exalted! The appointed time…

The Most Holy, the Most Exalted! The appointed time hath come, and the Manifestation of your Lord, the Possessor of Creation, hath appeared. Every atom proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing!" By God! This is not the day of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Your All-Knowing Lord hath come in the shadows of the clouds, and the tongue of Revelation hath spoken: "Sovereignty belongeth to God, the Lord of all mankind."

Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance, and blessed are they who have believed in that land. God shall soon exalt you in truth and record your names in the Mother Book. It behooveth every soul in this day, upon hearing the Call, to say:

"Here am I! Here am I! O Lord of Names and Creator of the heavens!"

I bear witness that Thou hast borne tribulations to manifest the Cause of Thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of earth, and hast endured in the path of God what no other servant hath endured. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the lights of the Countenance and hath spoken in praise of his Lord, the Cleaver of the dawn.

O servant! Give thanks unto thy Lord, for the Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee, despite being surrounded by the hosts of the wicked who, when We showed them the proof, said "This is a lying sorcerer," and when We sent down unto them the verses, said "These are but fabrications." Thus spoke those who came before. Blessed is he who hath cast them behind his back, and woe unto every doubting denier.

Make mention of those who have believed in that land. Say: Blessed are ye for having turned unto the Qiblih of all horizons and recognized the Manifestation of His Cause and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation, Who hath come from the heaven of grandeur with power and sovereignty. Be ye steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the cawing of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all religions, shall not deter you. Those who have turned away from the Countenance, these wander in the wilderness of error. God shall soon seize them with His wrath, and aid those who, upon hearing their Lord's call, said "Yea, O Thou Beloved of all creation!"

The glory be upon you, O loved ones of God. We beseech God to assist you and strengthen you in His love and good-pleasure. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Compelling, the Most High, the All-Chosen.

BH03463: O Muhammad-Taqi! Hearken unto the Call from the direction…

He is the Most Manifest of the Manifest

O Muhammad-Taqi! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of grandeur, from the right side of the luminous spot, from the crimson fire kindled and ablaze: Verily there is no God but Him, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Beloved of the worlds, Who hath been imprisoned in the path of God through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. He calleth the servants unto the Lord of creation, and the clamor of the ungodly hath not prevented Him from His remembrance.

Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's favors, then remember Him in thy days. He is with His remembering servants. Behold those who claim to believe—when the appointed time came and the All-Merciful appeared, they disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great. How many servants have taken idle fancies and thereby been kept back from the path of God, the Mighty, the Wise. Blessed is he who cast them behind him and took the Lord of Days as a friend unto himself—he is assuredly of the doers of good. Soon shall come a day wherein they shall lament and implore, and shall find no protector for themselves. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Be thou assured by thy Master's grace, then read what hath been sent down from His presence—thereby are drawn the hearts of the sincere ones. Grieve not over anything—thy Lord is with those who desire His presence, and He is nigh unto those who draw nigh. Arise to remember and praise Him amongst His servants.

Say: O people! Rend asunder the veils—this is your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. By God! The promise hath appeared and the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty. If ye disbelieve, by what thing will ye hold fast? Abandon vain desire—this is the ocean of guidance surging before your faces. Draw ye nigh unto it, then enter therein by leave of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Beware lest the world and its ornaments hold you back from the Lord of Names and from turning unto God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Rejoice thou in the remembrance of God, then inhale from His traces the fragrance of the garment. Thus doth command thee He Who hath been imprisoned amidst the heedless ones. Thus have We cast upon thee and sent down for thee the verses—when thou hast attained unto them, say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

BH03461: O Pen of Command! Make mention of him who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Pen of Command! Make mention of him who hath turned towards the All-Highest Horizon, that the fragrances of the verses may draw him unto God, the Lord of names and attributes.

Behold those who endure hardships for My name, yet when I came unto them with the sovereignty of the Cause, they disbelieved in God, the Manifestation of Revelations. Among the people are those who worship names, and when He Who is named by His Most Glorious Name appeared, they denied the Lord of Lords. When they witnessed what they desired of power, they said: "This is a lying sorcerer," and when the verses were recited unto them, they said: "This is a doubting impostor."

We have rolled up the heavens of idle fancies, and the earth hath told its tales, yet they remain in wondrous drunkenness. The earthquakes have seized all the tribes save those intoxicated with the wine of joy from the mercy of their Lord, the All-Merciful.

When asked "In whom do ye believe?" they say "In Muhammad, the Messenger of God." Say: Fie upon you and upon those among the factions who follow you! He lamenteth and saith: "If ye believed in My Revelation, why did ye turn away from Him Who sent Me with the signs?" By God! This is He Whose voice I heard though I beheld not His countenance. When the appointed time came, He rent asunder the veils of glory and opened the gate of reunion, yet ye turned away, O people of hypocrisy!

We informed you of the appearance of Husayn after the Qa'im. This is indeed the Self-Subsisting, O people of the Book! The Qa'im hath sought shelter beneath His shadow, and then all the Manifestations of the names. Among you are those who turned away and those who hesitated at the gate. Fear God and deprive not yourselves of this bounty whereby eyes are gladdened. Turn ye unto Him, then burn the veils

of doubt with the fire of His countenance. It is indeed a light unto the people of the Revelation and a mercy unto all who dwell in the realms of existence.

Thus doth the Messenger speak and say:

> "Blessed is he who heareth and turneth toward the Dawning-Place of lights."

Grieve thou not at anything, but turn with thy heart to the Horizon of all horizons. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me in prison when I was in the hands of the wicked ones.

BH03533: The Book of Wonders [Kitab-i-Badi'] hath been sent down…

In the Name of the Everlasting, the Eternal

The Book of Wonders [Kitab-i-Badi'] hath been sent down in truth from God, the Exalted, the Great. Verily it is a sign of truth among creation and a proof from the All-Merciful unto all who are in the heavens and the earth. By its very nature it summoneth humanity unto guidance and leadeth people to the straight path of God. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld My most glorious horizon, and the ear that hath heard the shrill of My Most Exalted Pen, and the heart that hath found tranquility through this firm and impregnable Cause. Verily they who have quaffed the most pure wine are in My greatest vision—to this doth the Lord of destiny bear witness. He, verily, is the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. As for them who have been debarred from this ocean—these have no mention in this noble vision.

O Rida! Hearken unto the call from the Dayspring of grandeur and majesty: "There is none other God besides Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful." Give thanks unto thy Lord for having guided thee and acquainted thee with Him at Whose manifestation all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save for the number of letters whose names were recorded in a guarded tablet.

All command lieth in His grasp—He bestoweth what He willeth upon whom He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Turn thee with spirit and fragrance toward the lands of God, then make mention before the company of creation, with praise and glorification, of those who love thy Lord, the All-Merciful, who are imprisoned, that perchance the sweet savors of their Lord's love, the Most High, the Great, may take hold of them, and that the people may turn unto that which they have neglected in the days of God, the Lord of all worlds. Observe wisdom in all circumstances, lest there proceed from thee that which would agitate the hearts of them that have turned to Him. Grieve not at anything—be patient in what hath been ordained, even as thy Lord, the Mighty, the Impregnable, was patient. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee. By God! Nothing that hath been created on earth can equal it. Soon shalt thou know and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that know!"

Thus have We illumined thy heart with the lights of grace through this Tablet, from which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of the Intended One. This, verily, is a manifest bounty. And upon thee be the glory, and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praised.

BH03496: Glorified be He Who hath caused to flow…

He is the One Who standeth through His Name, the Self-Subsisting

Glorified be He Who hath caused to flow from the Pen the mysteries of eternity, whereby He hath quickened the peoples who, when the Sovereign of Names appeared with His holy, mighty and impregnable dominion, turned unto Him. Blessed is he who hath been created anew from these most sweet waters, who hath cast away vain desire and taken hold of that which his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise, hath commanded him.

The gardens have been adorned with the ornament of the All-Merciful, and all things have proclaimed "Glory be to God, the Powerful, the Almighty!" They that have turned away this Day are cursed by all who are in the heavens and on earth. Do they know by what thing they are withheld, and do they recognize by what cause they are kept distant from their Lord, the Guardian, the Near One? They worship their vain imaginings and are not among those who perceive. They call upon their idols and are not among those who understand.

Say: He Whom ye invoke hath appeared at this luminous horizon, and all else are but names and idols, could ye but perceive it. Cast away vain desire and turn with your hearts unto the Dawning-Place of the signs of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Day of Harvest hath come—reap ye what hath grown in the land of the Bayan. Thus doth your Lord, the All-Merciful, command you, if ye be of them that know.

Say: Ye were created for the meeting with this Day of yours. Why have ye turned away and been among the heedless? We took from you a covenant in the seed-world of the Bayan—this is attested by that which hath been sent down from the Pen of Revelation in a glorious and wondrous Tablet. Beware lest ye break God's covenant. Answer Him Who calleth you unto Him and be not of them that wander distracted. Thus have We illumined the house of knowledge with the lamp of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who hath recognized and is among the thankful.

O thou who art mentioned! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, Who calleth thee from the Most Great Prison to the dawning-place of His exalted Cause. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, for by this steadfastness all who are in the heavens and on earth have been amazed. Be not disturbed by those who speak according to their desires. Let thy Lord suffice thee, turning away from the worlds.

BH03525: Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God…

In His Name, Who abideth after the passing of all things!

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy Beauty, and for having enabled me to turn toward Thee, until I entered Thy Gate which was opened before the face of all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth, and attained unto the Throne—the station whereon was established the treasury of Thy knowledge and the potency of Thy Cause. And I heard Thy most sweet call which was raised, by Thy leave and will.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having honored me with Thy presence and given me to drink of the Kawthar of Thy reunion, and caused me to be seated in the sacred precincts at the manifestation of Thy power and sovereignty. O Lord! Praise be unto Thee for these bounties which none of Thy servants can reckon, and thanksgiving be unto Thee for these favors whose mention cannot be exhausted by the Pen of Creation except by Thy will.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the ocean of names surged and the Most Exalted Horizon shone forth, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and enabled to speak Thy praise amongst Thy servants in such wise that the signs of those who have disbelieved in Thy verses and the Dawning-Place of Thy clear tokens shall not deter me.

O my God! What am I and what is my station that I should find myself in this Most Great Scene, the station wherein Thou didst shine forth with the lights of Thy countenance, O Thou Who holdest dominion over destiny! By Thy might! This is not of my deserving, but rather of Thy grace which hath encompassed Thy creation and Thy mercy which hath preceded the people of Thy realm.

I beseech Thee, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that know Thee and Beloved of all who are in the heavens and on earth, to make me in all conditions one who acknowledgeth Thy oneness and confesseth Thy singleness, who proclaimeth Thy greatness and sovereignty, and who fulfilleth what Thou hast sent down in Thy perspicuous Tablets. Then ordain for me, from the wonders of Thy grace, that which Thou hast ordained for those of Thy servants whom neither the might of any oppressor deterred from Thy love, nor the power of any aggressor from Thy path. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03534: A Book sent down from the presence…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A Book sent down from the presence of the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, unto them who have acknowledged the Hidden Secret, by whose name whatsoever hath been and shall be hath been adorned. We walk at this hour and speak through this inscribed Tablet, which, should one possessed of hearing ears incline toward it, would cause him to hear the Call of God, the Mighty, the Loving. We make mention of thee therein, inasmuch as thou hast turned toward the Countenance and believed in the Desired One. He loveth him that loveth Him, and answereth him that calleth upon Him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Forgiving.

Whoso adorneth his heart with My love, upon him shall those in the unseen and visible realms shower their prayers. Thus have all things been seized by the rapture of the melodies of the Lord of Names and Attributes, such that We behold all things turning toward this station and hear from them My remembrance, the Mighty, the Beloved. Were We to speak of that which lay concealed behind the veils of the unseen, all things would assuredly detach themselves from whatsoever they possess, turning toward the Kingdom. Thus have We explained unto thee that which causeth spirits and minds to take flight.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose pen moved to remember me, and from Whose finger of bounty flowed that which immortalized my name. Thou art the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Beware lest aught prevent thee in these days wherein all things proclaim: Turn ye, O people, unto that praiseworthy station. Make mention of thy Lord among His servants with wisdom, even as hath been sent down from the presence of the Lord of creation. Yet most among the people know not. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto that which his Lord hath willed and cast behind him that which they comprehend. Say: He soareth above your minds, for that which ye possess deserveth not the name of mind. To this testify honored servants. He who hath attained unto the mind hath turned toward the Countenance, and he who hath turned away is among the followers of idle fancies.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto the Tablet of God and its effect, when it was sent unto thee from the presence of the Lord of existence. Recite it with native melody; it shall draw thee to the station that no limitations can touch.

BH03607: The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Verily, in the tribulations of the Lord of the Kingdom, at all times, are signs for the dwellers of the worlds. He hath accepted hardship that the peoples might enjoy ease, and borne affliction that all who are in the realm of being might find repose. My soul be a sacrifice to His bounty; my very being a sacrifice to His mercy; my spirit a sacrifice to His loving-kindness that hath encompassed the horizons.

He hath not arisen at morn but that the darkness of insinuations hath compassed Him about, on the part of them that have disbelieved in God, the Revealer of verses. Yet nothing hath withheld Him from whatsoever He purposed in the Cause of God, the Lord of the Day of Calling. At one time He proclaimeth with the lucid tongue; at another He signifieth with the finger of certitude; and He summoneth all unto God, the Lord of all men.

Were We to make mention of what befell Us, the heavens would be rent asunder and the mountains would crumble.

They that have disbelieved have gloried in the titles they possess: the speechless one called himself al-Quddus and laid claim within himself to what the stealthy whisperer laid claim; another named himself “the Sword of Truth” and said: “Verily I am the conqueror of lands.” God hath raised up one to smite him upon the mouth, that all might be assured that he is but the tail of Satan, a fragment severed by the Sword of the All-Merciful. He had been awaiting the days of his vaunted glory and his appearance, by what had been promised him by him who denied God, the Cleaver of the dawn. Thus doth God seize him who turneth away from Him and riseth to squander His Cause amongst the servants. And when they perished, the breezes of spring were loosed, the gates of heaven were opened, and the clouds rained down.

Blessed is he who attaineth unto the knowledge of God in His days, and severeth himself wholly from all directions. Say: Hath not the Lord of the heavens and the earth sufficed you? Verily He hath come with the truth in His Name, the All-Prevailing over creation. Do thou illumine thy heart with the Lamp of the Most Great, which the Ancient of Days hath kindled; then stand firm in the Cause through the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Chosen.

BH03746: O thou who gazest upon the Countenance, and art…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance, and art remembered in the presence of the Throne! Give ear unto that which the Tongue of the Ancient One uttereth from the direction of His Most Great Name. Verily, there is none other God but Him—the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Blessed art thou, in that He hath adorned thy temple with the ornament of My love, and thy heart with My remembrance, and thy tongue with My Name—He Who is powerful over all horizons.

Whoso calleth upon Me, him do I answer; and whoso turneth unto Me, unto him do I turn. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Grieve not because of them that have dealt unjustly and denied: soon shall the peoples of the earth glory in your names. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Pen that ruleth over all pens. They are as sleepers: when they awake, they shall arise and say: Would that we had taken for ourselves a path unto the Mighty, the Chosen! We, in abasement, summon the servants unto the Mighty, the All-Compelling. Say: My abasement is My glory; My hardship is My repose; My tribulation is My crown of glory. Blessed are they that possess insight. We have accepted sorrows that the world may rejoice. The sincere shall yet behold the banners of victory raised upon the loftiest standards.

When thou findest the fragrance of the Robe, and the intoxication of the living Kawthar—distilled from the ocean of the mercy of My Name, the All-Merciful—seizeth thee, then say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who hast, through Thy Name, moved my most exalted Pen. I bear witness that Thou art the Lord of the servants and the Nurturer of all who are in earth and heaven.

We have accepted thee for My service. This is a word We have sent down unto thee in the Tablet; it behoveth thee to glory therein among Our chosen servants. Wert thou to perceive the effects of this word when it issued from the mouth of the Will, thou wouldst soar for joy and wouldst cry aloud: Thine is the bounty, O Thou in Whose grasp are held the reins of all created things! And glory be upon thee, and upon those righteous ones who are with thee.

BH03683: We have drawn forth the Finger of Power…

He is the Mighty, the Great

We have drawn forth the Finger of Power from the Sleeve of Might and with it have rent asunder the veils. Thereupon the people of allusions fell unconscious in the wilderness of their purposes. Thus has the matter been decreed from before God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is he who has cast away vain imaginings and idle fancies and has arisen at this Call, by which bodies have taken flight. Whosoever

tarries today, even for less than a moment, all his deeds are rendered void, unless he returns unto God, the Mighty, the Oft-Forgiving.

O people! Look not at what you possess, but rather at what is with your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. You were created for immortality, yet We see you hastening toward extinction. This is indeed a wondrous thing. This is the Day whereof you were promised in the Books of God, and wherein you were promised the presence of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Say: You were created for the meeting with God, yet you wander distracted in the wilderness of remoteness and separation. Say: Sanctify your ears to hearken unto the Word of God, and your hearts to recognize this Light which has shone forth from the horizon of the Will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

The cloud of bounty has been raised up and the Hand of giving has emerged from the Sleeve of the Most Glorious, yet the people remain in heedlessness and hypocrisy. Among them is he who sees a straw as silver and darkness as light. He is indeed among those who have gone astray. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of remembrance from the utterance of thy Lord, arise to promote the Cause in such wise that the allusions of them that are veiled shall not hold thee back from His praise.

Say: O people! This is the Cause through which the decree of origination has been established, and this is the Remembrance by which all remembrances have been adorned. Through His manifestation the mysteries have been revealed and that which was recorded in the Tablets has come to light. Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who has come to you with clear proof and evidence. Thus does the Pen of the All-Merciful move to make thee soar in the atmosphere of glory and knowledge. When thou attainest unto this Tablet say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind!

BH03664: Glorified be He Who hath come with the Kingdom…

He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Holy

Glorified be He Who hath come with the Kingdom of verses! He hath spoken, and caused all things to speak. There is none other God but Him, the One, the Single. All things have submitted to His sovereignty and every matter to His command which hath encompassed all servants. The Dawning-Place of Revelation hath shone forth at the midmost point with the sovereignty of Names upon all who are in earth and heaven.

Whoso hath recognized and turned unto Him is among those who have attained the presence of God, and whoso hath turned away is among the people of Sijjin in the sight of the Mighty, the Bestower. All that is mentioned in the realm of possibility referreth to the Will, and It is this Human Being Who speaketh: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Single.” And verily He is the First Remembrance from which the most great deep was stirred. Thus doth the Lord of Power make mention unto His chosen servants.

It hath been proven through clear evidence that the eyes of possibility cannot perceive Him, nor can the thoughts of the followers of religions ascend unto Him. Therefore all mention returneth to this First Remembrance and all attributes to this Point from which creation hath appeared. Whoso hath recognized this Manifest One through His concealment hath recognized the Hidden One. He hath appeared only in

this Form manifest among all beings. Thus doth God acquaint you with the Source of His glory and grandeur. He is verily the Mighty, the Bestower.

Give thanks unto the All-Merciful for this bounty which hath encompassed all who are in the earth and heaven. Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in God in all matters. He is the Protector of those who have on this Day acknowledged that which the All-Merciful hath testified at the midmost heart of Paradise. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Book from which the lights have shone forth. Forget not the favor of thy Lord. Make mention of Him among the servants even as thou hast been commanded in the Book. The glory be upon thee and upon whoso hath turned unto the Mighty, the Single. That which was sent from thee hath reached Us.

BH03692: The letter thou didst send to the servant who…

In His Name, the One Who rules over all who are in the heavens and on earth!

The letter thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Throne hath been read before Our face, and We found therein that which beseemeth the people of Baha in the kingdom of creation. This is of God's grace upon thee and upon His sincere servants. From it was wafted the fragrance of steadfastness in the Cause of thy Lord, and it was purified from the mention of any save Me and sanctified from the hints of the sinful ones. Blessed art thou for having laid hold on the Purpose and cast behind thee all else on this mighty Day.

We have encountered from those who claim to love Us that which the Daysprings of Revelation never encountered from the hosts of the oppressors. Thou knowest the ocean of My bounty and the heaven of My loving-kindness. Consider what hath prevented the wayward from My mercy that hath encompassed all created things. Verily the soul commandeth unto wickedness, and nothing can extinguish its fire save the decree of death, at which even the valiant tremble. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

We were in the house with curtains drawn and doors closed when suddenly cries arose from every direction and the matter was decided according to what had been ordained in the Book of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thereby was the city thrown into confusion, and those around it cried out, and affairs were overturned in such wise as cannot be described or explained, until the All-Merciful calmed it through His authority. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Blessed art thou, for God hath singled thee out for His mention among His servants and for the exaltation of His Cause amongst the people, and hath preferred thee above most of creation. He is, verily, the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve not over anything, for He is with thee and remembereth thee most often from this exalted station.

Remember My loved ones on My behalf and glorify their faces with My Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. The glory of God be upon thee and upon thy offspring and upon those who are with thee from this luminous horizon.

BH03766: The Most Holy, Most Wondrous, Most Glorious! O peoples…

The Most Holy, Most Wondrous, Most Glorious! O peoples of the earth! Hearken to the call from this Tree which hath been raised up in the luminous spot. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Are ye occupied with that which ye possess? Cast it away in My Name, the Mighty, the Beloved. Take ye that which ye are commanded in the Tablets; this is better for you, did ye but know. All things have been attracted by the signs of the Lord, yet the people perceive not. The wine of idle fancy hath seized them; then followed they those who denied God, the Mighty, the Loving.

He who hath heard the call and answered his Lord—verily he is of the essence of creation in the sight of the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. All things are bewildered by those round whom circle the youths of the All-Merciful with chalices of living waters, yet they see not. Fancies and vain imaginings have prevented them from this manifest bounty.

O people! Sanctify your hearts from that which ye possess and your ears from that which ye have heard, that ye may hear this call by which the people of the graves have arisen. O thou who gazest toward God! Follow thy Lord in such wise that no affairs shall distract thee from this Cause wherein thou art. Take hold of the cord of grace, then detach thyself from those who understand not.

The world hath deluded most of the servants. Blessed is he who hath cast it behind him, turning with his heart to the direction of the Intended One. Grieve thou not save for His grief, and fear not those who have transgressed against God. Thus doth this preserved Pen command thee. Put thy trust in the Lord of all causes, and follow not the deeds of those who have been debarred from the bounty that hath encompassed all in the heavens and earth. Be thou steadfast in thy Lord's Cause.

Say: O people! This is the Most Great Path and the Qiblih of the nations. Cast away what ye possess for that which is with your Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned with radiant faces toward the horizon of the Cause. These, verily, are among the sincere ones.

BH03602: Hearken unto the Call from the right side…

He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious

Hearken unto the Call from the right side of the Valley in the luminous Spot: Verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Those who turned away after the clear proofs came unto them wander in the wilderness of doubt. But those who turned towards Him—upon them hath shone the Sun of Certitude from the horizon of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful.

Can those who turn away find any refuge? Nay, by the Lord of the heavens! They have taken their own desires as a god besides God. Soon shall they find themselves in the lowest depths. When it is said to them "By what proof did ye believe in the Bayan?" they say "Because we found from it the fragrance of the All-Merciful." Say: Why then did ye turn away from Him by Whose single word was suspended all that

was revealed in the Bayan? They are like those who grasp the letters but cast away the meanings. Verily they are in darkness.

If they deny My mention, can any mention of them remain in the Bayan? Nay, by the Knower of hidden things! The entire Bayan is adorned with My Name and embellished with My mention. Ponder, O people of fairness! The Bayan is as a niche and My mention is its lamp, which the All-Merciful hath lit in creation. Say: Hasten unto it, O followers of religions! Whoso denieth Me hath denied God and His Messengers. To this testifieth He before Whom the verses bow down.

This is not the day to tarry. Hasten with your hearts toward the direction of the Throne. This is the Purpose with which the Tablets have been sealed. Blessed art thou, O servant, for having cast aside the servants and taken hold of the Lord of all being. Hold fast unto Him—verily He will protect thee in truth. Thy Lord is the Judge in the beginning and the end.

Can what We have kindled be extinguished by the waters of rejection? Nay, by the Causer of causes! Soon shall its lights encompass the horizons. Verily thy Lord is the Protector over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. What thou didst send hath been presented before the Throne and We have accepted it. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH03719: This is a Book from Us to him who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is a Book from Us to him who hath attained unto the days of God, the Mighty, the Praised. O Muhammad! The One, the Single, hath appeared and the Herald hath proclaimed: “Power belongeth unto God, the Exalted, the Great!” The fragrance of the garment hath been diffused, yet the people remain far removed. Desire hath prevented them from turning unto God, the Lord of all men. Blessed is he who hath cast it behind him, turning unto his Ancient Lord.

Remember thy Lord in thy days—this is what will endure with thee and profit thee. What thou beholdest today shall perish, as thou observest and art of them that witness. Say: Be ye of such character as befitteth this Day. Thus doth He command you, with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have been beneath the glances of the mercy of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

O Most Exalted Pen! Move once again to make mention of Husayn in this wondrous Tablet. I testify that Thou art the Bountiful, possessed of great glory. Through Thee generosity appeared in existence and the cock of bestowal crowed upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of the Utmost Boundary, and the sun of grace shone forth from this luminous horizon.

Say: O Husayn! Arise to serve God and His Cause. Beware lest the doubts of the suspicious ones hinder thee. Is there any detached soul who will emerge from the fortress of hopes, turning unto the Ultimate Goal? And is there any possessed of vision whose sight will not be prevented from this noble prospect?

Say: O people! Consider today where are those who were occupied before you with that wherewith ye are occupied? And where are those who prided themselves in this perishable world? And where is their

joy and their vainglory and their palaces? They have returned to their graves. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Turn thy gaze unto the Most Great Prospect. Say: O my God! I have turned to Thee in Thy days, therefore have mercy upon me, then preserve me and make me content with Thy good-pleasure and steadfast in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH03714: This is a Tablet of Baha to him who…

In His Name, the All-Patient, the All-Forgiving, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!

This is a Tablet of Baha to him who was saddened by the calamities that befell him in this world, that the joy of his Lord's call might seize him after his sorrows. O Most Exalted Pen! Give him to drink from the ocean of gladness which floweth in Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, that he may cast away his sorrows and turn with spirit and fragrance unto the All-Merciful.

O My servant! Behold and thou shalt see the Water of Life surging before thy face. Hath sorrow overtaken thee at the death of thy son? Then the Son of God calleth out to thee, saying:

> "By God! This is a father to him that hath no father, a son to him that hath no son, and a companion to him that hath no companion."

Thereupon were the realities of all things stirred by the breezes of thy Lord's mercy, the Lord of all names. Wouldst thou remember sorrow after this? This beseemeth not, by My Beauty that shineth upon all possibility! Thus have We caused the wine of joy and ecstasy to flow from this Pen which God hath made the Dayspring of inspiration.

Verily, he who hath ascended is in the Most Glorious Horizon, seized by the vibration of thy Lord's favor in such wise that he seeth neither right nor left. Can aught in all creation compare with but a trace from thy Lord's Pen? Nay, by My Self that encompasseth all regions! Were all who dwell in creation to turn to this Tablet alone, by God, the rapture of thy Lord's utterance would so seize them that they would be separated from their bodies and soar in this atmosphere wherein the tongue of grandeur proclaimeth:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, Who hath manifested the Cause without veil or covering, and delivered unto the kings what He desired, and neither their might nor their tyranny prevented Him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Unconstrained."

Thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee and singled thee out for this Tablet which God hath made the embellishment of proof. Blessed art thou for having held fast to the cord of patience and been content with what God hath decreed. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH03736: O My loved ones! The birds are in their…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

O My loved ones! The birds are in their nests while the Chosen One is in the hands of the wicked. Take heed, O people of insight! The people dwell in their homes while the Lord of the House is in the most

desolate of abodes, surrounded by hosts who have turned away from the Path. Grief hath overtaken the manifestations of My name, the All-Merciful, because the Ancient Beauty hath been imprisoned in the Most Great Prison, yet the peoples remain behind an amazing veil.

Say: The Youth hath come in the shadows of the clouds, and naught shall profit you this Day though ye cling to all that hath been created in earth and heaven. Know ye your Lord, the All-Merciful. He hath come with proof and evidence. Say: Do ye see for yourselves any refuge or escape? Nay, by Him Who hath appeared with clear signs! The people desired to veil the light of the Sun with the dust of idle fancies. Evil is that which they have imagined. Soon shall they behold it at its meridian. Blessed is the soul that hath seen the Kingdom before its face and hath turned unto it, detached from all else.

Say: Torment not yourselves. The Glory is not prevented by tribulation from that which His Lord, the Lord of Names, hath purposed. To this testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of the unseen and the visible. Those who are heedless are dead, not living. Soon shall they awaken when the breezes of punishment encompass them. These are they who have made the file a stick to blind their eyes. Know ye that they are in heedlessness and error.

By My life! Tribulation is as collyrium to Mine eyes. To this testifieth He before Whom all necks have bowed. I have borne every affliction in the path of God, Creator of all things. Thus have We decreed the matter in the Mother Book. Soon shall all things be stirred by this breeze that wafteth from the direction of the Robe. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Give thanks to thy Lord for having remembered thee from the Pen of Revelation after It was surrounded by wolves. The Glory be upon thee and upon whoever remembereth this Wronged One in private or in public. Praise be to Thee, O Lord of Lords!

BH03624: O Asad! The Manifestation of the One declareth: This…

In the Name of the Friend!

O Asad! The Manifestation of the One declareth: This is the Day whereon the fragrances of the All-Merciful are wafting from the garment of His boundless favors upon all created things. How excellent is the state of him who hath discovered from its fragrance the One to be recognized, and whom the congestion of self and desire hath not debarred from inhaling the divine fragrance. Render thanks unto the Adored One of all worlds that He hath enabled thee to attain unto this supreme bounty and mighty gift, and strive thou to remain steadfast in His love, for this station hath been and shall ever remain the most exalted of all stations. O Asad! God willing, may thou be illumined and brightened through the grace of the All-Merciful in these spiritual days by the lights of the divine dawn, in such wise that the people of the realm of possibility may discover the radiance of the All-Merciful in thy countenance. Abdullah hath said:

> “O my God! If but once Thou shouldst call me ‘My servant,’ My laughter would soar beyond the throne on high!”

Now doth the Manifestation of the Divine Self and Source of mystic knowledge call unto thee from the precincts of the Most Great Prison. I swear by the horizon of the Cause that if thou shouldst drink of the Kawthar of life that in these days floweth from the mouth of the All-Merciful, thou wouldst arise to love Him, detached from all else, and make mention of His remembrance.

It is most evident that whatsoever hath been and is mentioned hath for its purpose the elevation of God's loved ones to holy spiritual stations, that through divine grace they may abide eternally in the immortal Kingdom. The world hath never had, nor doth it now possess, any worth. Had it possessed worth even less than an atom, the Ancient Beauty would never have been seen imprisoned in this most great humiliation—though this humiliation is the pride of all glory, and this prison the cause of freedom for all the peoples of the world. Ere long will its fruits be made manifest in the world of earthly dominion. God willing, mayest thou drink forever from the cup of the grace of the Lord of Glory. And the Glory be upon you, O My loved ones!

BH03618: O Temple! Thou wert built by the command…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Temple! Thou wert built by the command of thy Lord, yet the people perceive it not. And among them are those who wait to behold thee, seeking their own desires—these are indeed among the heedless.

Say: I was created by the will of my Lord and was adorned with the ornament of names on the Day whereon God adorned the Kingdom with His Most Glorious Name. Whoso waiteth after this is among the distracted ones. Say: Through my manifestation the mention of God was exalted, and through it were created temples whose number none knoweth save God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O concourse of the Spirit! Draw nigh with joy and fragrance unto the Temple of the All-Merciful. This behooveth you, if ye be of them that know. Beware lest ye be hindered by those servants who worship vain imaginings and are not among the perceiving ones.

Say: Cast away vain imaginings—the All-Knowing hath come upon the clouds of glory, and they who are sincere in faith behold and say: Blessed be the Self-Subsisting Who hath come with manifest sovereignty. Say: Turn not unto the world and what is therein. Cast it behind you, turning unto your Ancient Lord.

Say: Abandon the churches—the Church of God hath appeared upon the temple of man. Turn ye unto it, then remember it with this wise remembrance. Therein is raised the call of the Bell in His Holy Name, while ye remain dead within the veils of your selves. Arise from the couches of desire, turning unto God, the Lord of Names. This is what ye were promised in the Tablets, were ye of them that see.

Answer the Call of God in your midst, then go forth from your homes, turning unto the Kingdom. Thus doth your Lord, the True, the Faithful, counsel you. As to those who seclude themselves in churches—did We create them for eating and sitting idle? Nay, by My mighty and loving Self! Rather for this Day wherein He Who was hidden hath appeared with His Name, the Protector of the worlds.

Say: Present yourselves before your Lord and withhold not yourselves from that for which ye were created. This is of My grace unto you, if ye be of them that perceive.

BH03726: In the Name of God, the Most Holy…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Tablet from Us to him who hath turned toward the Dayspring of Lights, that the fragrances of verses may attract him and draw him nigh unto God, the Subjugator of winds.

They who have cast away desire and taken hold of guidance—these are of the people of Baha in the scriptures and tablets. And they who have turned away—these shall find for themselves no place of escape. How many servants have been so attracted by the verses that they became detached from all who are on earth, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower. These have fulfilled the Covenant after every idolatrous deceiver broke the pledge.

Take thou the cup of life in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink and say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Whose knowledge encompasseth all created things.

O Husayn! We have sent down verses unto thee before—this is yet another time—that thine eyes may be consoled thereby in this return. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Remind My loved ones there and kindle the lamp of their hearts with this remembrance which shineth forth from the horizon of thy Lord's utterance, the Lord of all men.

Say: We have kindled the fire of longing throughout all regions—seize ye the day, O company of ardent lovers! Remember thou Husayn who heard God's call when he turned to the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most High. Then Husayn who visited the Throne and attained the presence of God on the Day of Gathering.

Blessed are ye and your names which branch forth from the ocean of My Name, the One Who dominateth all who are in earth and heaven. Say: Be ye steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the lowing of the calf nor the croaking of those who claim what God hath not permitted them in the Book shall hinder you. Hold fast to the cord of oneness in this Day wherein the Spirit proclaimeth: The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Mighty, the Compelling.

And the glory be upon thee and upon them and upon thy progeny from thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Forgiving. We have not forgotten the Ruby—We call him to the Kingdom, and him who serveth thee to the Mighty, the Most High.

BH03603: Hearken unto the Call from the wilderness of guidance…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Hearken unto the Call from the wilderness of guidance, from the right side of the valley upon the crimson spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. Within His grasp lies the dominion of all things, and in His right hand the reins of all beings. Can anyone oppose Him? Nay, by His Own Self, the Mighty, the Bestower! They that have turned away, these shall have no mention with God—verily they are among the dead. Soon shall the breezes of torment seize them from every direction. Thy Lord is indeed severe in punishment.

O Husayn! Hear the call of this Wronged One, Who hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of cities because He summoned mankind unto God, the Subduer of winds. From the horizon of the prison He calleth unto all who are in earth and heaven, saying: The Promised One hath come with sovereignty and majesty. Turn ye unto Him, O people! Beware lest ye follow every doubting idolater. They that have followed Satan have no portion this Day save that they are companions of the fire—they walk in the valley of fire and perceive it not. From their mouths issue forth flames of fire yet they know it not. God shall soon seize them with His might. He is verily the Powerful over what He willeth, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Grieve thou not over anything. Trust in God in thy affairs. Say: O my Lord! I have turned my face unto Thee and raised unto Thee the hands of my hope. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the servants and all who dwell in the lands to send down upon Thy trusted ones that which will gladden their hearts and tranquilize their souls. Thou art verily the Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Mighty, the Beloved.

Have mercy, O my God, upon Thy servants, then make them know the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause and the Dayspring of Thy verses, that they may turn unto Thee with their hearts. Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all created things and Whose grace hath encompassed the seen and the unseen.

BH03712: We send forth the fragrance of the Divine Good-Pleasure…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Great

We send forth the fragrance of the Divine Good-Pleasure unto this handmaiden of the All-Merciful, that it may sanctify her from sorrows in these days wherein the veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bestowing hath come with His Most Great, His Mighty Name.

O leaf! Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee. Be patient and steadfast, for thy Lord is the Protector of those who are patient, women and men. Dost thou imagine that he is lost? Nay, by My life! Rather, he hath fallen asleep and risen in haste unto the Kingdom of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Dost thou imagine that he is dead? Nay, by His most truthful Self! He is alive in both worlds, beholding the Glory from the Supreme Horizon, and towards him are directed the glances of the Wronged One from this remote Prison. I see him and he seeth Me. Were I to elaborate upon this station, all would turn with contentment to that which hath been ordained by the Pen of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

When thou perceivest the fragrance of loving-kindness from the Tablet of thy Lord, the Lord of all creation, turn thou unto God and make mention of that which hath been sent down from His mighty and impregnable Pen:

> “O my God and my Master! I am a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto the Kaaba of Thy oneness and the Sanctuary of Thy detachment. I beseech Thee, by the one whom Thou didst sacrifice in Thy path and didst cause to be spent for the acceptance of Thy creatures, to number me among such women as have believed in Thee and in Thy signs and have been well-pleased with that which Thy Pen of decree hath ordained for them in the

> Tablets of Thy Judgment, and who circle round Thy Will and Purpose. O Lord! I am she who hath turned unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. Preserve me, then, through Thy power and sovereignty, and kindle within my heart, by the hand of Thy bounty, the lamp of joy. Verily, Thou art powerful to do as Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful. O Lord! Withhold me not from the wonders of Thy grace, nor from the effulgences of the Sun of Thy favors and bounties. Then write down for me that which is best with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the Most Generous of the generous ones. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beautiful."

BH03620: We summon the servants unto God, their Lord…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

We summon the servants unto God, their Lord and the Lord of all worlds. They have risen up to harm Me and hasten in the wilderness of error—nay, they are among the heedless ones. The Promised One hath appeared, yet they remain behind a thick veil, and the Desired One remembereth them, yet they persist in grievous delusion.

Say: Turn ye towards the Supreme Horizon. He Who is the Manifestation of your Lord, the Lord of Names, hath appeared. Beware lest the veils of glory prevent you—rend them asunder through His Name, the Strong, the Trustworthy.

Those who have disbelieved are the most ignorant among men, even should they possess all the knowledge of the earth. Thus hath the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, decreed. And they who have believed are the greatest in rank among men, the most perspicacious in mind, the keenest in vision, and the purest in heart. Thy Lord, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

The shepherd hath been mentioned before the Throne, while forgotten was he who possessed the treasures of the earth and enjoyed a mighty portion. This is a Day wherein We have made the highest among the people lowest, and the lowest highest. Thy Lord, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. How many were possessed of glory who were turned away from the door, and how many were abased who entered and attained, exclaiming:

> "Praise be to God Who hath made me to achieve this noble vision!"

All affairs are in the grasp of thy Lord's power—He turneth them as He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

O servant! Give thanks to thy Lord for having been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen and for having attained unto this wondrous remembrance. None can draw nigh on this Day save through the heart. Thus hath the Lord of the worlds decreed.

This earth hath been shaken by what the hands of the hypocrites have wrought. We, at the very center of tribulation, summon mankind unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Arise to make mention of Him and to praise Him, then be steadfast in the Cause through His Name, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Most Laudable. Glory be unto them that have turned towards Him and have said:

"I believe in Thee, O Thou the Beloved of them that know!"

BH03630: The Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious! The verses…

The Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious! The verses of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise, have been sent down unto the Leaf who, when she heard the call from the direction of supreme glory, turned and said:

"Here am I, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

We have sent thee each year that which hath diffused the fragrance of the garment of the Beloved among the worlds. Blessed is he who hath found its perfume and been so attracted as to speak His praise, detached from all else and turning to the Qiblih of existence and the Eye of the seen and the unseen. Verily, he is of the people of Baha, as inscribed in a Tablet by the Most Exalted Pen. Exalted is this holy, mighty and inaccessible station!

The clouds pour down rain—blessed is the soil that hath been watered and hath cried out: "Praise be unto Thee, O Quickener of mouldering bones!" Can His outpouring ever be suspended? Nay, by the Beauty of the Beloved! Yet the people are in grievous error. Doth it befit anyone to pause when the All-Merciful calleth out in His loudest voice: "To Me, to Me, O people of earth and heaven!" Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh, and woe unto every heedless one who is far removed.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been oft-times remembered before the All-Merciful, and for having had revealed in thy name Tablets that surpass all that existeth on earth. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed is she who, being veiled, hath heard and responded, and woe unto him who, wearing a turban, hath grown proud and turned away from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. How many adults have been held back through following their desires, and how many children have attained the lights of guidance! Thus hath the decree been fulfilled and the Cause been made manifest from One Who is powerful and ancient.

O My Leaf! Hearken once again unto the call from the direction of My grace and bounty: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Stand firm in the Cause, then remind My handmaidens on behalf of thy Lord. We have sent unto them that which shall gladden their eyes and attract the hearts of those who are endued with understanding. The glory that proceedeth from God, the Mighty, the Most Praised, be upon thee and upon them.

BH03631: In the Name of the One, the Single…

In the Name of the One, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Wise! Exalted is He Who hath ordained for the people of Baha that which He hath not ordained for the people of creation. They are the dawning-places of certitude amidst all possible things. These are servants who have broken the chains of limitation through the shining of the lights of divine unity from the horizon of their Lord's favor, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. These are the fruits of the Tree which hath been raised up in truth, and the lamps of guidance for all who dwell on earth and in the heavens.

We beseech God to assist them in teaching His Cause through such detachment that the fragrance of the All-Merciful may waft therefrom throughout all worlds, and to protect them from the odors that emanate from the intimations of those who have denied God, the Revealer of verses.

So mighty is this Cause that whenever mention is made of its greatness, the Pen is overwhelmed and swoons away, and when it recovers, it says:

> "Blessed is he who hath turned to the Face, detached from all else."

Reflect, O people, on what hath appeared in this Revelation that ye may behold yourselves in the most exalted station. Those who have remained remote, they have clung to idle fancy, turning away from guidance. We testify that they are among the people of error.

We have summoned all people in every condition unto God. Among them are those who turned away, those who hesitated, and those who turned to the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. They who turned to Him are among the gems of creation, while they who turned away have no portion of the choice wine of their Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

God's proof hath been perfected unto His creation and His testimony unto His servants—to this doth testify your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Whoso hath attained unto the remembrance of God in His days, he is of those who have attained unto all good and for whom there is a goodly end.

O servant! Hearken unto the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen, which hath been raised up in the Most Great Prison while the Ancient Beauty was in the hands of the wicked. We have created all things for the days of God, which have appeared and shone forth, yet the people remain heedless and veiled. Be thou therefore ever gazing toward the court of thy Lord and speaking His praise amongst His servants.

BH03656: Glorified be He Who is established upon the Throne…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Glorified be He Who is established upon the Throne and hath summoned all to the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His Cause in such wise that neither the ordinances of fate nor the ascendancy of the people of creation could hinder Him. He, verily, is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth. He hath ordained in the Book whatsoever He desired. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

The tongue of the dawn hath spoken His remembrance and praise, and all things have proclaimed: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Great." The Tablet of creation hath been adorned with the mention of the Lord of invention, and the temples of existence have been embellished with the robe of His remembrance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

He who hath attained unto this station is indeed among those of whom the decree of existence can be truly spoken, and he who remaineth remote therefrom hath no mention. Thus hath God ordained whatsoever He desired. He, verily, is the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

They who have cast away what they possessed and taken what is with God—these are the lamps of guidance in all else. To this testifieth every discerning sage. By My life! They are among the people of Baha amidst the concourse of creation—they who have been mentioned in the Tablets from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Hold fast, O people, unto the remembrance of God and His grace, and follow not the veils of the doubtful ones who are moved by their desires. These are indeed among the most lost. They who have violated God's Covenant and Testament—these are cursed by every atom and by this Tongue which hath spoken in all things: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Praised."

Thy letter hath been honored by attaining the presence before the Throne. Therefore hath the Ancient Beauty turned toward thee from this remote station, and mentioneth thee in the Tablet with verses whereby every wise command is confirmed. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this most great favor.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is destiny, for having remembered me while I was in the Most Great Prison in the hands of the idolaters. All glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the days of God and believed in that which hath been manifested in this most mighty, most holy, most glorious and most luminous Revelation.

BH03693: The Herald hath called out: This is the Day…

He is the Most Glorious, the Most Exalted

The Herald hath called out: This is the Day of the Meeting. The Kingdom belongeth to the Creator of all beings. Men have drawn nigh unto the Kingdom, while those who were deprived today of the lights of Beauty have turned away. We have sent down in every matter that which hath caused the countenance of proof to shine forth. Those who have turned towards it have prospered, while every denier and deceiver hath lost. How many proofs do they behold, yet turn away from them! Blessed is he who hath laid hold on truth and cast away creation—he is of those who have attained the lights of their Lord's face, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

All that hath flowed from the Pen is the quickener of nations, yet they understand not. Among them are those who follow their desires, those who cling to the divines, and those who have cast aside all else, turning to My luminous countenance. The rapture of revelation hath seized him in such wise that he hath detached himself from all on earth—he is truly of the people of Baha, inscribed in a noble Tablet. Through it the earth was established and the clouds rained down. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing.

This is the Day of Utterance—remind all who dwell in the realm of possibility of that which the All-Merciful hath spoken. This behooveth those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Be ye helpers of God's Cause, that there may appear from you that which will establish your remembrance in the heaven of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Beware lest the veils of the people hinder you. Leave them and what they possess, seeking the face of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Will what they possess profit them, or their vain imaginings aid them? Nay, by My very Self, the Truth! Extinction pursueth them from behind, while they remain heedless.

Arise thou to aid thy Lord's Cause with wisdom. Thus hast thou been commanded by the Lord of creation. He will assist thee and aid thee with truth—He is the Protector of the sincere ones. When thou hast succeeded and read this, say: Unto Thee be loyalty, O Glory of those in the heavens and earth! From prison Thou callest those who slumber in their homes to the Kingdom of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to make us successful in serving Thee. He is verily the Judge, the Answerer of prayers.

BH03699: The Book of God hath been sent down…

He is the Most Holy, The Most Exalted

The Book of God hath been sent down in truth for people who know. He is God—there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all return unto Him. He guideth whom He pleaseth through His grace, and leaveth those who disbelieve—verily they are a people confounded. They have taken their desires and cast guidance behind them, and they are a blind people. Their desires have seized them in such wise that they know not the right hand from the left, and they hasten in the wilderness of ignorance while they perceive not. Among the people are those who have turned away from the truth by following the creation, and among them are those who have gone astray in the valley of passions after We showed them this exalted path, and among them are those who are occupied with wealth, heedless of their final end, and among them are those who gather but know not for whom they gather—verily they do not understand.

Most people have been consumed by the fire of greed and desire while they perceive it not. Blessed is the soul that hath cast off the garment of greed and departed from the world out of love for God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Such a one is among the horsemen of this field—the All-Merciful sendeth His blessings upon him in this praiseworthy station. Reflect, O My loved ones, upon those who came before you—did what they possessed profit them? We cause the earth to be inherited by whomsoever We please. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Be ye trustees of God in His earth—this will profit you in this world and the next, did ye but know. Grieve not for that which ye have been denied—trust in God in all conditions. He hath ordained for you naught but what is best for you, did ye but know.

O servant! Be thou thankful that the grace from this hidden quarter hath encompassed thee. Convey My greetings to the loved ones of God and His chosen ones, upon whom shall come no fear nor shall they grieve. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the One, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH03729: The Most Great, the Most Glorious! This…

The Most Great, the Most Glorious! This is a Tablet which hath been sent down in truth and dispatched unto him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, on a day wherein the heaven was cleft asunder and knowledge was rolled up. Say: We desire from knowledge naught but the recognition of the Known One. Here He is, by the Lord of what was and what shall be! Tear asunder the greatest veil by the leave of God, the Lord of Destiny, then gaze toward the most luminous horizon wherefrom His hidden Beauty hath shone forth. Verily this is the Book of God amongst you wherein hath

been inscribed from the Most Ancient Pen the mysteries of His Most Great Name. Blessed are the people who recognize!

Say: O concourse of the learned! Hold back your pens, for the Most Exalted Pen hath been raised up between earth and heaven. Then be silent, that ye may hear what the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttereth in the midmost heart of Paradise. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Say: Beware lest ye follow idle fancies after the Sun of Certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of the Command of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

Know thou that when We arrived at the prison, We desired to convey unto all the messages of thy Lord, that they might know that tribulations have not deterred Us from the remembrance of God, the Lord of all names, nor have We been frightened by the might of them that oppress. We have created the wondrous through a word from Our presence and sent it forth like a globe of fire with the Tablet of thy Chosen Lord, wherein hath been sent down that which broke the backs of the wicked ones who disbelieved in God after He appeared with manifest sovereignty. Read it, that thou mayest know the power of thy Lord and become apprised of what hath been sent down therein from God, the Mighty, the Beloved. We have sent down therein from every matter whereby the eyes of them that are assured are consoled.

Say: O people! Answer the Call of God and follow not every idolatrous rejecter. He hath come for your salvation—wherefore do ye not understand? Turn unto Him with your hearts; this is what ye have been commanded in a preserved Tablet. Thus have We called out to thee from the most ancient quarter that it might reach thee at the Most Great Name, and that thou mightest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH03926: This is what hath shone forth from the Dayspring…

This is what hath shone forth from the Dayspring of the Will

O thou who art mentioned before the Countenance! We have heard thy call and read thy letter at the Most Great Scene. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones.

Grieve not over the abasement thou didst acknowledge in thy letter. By My life! Thou art precious in the sight of thy Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate. We have immersed thee in the ocean of mercy and forgiveness and made thee to be among those who have attained their Goal. This, verily, is a great bounty.

Dost thou grieve over tribulations while thy Lord is at their very center? Behold and say: May my soul be a sacrifice for Thy trials, O Beloved of them that know! Blessed art thou for having called upon thy Lord, and blessed art thou for His having answered thee in this wondrous Tablet.

Remember thy Lord at eventide and at dawn. He hath ordained for thee that which none knoweth save His own Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be content with what We have decreed for thee. Thus hast thou followed the example of thy Lord in what befell Him. This is the way of the sincere ones. Say:

Praise be unto Thee in all conditions. I testify that Thou knowest what is within me, and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

When We turned from the direction of the Most Great Scene toward Our Name which We have exalted in truth amongst Our remembering servants, that he might rejoice in My remembrance of him and soar in the atmosphere of gladness and delight. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of One mighty and wise.

My Name! God willing, through divine grace, be thou attentive and mindful in all conditions. And since whatever hath befallen thee was in the path of God, therefore there is no harm if thou desirest to turn toward the Most Holy Court—it is beloved. In all conditions thou hast had and hast permission either to remain or to return. The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who love thee and who have heeded thy words in praise of thy Lord.

BH03922: This is a Book from Us to him who…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from Us to him who hastened with his heart to the precincts of Paradise and, when the Call was raised from the right side of the Luminous Spot, turned towards it, saying: "Here am I, O God of the worlds!" By My life! Were We to sprinkle upon the mountains from the ocean of the attraction of thy Lord's Word, they would dance for love of their Lord, and were We to sprinkle it upon all created things, thou wouldst see them soaring in the air. Thus doth the Pen of Command make mention of thee from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

We have found thy longing and thy yearning, and have revealed for thee this Tablet which God hath made the Dawning-place of His verses among His servants and the Herald of His Cause among all created things. When thou hast attained unto it, recite it with the accent of innate nature. Thus doth the Lord of all created things command thee. Verily, it will draw thee nigh unto God, the Lord of the mighty Throne.

Pay thou no heed to those who claim that which God hath not permitted them. Turn thy gaze rather to the Most Luminous Spot and the Most Sublime Vision. Say: I have turned towards Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of the heavens and of the earth! Say: We have manifested the proof in such wise that none throughout all creation can deny it, except him who hath transgressed the bounds of fairness and is numbered with the idolaters. Say: The Evidence hath prostrated itself before the countenance of its Lord, and the Proof circleth round the All-Glorious, and the Noble One calleth out between earth and heaven:

> "The Beloved hath come with dominion over all names. This is He by Whose name We adorned the Bayan and by Whose mention the books of the All-Merciful were embellished. Turn ye unto Him, O peoples of the earth, with illumined hearts!"

Blessed art thou inasmuch as nothing hath withheld thee from God, the Lord of the exalted Throne. Thou hast cast aside what the people possess and taken what hath come to thee today from thy Lord, the

Mighty, the Praiseworthy. The glory be upon thee and upon them that have turned to God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

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BH03867: The All-Merciful hath shone upon thee, O thou who…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The All-Merciful hath shone upon thee, O thou who hast turned unto God, the Mighty, the Wise, through this Tablet whereby the lives of all who are in the heavens and the earth were suspended. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto Him, after the servants who consider themselves the most exalted of creatures had turned away, and when the Truth came, disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds.

Make mention of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance from the All-Merciful, detached from all created things. He, verily, aideth whosoever maketh mention of Him. He is, in truth, the Powerful, the Mighty.

We have heard thy call and have called out to thee from the shore of the Most Great Sea, that the rapture of the Call may seize thee and strengthen thee to make mention of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, in this Day wherein the Dove warbleth upon the branches of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Dominion belongeth unto God, the Single, the One, the All-Informed.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the words of the hypocrites who claim to love Me while uttering in secret that which God hath not permitted them may not cause thee to slip. Verily, they are in manifest loss. Whoso layeth claim to a Cause, he is indeed a lying impostor. Thus hath the All-Merciful decreed. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Wise.

Erelong thou shalt hear from various lands the croaking of the ravens. Leave them behind thee and take fast hold of the cord of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Praised. This is what We foretold unto the servants aforetime when We were in Iraq. With thy Lord is the knowledge of all things preserved in a guarding Tablet.

Convey unto the people that which hath been revealed in the Tablet. Say: Beware lest ye join partners with God and worship idols. Worship ye the one true God and follow not every deluded wanderer.

Blessed art thou, O servant, for having been mentioned before the Throne and for having thy name flow from the Most Exalted Pen. Preserve thou this glorious, this sublime station. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

BH03786: Praise be to God that in successive years…

Praise be to God that in successive years from the clouds of Divine mercy the rain of infinite bounties hath been showered upon thee. Thou hast ever been and wilt ever be within Our sight. Blessed art thou

for having been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and for being among those who are firm. God hath seized those who denied the All-Merciful when He came with clear proof.

In this year such tribulations have rained down from the clouds of destiny upon this land that none hath been or will be able to reckon them. Nevertheless, the Pen of Remembrance hath not ceased its movement and at all times hath been engaged in the mention of God. From every direction the idolaters have risen to oppose, yet the Cause of God hath been and will remain triumphant, even as the tongue of God hath been occupied with proclaiming His Cause in the presence of the idolaters and celebrating His wondrous praise. God willing, all must drink of this choice wine—that is, according to their capacity and the receptivity of the people, they must not cease from mentioning the Cause of God.

Thy letter was presented before the Throne and We heard that which thou didst call out to God. Blessed art thou for having drawn nigh and for being among those who have turned towards Him. We beseech God to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His chosen ones and to make thee known by His name between the heavens and the earth.

Some lands are observed to be in turmoil. We beseech God to preserve you from the evil of the oppressors. Be engaged in the remembrance of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and delight, detached from all that is mentioned in creation. Verily He is with you and beholdeth you. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Blessed is he who hath ascended unto God. We have caused him to enter the pavilion of remembrance through the Tablet We sent aforetime, whereby his mention shall be established forever and his spirit unto the endless ages of ages. Say: All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03835: A remembrance from Us unto him who hath soared…

In the Name of God—the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the Most Wise.

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath soared, through this remembrance, in that atmosphere wherein the birds of Paradise take their flight, and wherein passeth the fragrance of the Robe from the Temple of God, the All-Prevailing, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Say: He hath no temple of flesh; rather, He Who speaketh hath made it the station of His own Self—wherefore all that is true of Him is true of it. Thus hath the matter been ordained by One Omnipotent, All-Powerful. Whoso saith, "Verily He is other than He," hath disbelieved in God; and whoso saith, "He is like unto Him," hath been of the idolaters. He is none other than Himself. Verily He is the Manifestation of God among His servants, and His dawning upon all who are in the heavens and on the earth. Say:

Know thou of a certainty that the Unseen can in no wise incarnate His Essence and reveal it unto men. He is, and hath ever been, immensely exalted beyond all that can either be recounted or perceived. From His retreat of glory His voice is ever proclaiming:

> "Verily, I am God; there is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. I have manifested Myself unto men, and have sent down Him Who is the Dayspring of the signs of My

Revelation. Through Him I have caused all creation to testify that there is none other God except Him, the Incomparable, the All-Informed, the All-Wise."

He Who is everlastingly hidden from the eyes of men can never be known except through His Manifestation, and His Manifestation can adduce no greater proof of the truth of His Mission than the proof of His own Person.

Whoso testifieth to that whereunto the All-Merciful hath testified in the highest Paradise is, assuredly, of them that confess that which the Lord of religions hath confessed, on this night whereon the dawn hath arisen from the horizon of utterance with wisdom and clear exposition. Verily He is the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

I have quickened the dead through the fragrances of Him Who revealeth the verses; yet the people of inner significances We behold as though they were of the dead. The stone hath spoken in remembrance of the Lord of Destiny; yet most of mankind are of the silent. Do thou make mention of the Lord of servants amongst men, that perchance they may be stirred by this binding, wondrous summons. Thus did I remember thee in the presence of the Throne, and this manifest Tablet was sent down unto thee.

BH03858: Upon thee be the glory of God, and His…

In the name of the Peerless Friend.

Upon thee be the glory of God, and His mercy, and His loving-kindness, and His grace. Praise be to God that thou hast been enabled to serve the Cause as befitteth it. This station hath been and shall ever remain, in the sight of God, greater than all else. Every atom beareth witness that thou art he that hath arisen to serve God and His Cause, and hasteneth to perform good deeds. Thy Lord is, verily, the Guardian of good deeds, both in the beginning and in the end.

The emigrants, after circumambulating the Ka'bih, have attained their intended homeland, and the affairs of this land, as was previously announced, have been and continue to be in utter turmoil and upheaval, and have not yet been settled. The Command is in God's hands—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. The letter Sin will present the details of all that hath transpired, and ye shall be informed thereof.

By thy life! Under all conditions We turn to God and make mention of Him in truth, in such wise that neither what hath occurred and will occur, nor what hath appeared and will appear, can hinder Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

All the petitions that were presented before Our presence have been answered and sent. A Tablet was revealed on the night of the Declaration and that too was sent specifically to thee. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions and to make thee a standard of guidance among His creatures, that thou mayest make mention of His Name amongst the worlds. Although this prayer hath already been answered—for thy mention in the divine worlds is now more renowned than among the people of earth—verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

A Tablet was also sent to be forwarded through Ismu'llah Mihdi. God willing, it will reach thee. Thou art he that is mentioned under all conditions before the Truth, the Rememberer, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

BH03943: This is what hath shone forth from the horizon…

This is what hath shone forth from the horizon of the utterance of the All-Merciful—exalted be His glory: O thou who gazest toward My direction, who hast turned thy face toward My countenance, and who calleth out My Name! Hearken unto the call from the horizon of tribulation: There is no God but Me, the Near One, the Wronged One.

Although We have commanded all servants at all times to be sanctified and detached, nevertheless thou beholdest them staining the holy garment with the dust of selfish desires and the sins of passion. By the Ancient Beauty and by the Most Great Name! If the loved ones had acted according to what they were commanded, thou wouldst now witness all peoples turning toward the Cause of the Cause of all causes.

This is a Day wherein the rock crieth out with the loudest voice, calling all creation to sanctification and detachment, for until hearts are pure and holy, they shall not truly attain the presence of the Beloved nor witness in what appeareth from Him the divine traces and heavenly attributes. Had humanity possessed true vision, the outward acts of the Truth amidst His enemies would have sufficed them all, and they would have beheld the Standard of Truth encompassing all.

The Name "the Concealer" hath become the cause of the people's being veiled from the Truth, to such an extent have the influences of this Name encompassed them that most of the people have deemed themselves learned and the Truth ignorant. How evil is that which they imagine and suppose!

Gird up the loins of service and be not neglectful in the Cause of God. Forbid the people from begging in the name of the Truth, and be occupied at all times with teaching the Cause. This is the foundation of the matter; after its realization, all affairs will proceed according to His good-pleasure. Verily thy Lord doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

BH03785: Praise be to God that through divine grace…

In the Name of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God that through divine grace and mercy thou hast arrived at the shore of the Most Great Sea and attained the presence of the Throne. Consider this a great bounty and reflect upon the power of God. Despite falling into the hands of several people with thy property and belongings—from whose grasp none had ever emerged unharmed—the hand of God's loving-kindness took hold of thee and delivered thee along with all thou hadst. Say: Exalted is the Ancient One, the Lord of great bounty and mighty power.

Thy services have been and are before Our gaze. If one hath drawn a single breath in the path of the Friend, it shall not be lost. Be confident in thy Lord's grace and strive that with complete detachment and spiritual qualities thou mayest be engaged in the mention of God.

For numbered years thou didst journey in God's path and chose to be a wanderer, repeatedly attaining the presence of His countenance. Though the fruits thereof may now be hidden from thy sight and from the people, God willing, the time shall come when thou shalt witness them. Then shalt thou say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!" The earthly world cannot manifest lofty stations. By My life! He who turneth unto Him shall behold himself in His Kingdom with manifest sovereignty.

At all times take refuge in the countenance of the All-Merciful, for this station cannot be seized or altered.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the hearts, O Beloved One, to make me in all conditions content with Thy good-pleasure, annihilated in Thy will, turned toward the direction of Thy grace, and detached from all else besides Thee. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH03880: Your letter hath been read before the Throne. We…

In the name of Him Who is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

Your letter hath been read before the Throne. We hearkened unto it with the ear of loving-kindness and have answered thee with this Tablet, from whose horizon shineth the light of the mercy of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and called upon Him in verses from which wafted the sweet savors of thy love for the Beloved of the worlds, Who hath been deprived of rest by reason of that which the hands of the transgressors have wrought. In the prison He calleth upon His Lord, detached from all who dwell on earth.

In thy letter thou didst seek the knowledge of thy Lord. By My life! It is My love, and We shall show it to be present with thee through the wondrous favors of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. This is the essence of knowledge, wert thou of them that comprehend. Behold the learned—when they believed not, the name of knowledge could not be applied to them. They are the ignorant ones in the estimation of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

As for what thou didst seek regarding the mystery of mysteries, We shall bestow upon thee that which is better for thee. Verily thy Lord is He Who judgeth as He pleaseth. Blessed art thou for having been enabled to make mention of God and His praise, and for thy letter which hath come into the presence of the Throne, adorned with this Name through which the heavens have been cleft asunder and the earth hath been split. We have ordained for thee in the Tablet a station—God shall soon assist thee to manifest His Cause. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty.

What behooveth thee is steadfastness in My love, for the stench of treachery shall soon spread throughout all regions. Thus doth He inform thee, with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book. Be thou steadfast through God's power and might, then make mention of Him amongst the servants. He is the Helper of whosoever seeketh Him and bestoweth upon him that which gladdeneth his heart. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

When thou attainest unto the Tablet, read it and place it upon thine eyes. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

BH03834: The Most Holy, The Most Inaccessible, The Most Mighty…

The Most Holy, The Most Inaccessible, The Most Mighty, The Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us unto him who hastened unto God but was then bewildered by the deeds of those who strayed from guidance in following their desires. Know thou that they are among the distracted ones. Know that God hath rendered the essence of desire as dust. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. We have indeed made plain the two paths. Blessed is he who walketh the path commanded in the Book of his Lord. He is assuredly among the triumphant. All paths have ended in this Path, and all lights in this resplendent Light.

O Ali! We answered thee before and made mention of thee in diverse Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Remember when thou wert in Baghdad beneath the gaze of thy Lord, the Lord of Names, and ponder what thou didst hear from His most wondrous and wonderful tongue. Fix in thy heart that which the Tongue of Grandeur and Majesty hath spoken, then make mention of it and be not of them that remain silent. Many successive years have passed and We received not from thee what We desired for thee. Therefore have We sent unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest arise to remember God and praise Him amidst His heedless servants. We have not forgotten thee. Verily thy Lord is possessed of great bounty. We desire thee to be among the faithful ones in such wise that nothing shall prevent thee from attaining this glorious station.

O Ali, although ages and centuries have passed and no mention was heard from you, yet the Friend hath been occupied with your remembrance, for He is among the faithful ones and hath loved faithfulness, and your name hath been mentioned before Him from among the most ancient names. God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful and the favors of the Sovereign of Creation, you shall remain steadfast upon the path of faithfulness in such wise that the veils and allusions of the people of intimations shall not prevent you from the Dawning-Place of verses. God willing, you shall hearken with the ear of acceptance unto the counsel of the Friend.

BH03841: The Most Mighty, Most Holy, Most Great. A remembrance…

The Most Mighty, Most Holy, Most Great. A remembrance for him who has turned to God and been illumined by the lights that have shone forth from the horizon of his Lord’s will, the Almighty, the Powerful, that the fragrances of verses might draw him to the station which the Manifestor of clear proofs has destined for him. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Arise to make mention of thy Lord among the people, detached from those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily those who are heedless this day shall soon find themselves in the depths of the fire. Thus has the command been issued from the Pen of the Unconstrained in a mighty tablet. Blessed is he who has been illumined by this Lamp through which the heavens and earths have been made to shine. Blessed is he who has been enlightened by this Light through which the worlds have been illumined.

Hold fast to the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of the Ancient of Days. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord or the words of the ungodly sadden thee. Turn not to the world and what is therein. Set thy gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon.

Say: O Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy most excellent names and the Source of Thy most exalted attributes, Who has been imprisoned in Thy path amidst the wicked, that Thou aid me to make mention of Thee and praise Thee, and assist me in serving Thee in such wise that neither the might of the transgressors nor the power of the evil ones shall hold me back. O my Lord! I am he who has turned to the door of Thy grace and set his face toward the throne of Thy grandeur. Ordain for me what is best, for I know not what profiteth me. Thou art verily the All-Knowing, the Powerful, the Most High, the Mighty, the Wise.

O my Lord! Deal with me according to Thy grace and bounty, then protect me from those who have denied Thy Manifestation and turned away from Thy Beauty. Make me then steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the winds that blow from the hearts of Thy heedless servants and the ungodly among Thy creatures shall not move me. Thou art verily the Protector over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH03827: The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted! A mention…

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted! A mention from Us to the Leaf who hath spoken upon the Tree of Knowledge even as the Dove hath warbled upon the branches. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto the lights of the Countenance and been moved by the breezes of thy Lord's will, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Beware lest the imaginings of those who have disbelieved in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, hold thee back. Take firm hold of the Tree, then remember thy Lord with this wise remembrance.

O Leaf! Praise be to God that through divine favors in these radiant days thou hast attained unto that which was intended. Be not grieved at the oppression of the enemies. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctification that whosoever in the days of the Lord of all creation hath drunk of the choice wine of knowledge regardeth all who are on earth as non-existent and absent—how much more so the weak souls whom following their own desires and passions hath deprived of turning unto the Lord of Names and Creator of all things, and whose verbal limitations and manifestations of self have veiled them from the Dayspring of the All-Merciful.

Observe how the people of the Qur'an have remained far from the Lord of all creation. There is no doubt that they have been held back from the Lord of the Day of Judgment by the words of those possessed of vain imaginings. Likewise have the people of the Bayan been veiled from the Lord of Names and Attributes by their own imaginings, although all are commanded in this Revelation to fix their gaze upon the Revelation itself, not upon what they possess, even though it be the books of the first and the last. And this bounty hath been specially revealed in this Manifestation; nevertheless through falsehood they have been debarred from the Lord of Causes.

Thou must stand firm in the Cause of God with such firmness as to be the cause of steadfastness in the weak ones. We beseech God to assist thee and strengthen thee in His remembrance and praise. Verily He is the Protector of those who remember and the Helper of those who remember.

BH03812: In the name of God, the Ever-Abiding, Who perisheth…

In the name of God, the Ever-Abiding, Who perisheth not! The Book hath been sent down from before God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily it is the Lamp of Eternity amidst the nations and the Sign of the All-Merciful unto all who dwell within the realm of possibility. They who have inhaled from it the fragrance of their Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted—these are the people of Baha in the presence of their Lord, the Originator of Creation. And they who have remained heedless—these are numbered with the dead before the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Say: O people! Answer your Lord, the All-Merciful, in these days wherein the Call hath been raised from all things, and the Spirit of Holiness proclaimeth between earth and heaven: "The sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained!" Thus hath the Command been sent down in this Tablet which God hath made the Dayspring of inspiration.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him whose name was mentioned before the Throne, that he may arise to aid the Cause and assist his Lord through utterance. Blessed is thy brother, who remained faithful to the Covenant until he ascended unto the Most Glorious Companion. The dwellers of Paradise shall pray for him throughout the duration of the kingdom and the dominion. Upon him rest the remembrance of God and His praise at all times.

Draw nigh unto his resting-place and stand before that station, saying: Upon thee, O tested servant, be the remembrance of God, the Knower of the hidden and the manifest, and the praise of all things and of those servants who circle round the Throne from time immemorial. I testify that thou didst cast away what was with the people and didst take what was sent unto thee from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Compelling. Thou art he who attained the presence of God before the Manifestation, and when the Call was raised thou didst respond, saying:

> "Here am I, O God of all who are in earth and heaven!"

Thou art among those who rent asunder the veils when the Bestower came in the shadows of the clouds. Blessed is he who visiteth thee after thy ascension and remembereth thee purely for the sake of thy Lord. He, verily, is among the righteous.

Thus have We commanded thee in truth. Act thou according to that which thou hast been commanded by the Lord of the Day of Reckoning.

BH03898: A gracious Book sent down from the presence…

He is the Most Mighty of the Mighty

A gracious Book sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise. Verily it is the Light of God amongst His servants and His remembrance to the worlds. Read ye the verses of God with natural

melodies. By My life, they will attract you to a glorious station. In each one of them hath been ordained that whereby the heart of the world would be attracted, but the people are in thick veils. Soon shall they awaken and hasten, but those who have believed today have outstripped them and attained the bounty of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

O thou who art mentioned! Hearken unto the Call from this quarter of the Frequented House, from this Unfurled Scroll: Verily there is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Say: O peoples of the worlds! Aid ye your Lord, the All-Merciful, in this Day which the hosts of tyranny have encompassed, they who have disbelieved in the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Those who have attained to recognition—these are the people of this glorious scene, and those who are prevented—they are among the people of error, even should they be among those who circle round.

Hold ye fast to the Greater Steadfastness—verily it hath a mighty station with your Lord, the Powerful, the Almighty. Blessed is the one strong enough to rend the veils asunder through the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and who hath arisen to aid this wondrous Cause. It behooveth every soul to abandon whatsoever he possesseth, turning unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath turned toward the Most Great Scene, detached from all created things.

Were the people to know the value of this Day, they would surely arise among the servants and cry out with this Cause from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of the Beauty of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Blessed is he who heareth at all times the call of the All-Merciful from this Station whereon the Ancient Beauty hath established Himself upon the throne of His Most Exalted Name.

Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then make mention of thy Lord in such wise as to attract the hearts of the heedless ones. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained to the love of his Ancient Lord.

BH03899: A Book from Us to him who hath desired…

He is the Ever-Abiding, without extinction

A Book from Us to him who hath desired his Lord, that He may make him to soar in this atmosphere and cause him to hear that which the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth in this exalted station. Arise to make mention of thy Lord. Say: O concourse of divines! Cast aside that which ye imagine. He Who is Known hath come with His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Beware lest ye perpetrate what your likes have perpetrated in the days of God, your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Cast your sciences behind you. Behold, the ocean of knowledge hath surged before your faces. Turn ye unto it with manifest humility. This is a Day wherein nothing shall profit a soul, though it bring forth all the knowledge of the ancients, save through its adherence to the cord of knowledge which hath appeared in truth from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise. Say: O people! How long will ye follow your desires? Cast them aside and take what hath been sent down from God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

Stand thou firm in the love of thy Lord, then summon the people with wisdom. Thus hath commanded thee the Lord of creation. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He willeth. Grieve not at the onslaught of the

people and their clamor, for thy Lord protecteth whom He willeth. He, verily, encompasseth all things. He protecteth whomsoever He desireth through His sovereignty, though such a one be in the mouth of the serpent. Thus did the All-Merciful reveal aforetime and in this wondrous Tablet.

When thou art moved by the movement of the Most Exalted Pen and art drawn by the call of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, turn with all thy being unto Him, detached from the worlds. Say: Thine be the glory, O Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven! I testify that Thou wast ever powerful and self-subsisting and wilt continue to be as Thou hast been from time immemorial. Nothing can prevent Thy self-subsistence. I beseech Thee by Thy Great Name to make me one who uttereth Thy remembrance and calleth out Thy Name and turneth in all conditions unto Thyself. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH03936: O people of the world! Your Lord, the Most…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted!

O people of the world! Your Lord, the Most Merciful, hath made manifest the fragrances of the garment of glory throughout all worlds, and the Word of God hath been upraised, and the Herald hath called out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!” They who have found and turned unto Him, these are the people of Baha, inscribed in a mighty Tablet. And they who have turned away, all things curse them; verily, they are the companions of the Fire.

Glad tidings unto him who hath on this day detached himself from all directions, turning toward God, the Revealer of verses. He is among God’s sincere servants—the denizens of Paradise and they who circle round God’s throne, the Almighty, the Most High, the Great, pray for him.

O loved ones of God! Take ye the chalices of victory in the name of your Lord, Who ruleth over all the worlds. Then drink therefrom with His remembrance and praise, despite those who turned away from the countenance of their Lord after they were created to turn toward the dawning-place of His luminous Cause.

How many a lofty one hath been abased, and how many a lowly one exalted through the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Impregnable! How many a learned one hath been reckoned as ignorant before the Throne, and how many an ignorant one confirmed with knowledge in the Tablet of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! He doeth what He willeth as He pleaseth, and ordaineth what He desireth.

Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of everlasting life in the days of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and attained unto the lights of faith when the Lord of all religions appeared with manifest sovereignty. Pay no heed to the people and their vain fancies and allusions. Leave these behind thee, holding fast to that which hath been revealed by Him Who speaketh between the heavens and the earth that there is none other God but Him, the Most High, the All-Knowing.

Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee. By My life! They are manifest signs that have appeared and shone forth from the horizon of the Will of thy Lord, yet the people are wrapped in thick veils. Rend

asunder the veils through His Name, the Bestower, then make mention of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. Thus doth this Wronged One command thee, the imprisoned, the exile, the lone and unique.

BH04087: The Most Great, the Most Glorious! This…

The Most Great, the Most Glorious! This is a Tablet which We have adorned with the ornament of the Pen moved by the fingers of the Lord of Eternity, and We have sent it to him who hath turned unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, that he may find therein that which will comfort his eyes and gladden his heart. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Loving.

This is a Day wherein the veils have been rent asunder and the idols have lamented, and trembling hath seized the dwellers of the cities of creation, except such as thy Lord, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, hath willed. Among the ungodly are those who have clung to the Evil One and turned away from the Kingdom of their Lord when He appeared with this Hidden Name. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and drunk the choice wine of life when the All-Bountiful came with manifest sovereignty.

Be thou steadfast in thy love for thy Lord, such that the veils of those who have disbelieved in the Lord of the Invisible and the Visible shall not keep thee back. The world hath been set ablaze by the fire of thy Lord's Word, yet the people are heedless thereof, except they are a people confounded—save those whom God, thy Lord, hath willed. These are indeed the people of Baha, recorded in a preserved Tablet.

Drink thou the Kawthar of life at all times, turning unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He, verily, ordaineth for whomsoever He pleaseth that which He desireth, but the people understand not. Give thanks unto God for having sent down unto thee that which causeth the sincere ones to soar.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which cheereth the eyes. My soul be a sacrifice for Thy tribulations, O Lord of Names and O Thou Who art imprisoned and estranged! The very essence of patience lamenteth at what hath befallen Thee, and its eyes weep for Thee, O Beloved! I beseech Thee, O my God, by the Manifestation of Thyself and the Dayspring of Thy signs, to record me among those who have attained unto Thy days and answered Thy call. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

BH04082: In the Name of God, the Most Holy…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! This is a Book from Us to him whose letter hath reached Our presence—around which circle the denizens of the Supreme Paradise and then the spirits of the chosen ones. We have taken note of its contents, for verily He is the All-Knowing Witness. We have caused to flow for him in this Tablet the Salsabil of life, that he may drink in the name of his Lord and be numbered among those who are firmly grounded.

There is no matter but it hath been made manifest from this perspicuous Book, and no evidence but it hath shone forth from the horizon of grace; yet most men remain heedless. The proof hath circled round the All-Merciful, and the evidence hath submitted to His wondrous and glorious manifestation.

Be thou severed in thy love for thy Lord from all else, then speak forth His remembrance in every morn and eventide. Take heed lest the affairs of the world sadden thee, or the hints of the doubtful ones prevent thee from the Most Great Ocean. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through God's might and power. Thus doth command thee He Who was afflicted at the hands of the oppressors.

Know thou, moreover, that We love to see all thy pursuits unified into a single pursuit, and all thy deeds and purposes transformed into a single remembrance—the remembrance of this wondrous Remembrance—that We may behold thee extinct to thy will and abiding by the will of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Powerful. This is what thy Lord, the Unconstrained, hath chosen for thee. Verily, He mentioneth unto whomsoever He pleaseth whatsoever He willeth. He, verily, encompasseth all things.

It behooveth thee this day to behold Me with Mine eye and arise to serve Me. Thus hath it been decreed in the Book by One Who is Mighty, All-Praised. Whoso attaineth unto that which hath been mentioned shall be assisted by God in all conditions, and He shall ordain for him whatsoever He willeth out of His all-embracing grace. Thus have We adorned thy temple with the ornament of utterance and sent unto thee that through which the fragrance of the Garment hath been wafted among the worlds.

BH04095: The Most Holy, Most Glorious, Most Splendid! O My…

The Most Holy, Most Glorious, Most Splendid! O My loved ones! Wisdom must precede utterance—thus hath it been revealed in the Tablets of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who heareth and followeth his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Show mercy, insofar as ye are able, to the weak ones among you and to your poor. This behooveth all who have turned unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

Should ye be seized with abasement for My Name's sake, be not saddened; God shall soon turn it into glory for you. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Unconstrained. Should tribulations overtake you in My path, be not troubled. Consider what hath befallen My Beauty after I desired life for all who are in earth and heaven. Can afflictions grieve you after God hath made them a crown for the head of Baha? Know ye the worth of that which befalleth you in My love—naught in all creation can equal it.

O thou who art mentioned by the Pen of Revelation! Arise to serve the Cause in such wise that nothing whatsoever shall deter thee from God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Make mention of Him amongst His servants. This hath been prescribed for every soul in this Revelation, from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of remembrance. How many are the servants who follow their desires while imagining themselves to be among the people of certitude. Thy Lord verily accepteth not what they imagine. The destiny of all things hath been ordained by God's testimony, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: Be ye steadfast in the Cause, then subdue the lands through My Name. Remind the servants of what We have revealed unto thee, that they may detach themselves from idle fancies and turn unto God, the Lord of mankind. Give thanks unto God for having revealed unto thee these verses, from which the near ones inhale the fragrance of the mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

BH04097: In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous…

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious! O Hadi! Blessed art thou for having been guided by the guidance of God, the Lord of the mighty throne. The signs of the people of the veils did not prevent thee from this straight and manifest path. We hear the call that was raised in this wise Remembrance and We behold him who hath turned to the Countenance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Leave those who speak according to their desires and hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Thy mention hath been recorded in the Tablet by the Pen of thy Lord's command, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Say: O people! Dispute not in God's Cause. This is verily the Exalted One in the kingdom of the Most High, and the Noble One in the dominion of the Most Glorious, and the Light in the horizon of manifestation, and He is verily the Self-Subsisting, the Guardian over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Say: We are engaged in a momentous Cause. It behooveth you to aid your Lord, the All-Merciful. Beware lest ye utter that which would cause the standards of discord to be raised throughout the lands. This is what ye have been commanded in the Tablets from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise.

Say: If ye will not aid Him, at least dispute not about His Cause. Have mercy upon yourselves and upon him who, while in the jaws of wolves, calleth the people unto the Mighty, the Bestower. Doth doubt befit this Lord? Nay, by the Lord of the worlds!

Say: O people, unite in this Cause, for through your unity the hosts of the idolaters shall be scattered. We have set forth all things in detail in the Tablets, that each soul may know his station and be numbered with them that comprehend.

Thus have We imparted unto thee and taught thee, that thou mayest inform those who have been heedless of that which thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised, hath willed. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned to the Countenance when it appeared from this luminous horizon.

BH04044: The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great, Most Ancient!…

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great, Most Ancient! All things have turned towards God, the Cleaver of the heavens, yet most of the people are far removed. The vain desires of those whom they have taken as lords beside God have prevented them—verily, they are among the perishing ones. The Tongue of Grandeur calls them, yet they have cast it behind their backs and turned to every ignorant remote one.

Say: Ye were created for this Call. By God! Were ye to turn with illumined hearts to God, the Lord of Names, there would flow from your hearts the river of wisdom and utterance in this perspicuous News. Say: Is there any doubt about it, or about that which ye possess? Be fair, and be not of the wrongdoers.

Every proof hath bowed down before My Cause, and every evidence hath yielded to this manifest and mighty proof. Fear God, and deprive not yourselves of that for which ye were created. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen counsel you, as a favor from Him, if ye be of them that comprehend.

Nothing can profit Him nor can any matter harm Him. God hath rendered Him sanctified from all that ye possess. Every discerning one who knoweth beareth witness to this. Beware lest ye follow them who have disbelieved in God and His signs, and turned away from Him unto Whom the Concourse on High, then the Prophets and Messengers have turned.

Set your faces toward the Most Remote Prison—verily it is the Sadratul-Muntaha, if ye be of the assured ones. Thus have We imparted unto you the word of truth: whoso turneth toward it, he is of the people of Baha, and whoso turneth away, he is of the companions of the Fire. Blessed is the eye that hath turned to this quarter, and the face that hath turned toward the Face, and the heart that hath turned to God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Thus doth God single out whom He willeth of His servants and reveal unto whomsoever He desireth that whereby His mention shall be established in creation. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH03997: O Rafi', may you ever dwell, God willing, beneath…

In His Name, the Protector over all things!

O Rafi', may you ever dwell, God willing, beneath the shadow of divine grace, content and at rest. Blessed art thou for having migrated unto God and returned by His command. Thy obedience to God's command has not been and will never be forgotten from His sight, and has been recorded by the Pen of His Cause in the divine Books. Well is it with thee for having attained this supreme triumph.

Remember all the chosen ones with the remembrance of the Chosen One, convey to all the greetings of the Wronged One, and counsel all to manifest spiritual qualities and praiseworthy attributes acceptable before the Wronged One, that they may arise to perform deeds that please Him and cause people to turn towards the Friend.

Trustworthiness and truthfulness are two garments adorned with the ornament of honor and acceptance. God willing, all must appear with perfect trustworthiness and speak with truthfulness, arising to serve God through their deeds. The manifestation of these qualities has been and ever shall be the cause of the exaltation of God's Word, while their absence is the cause of the veiling of humanity, as is evident.

Should anyone manifest any unacceptable deed, people attribute it to the root of the Tree. God protect us and you from this.

The world has had and shall have no worth. The purpose is that the divine attributes should be manifested through each of God's loved ones among humanity, that all may be drawn by that brilliant lamp to the Dawning-Place of Revelation and turn towards it.

Be thou engaged in the remembrance of God with the utmost joy and delight, for His grace has been and shall ever be with thee. Give thanks for this wondrous remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all the worlds!

BH04031: In the Name of Him Who hath power over…

In the Name of Him Who hath power over what was and what will be! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses unto people who perceive. These verses are indeed the decisive Word between the servants. Blessed are the people who understand. Say: The Balance moveth, would ye but recognize it, and the Path speaketh, would ye but hear it. Say: This is He at Whose presence the mighty ones were shaken and the verses trembled, would ye but know it. This is He Who cannot be compared with anyone, would ye but ponder it. Say: This is He Who hath not read what ye possess, nor was He among those who are taught. Say: With Him is the knowledge of all things—to this testifieth what hath appeared from Him—yet most people do not understand.

O ʿAli-Akbar! Thy letter which thou didst send through the servant who is present before the Throne hath come before the Countenance, and We have become acquainted with its contents. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Hold fast to the cord of wisdom in all matters. This is God's decree in most of the Tablets, yet most people remain veiled therefrom. Say: O people! Transgress not beyond it, nor commit that which would kindle the fire of hatred. Thus hath the matter been decreed by God, the Lord of Names, if ye be of them that know. Grieve not over anything, but stand firm in the Cause. Thy Lord is the Best of Protectors. Illumine faces with the lights of thy Lord's remembrance, and hearts with His Name, the One with power over the worlds.

O ʿAli! We make mention of thee most often and We see thy condition. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is God's favor unto thee, with which nothing on earth can compare. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Almighty, the Powerful. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee among them who have turned unto God, the Mighty, the Great.

BH03982: O Javad! The Lord of Creation calleth thee…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Javad! The Lord of Creation calleth thee from the direction of His Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise. They who have hearkened unto the Call and turned towards it are numbered among the guided ones. This is a Day wherein that which was hidden in all things is made manifest. Verily thy Lord is the Uncoverer, the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

I counsel you, O My loved ones, to manifest the most great steadfastness. Remember when the Messenger said that it had turned his hair white. Thus doth the Faithful Counselor remind you. How many are the wolves who appear in the garment of men! Know ye them, and follow not every wicked impostor. He who remaineth steadfast in the Cause is assuredly of the people of Baha in a mighty tablet. Verily the

Cause is mighty, mighty, and the soul is commanding, commanding. We beseech God to protect all from its flame. Verily He hath power over all things.

Behold, then remember when the Primal Point and those with Him were cast into prison. A numbered few among those who had believed openly denied Him, save those who arose from the horizon of steadfastness and were martyred with their Lord—upon them be My splendor and the splendor of those in the heavens and earth. None among them remained faithful to the Covenant save one. Thus was it with the Beloved of the worlds.

Say: O my God! Having called me unto Thee and caused me to enter the pavilion of Thy Cause, deprive me not, through Thy bounty, then preserve me from the schemes of every schemer and the devices of every deceiver and the call of every lying pretender. Moreover, ordain for me the good of this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Convey my greetings to the face of her who hath turned towards God, and to every man and woman who hath turned towards Him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

BH04053: Unto Thee be praise, O Lord my God! I…

In His name, the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Mighty

Unto Thee be praise, O Lord my God! I testify that Thou art God, and that there is none other God besides Thee. Thou hast from eternity been immeasurably exalted above the praise of any one except Thee, and far above the description of any of Thy creatures. All created things have borne witness to Thy unity, and every dweller in Thy kingdom hath confessed Thy oneness. The essence of the apprehension of the assured among Thy creatures can never attain unto Thee, and the gem-like utterances with which Thy people have praised and glorified Thee can never hope to ascend unto the atmosphere of Thy holiness. For men's apprehension of Thee is but the apprehension of Thine own creation; how can it reach up to Thee? And all human praise and glorification of Thee pertain unto Thy servants; how can they be deemed worthy of the court of Thy oneness?

I swear by Thy glory! The quintessence of knowledge is powerless to comprehend Thy nature, and the inmost reality of every praise of Thee falleth short of the seat of Thy great glory and of Thine all-compelling power. Every utterance that seeketh to describe Thee, and every knowledge that attempteth to comprehend Thee, is but an expression of Thine own creating, and is begotten by Thy will, and fashioned in conformity with Thy purpose.

I implore Thee, O Thou Who art inscrutable to all except Thee, and can be comprehended through naught else save Thyself, by the wrongs which He Who is the Day-Spring of Thy Cause hath suffered at the hands of the ignoble among Thy creatures, and by what hath befallen Him in Thy path, to grant that I may, at all times, be wholly dissolved in Thee, and fix my gaze upon the horizon of Thy will and be steadfast in Thy love.

I have, O my Lord, turned unto Thee according to what Thou hast commanded me in Thy Book, and have set my face towards the horizon of Thy loving-kindness even as Thou hast permitted me in Thy Tablets.

Cast me not out of the door of Thy grace, I beseech Thee, and write down for me the recompense destined for him who hath entered Thy presence, and hath risen to serve Thee, and hath been carried away by the drops sprinkled upon him from the Ocean of Thy favors in Thy days, and by the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy gifts that have been shed upon him at the revelation of the light of Thy countenance.

Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. No God is there save Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

That which thou didst send hath been presented before the Countenance; We accepted it through a grace from Our presence bestowed upon thee. Verily He is the Protector of the doers of good.

BH04079: A Book from Us to him who hath attained…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

A Book from Us to him who hath attained unto the lights of the All-Merciful after he was denied by every heedless doubter. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne, and there hath been sent down for thee that which causeth minds and spirits to take flight. Verily, He remembereth in the prison him who hath turned unto Him. His grace hath encompassed all regions.

How many a wise one hath failed to attain the presence of his Lord, and how many a youth, upon hearing the call, hath exclaimed: “Here am I, O Lord of Lords!” Blessed is the face that hath turned unto the Countenance, and the heart that hath been illumined from the Dayspring of inspiration.

They who have taken as friends others besides God—these have been prevented by following vain imaginings. They worship idols while supposing themselves to be among the choicest of creation in the sight of the sublime Truth. Say: God knoweth what is hidden in the breasts. With Him is the knowledge of all things in the Book.

Give thanks unto God for having attained unto this Choice Wine, whose seal We have loosened with the finger of power and might, and for having been honored in His days, and for having had the Pen of Revelation from the Lord of all mankind move upon thy mention.

Say: O my God! Aid me in that which Thou lovest, then ordain for me that which shall make me ever-gazing toward Thee, speaking Thy Name, and proclaiming Thy Cause amidst all creation. I am he who hath turned unto Thee and placed his trust in Thee. Make me, then, to be of those who have entered the pavilion of Thy glory, who are steadfast in Thy Cause, and who stand firm in that which Thou hast commanded them in Thy Tablets. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

The Glory be upon thee, and upon thy father and mother, and upon all who are with you, whether male or female. And praise be to God, the Lord of all beings.

BH03998: O Ali! May you be assisted through God's grace…

O Ali! May you be assisted through God's grace in reforming the affairs of those who, when they hear, respond. You must make every effort to protect Nabil Qabl-i-Ali and safely deliver him and what he possesses to a secure location by God's grace. This is a service specifically entrusted to you—you must carry it out with the utmost joy and fragrance. Your reward and his are with God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Convey my greetings to him and say: We bear witness that you have fulfilled what was incumbent upon you, drawn near to the station, and attained the presence of your Lord, the Master of all. Be grateful and among those who remember.

Convey profound greetings to all the friends, especially to Ahmad, upon him be the glory of God, the One, the Single. O ʿAli! This is the second time you have attained the presence. May God bring about another matter. He is the Protector of the doers of good. The Persian Tablet that was revealed specifically for the friends in the Land of Qaf—it would be good if copies reach the Land of Ta and other regions. We beseech the Most High to assist you in serving Him and spreading His Cause, and to manifest through you that which will bring peace to the hearts of the sincere ones.

Meet with Husayn in the Land of Ta and convey greetings from the True One. Say to him: What you did with the concealed matter is good, but better is what We commanded you at first. Whatever you do with it, watch it in the fire lest it become too intense, and work with it to the extent that it draws away the coldness preventing it. We instruct you to reflect on what We sent you so you may understand all of it and the subtleties revealed therein. And the Glory be upon you.

BH04064: A Book from Us to him who was present…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted

A Book from Us to him who was present before the Throne and was among the successful ones, and heard the call of his Lord, the Most Merciful, when He was established upon the throne of His Great Name. Blessed art thou, O servant, for having emigrated in the path of God and for having drunk the choice wine of revelation from this Great Sea. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions, to make thee a servant unto His Self, steadfast in His love, and firm in His Cause which hath encompassed the worlds.

O servant who gazeth upon the Countenance! Praise be to the Self-Subsisting Lord Who, through His all-encompassing power and mighty sovereignty, caused you in these days—when sedition hath encompassed all and the fire of hatred hath been kindled—to arrive in your city and granted you dwelling near the sanctuary of holiness and sanctity. Be thou thankful and among those who praise. His power hath been and shall ever be all-encompassing, and His sovereignty hath been and shall ever be all-pervading. None can prevent that which He willeth. He hath ever manifested whatsoever He hath desired and shall continue to manifest whatsoever He willeth. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As to what thou didst request regarding the name, We have named thee before the Throne ʿAbdu'l-Baha. This is from Our favor unto thee, that thou mayest be among those who remember. God willing, thou

shouldst return to thy homeland in the utmost joy and fragrance, in such wise that all may witness in thee the morals and conduct of the All-Merciful. Convey greetings from the True One to his honor H and the other loved ones of God. Upon him and upon them be the glory of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH04105: O thou who journeyest in the lands in My…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O thou who journeyest in the lands in My name and hast migrated for love of Me! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My grandeur and power, which hath been raised from the Divine Lote-Tree upon the spot of My utterance: Verily, there is no God but Me, the Imprisoned, the Stranger, the Unique One. Let not separation and remoteness grieve thee. Thou hast indeed fulfilled the Covenant, and We have recorded thee among the faithful ones. Blessed is this remoteness, to which We have testified nearness. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. All things depend upon God's testimony. We have testified for thee on this day that thou mayest be of them that rejoice.

Shouldst thou taste the sweetness of thy Lord's utterance, thou wouldst abandon creation behind thee and say:

> "O my God, the Most High! Praise be unto Thee in all conditions. Thou art, verily, praised in what Thou doest and obeyed in what Thou willest."

I beseech Thee, O King of eternity and Lord of all nations, to ordain for me that which is best for me in this world and the next. Then make me content with Thy good-pleasure, effaced in Thy will, steadfast in Thy love, holding fast to the cord of Thy favors and clinging to the hem of Thy bounties. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

We have been with thee in thy joy and thy sorrow, and are aware of what hath befallen thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Soon will all that thou seest today perish, but that which hath been ordained for thee in a mighty Tablet shall endure. Blessed is he who hath migrated in the path of God, and woe unto him who hath prevented people from attaining the presence of the Countenance and hath become a hindering veil between them and their Ancient Lord. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me while I was in the hands of the oppressors.

BH04048: Every least pebble hath testified unto God, the Lord…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

Every least pebble hath testified unto God, the Lord of Names and Attributes, yet the people of allusions have deprived themselves of the fragrances of the days of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. The trees cry out "The Chosen One hath come!" yet the wicked are in manifest loss. When it is said to them "The Promised One hath appeared," they say "Where is the proof?" after it hath encompassed the worlds. Say: Die in your wrath! The All-Giving hath come, riding upon the clouds, and the sincere behold and say "I

believe in Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of the worlds!" Blessed is he who hath turned to his Lord and detached himself from all else. Woe unto the transgressors!

O Muhammad-Qabli-Hasan! Give thanks unto God, thy Lord, for having caused thy name to flow from the Pen of Revelation—this is indeed a manifest bounty. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee and be mindful of His Cause among the servants, that perchance they who slumber may arise and turn with their hearts toward this noble Scene. Let nothing in thy Lord's days grieve thee. Trust in Him in all matters—verily He is with His trusting servants. When thou hast quaffed the wine of life and attained unto thy Lord's verses, arise amidst the concourse of creation saying:

> "This is He Who was mentioned in God's ancient scriptures, and this is He Who was promised to you in the Tablets, if ye be of those who know!"

If thou wishest to mention thy Lord, mention Him with wisdom lest a sedition arise causing the feet of the weak to slip. Protect the Cause from all directions lest the fire of hatred be kindled in the breasts of the deluded ones. Through wisdom have We revealed the Cause and through it have We commanded you in all the Tablets. Hold fast unto it from One mighty and all-knowing. Say: O my Lord! Praise be unto Thee for having made Thyself known to me and given me to drink from the cup of Thy bounty. I testify that Thou art the Bestower, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH04066: The Most Evident Book hath been sent down…

The Most Evident Book hath been sent down in truth from the heaven of grace unto a people who understand. There is no God but Him. By Him the horizons were illumined and His hidden Name appeared—a joy to the people of delight who have taken the cup of detachment in the name of the Creator of new creation and drunk therefrom that which quickeneth hearts. Blessed is he who hath adorned himself in the worlds of possibility with the ornament of love for his Lord, the All-Merciful, and hath turned with his heart to the Intended One.

Say: O people, leave those who have denied God, then turn with your hearts toward the court of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Hath the world prevented you from your Lord, the Lord of Names, or vain desire? Be fair, O people, and be not of those who deny.

How many a great one hath been kept back from the heavenly wine, and how many a lowly one hath drunk thereof and said: "Praise be to Thee, O God of the seen and unseen!" Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and made mention of his Lord amongst the servants. He is indeed of those who have attained to the light of faith in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and who circled round the Throne at eventide and at dawn.

Grieve not at remoteness, for He is with whomsoever desireth Him. He is verily the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

O servants of the All-Merciful! Remember God with remembrance and utterance. He aideth him who aideth Him. He, verily, is powerful over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Aid ye your Lord in His days and turn not unto those who deny.

Say: Nothing of all that hath been created in the heavens and on earth will profit you today, did ye but know, except through believing in God and casting behind you what ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Thus doth God counsel you through His grace, did ye but know.

BH04068: Thy letter was presented before the Divine Throne…

In the name of the One True Friend

Thy letter was presented before the Divine Throne and God hath regarded it. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament. Grieve not—with Us are the rewards of the sincere. Great, great is the Cause and great, great is this Day! How excellent is the state of those souls who in this day manifest complete sincerity, such that every possessor of spiritual sense can detect from them the fragrance of the sanctified Garment of the All-Merciful. These are the gems of existence—upon them be My blessings and My mercy.

O Hasan! I complain unto thee of those who claim adherence to My Cause yet commit that which causeth My heart to lament. My grief is not from My imprisonment, nor from what hath befallen Me at the hands of the followers of religions, but rather from My loved ones who follow their desires while imagining they are guided aright. Some have mixed the divine fragrances with their carnal desires and have erased the divine counsels from their hearts.

I swear by the Most Great Name that if the loved ones of God had moved according to God's will, thou wouldst now witness most of mankind turning toward God. The favors of God and His concealment have been such that most of the servants assume God is like themselves, imagining their deeds are hidden from Him—vain indeed are their imaginings! But be not grieved—ere long the banners of His Cause shall be raised in most lands and that which God hath willed shall become manifest and evident. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Rejoice in what hath been revealed unto thee from the Pen of Revelation in this mighty Prison. And the Glory be upon thee and upon thy son and daughter and those with thee. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH04081: This is a Tablet from Us to the one…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a Tablet from Us to the one who emigrated until he attained the presence of the Throne and won the meeting with his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise—O Joseph who has attained the Most Holy, Most Glorious Presence. He heard God's call with his own ear and witnessed the manifestations of the All-Merciful with his own eye, when he stood before the Countenance with evident humility. Blessed art thou, O Joseph, for having found the fragrance of thy Lord's garment, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Thou art the one who entered the Most Great Scene by God's leave, the Possessor of Destiny, and departed from it by His command, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

We bear witness that thou didst endure hardships to attain thy Lord's presence and didst turn toward the Countenance when most of the servants were prevented from it through what the hands of the

oppressors had wrought. God will soon reveal the recompense of thy deed if thou preservest it through piety. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Be a sign of sanctification among My servants—thus hast thou been commanded by One mighty and powerful. Convey My glorification to My loved ones in every city who have drawn nigh unto the Noble Scene. Say: O My loved ones, be united in the Cause. Beware lest ye believe those who claim what God hath not permitted them. By My life, with this Revelation every wise matter hath been concluded. Those who follow every crier are among the heedless.

Illumine faces with thy Lord's praise, then hearts with My mighty remembrance. Blessed is he who hath cast away what he hath and taken what he hath been commanded by One wise and knowing. Those who follow their passions are immersed in doubts—they are indeed among the veiled ones. Be steadfast in the love of thy Lord, then give the people glad tidings of this resplendent, manifest, shining Light.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy sight and hearing, for what thou hast seen and heard in this Station round which circle the angels of the near ones. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH03986: O Supreme Pen! Give unto the people…

O Supreme Pen! Give unto the people of the Bayan to drink from the living waters of divine explanation. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath spoken the truth between the heavens and the earth. Close not the gates of divine knowledge to those who dwell in the realm of contingent being. Be thou ever speaking in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus hast thou been commanded by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Thy remembrance is healing for all ills and a flowing stream for those seized by the heat of temptation, and a mercy unto all the worlds. Adorn hearts with remembrance of the Beloved and bodies with praise of thy Lord, the Sovereign of all creation. Beware lest the conditions of creation hold thee back from remembrance of the Truth or the cawing of those around thee who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, make thee sorrowful.

And remember when one said unto another: "Hast thou seen the Kingdom?" Say: It hath been adorned with the ornament of the name of my Lord, the Most Glorious, whilst thou, O blind one, wert behind a thick veil.

O Finger of Power! Take hold of the reins of the Pen lest it move according to what hath befallen the Ancient Beauty from those who followed their desires after We had shone upon them with Our most beautiful names and revealed unto them that which all on earth were powerless to comprehend. Verily thy Lord is the All-Known, the All-Informed.

If thou findest no helper for thyself, let thy Lord suffice thee. Thus did We command thee before and in this glorious Tablet. Speak not except in remembrance of Me and turn not except unto My shining and luminous countenance. If thou desirest to stroll in the kingdom, enter the paradise of My loving-kindness, and if thou desirest to find solace in anyone, find it in My Self, which hath power over all in the heavens

and earths. If thou desirest to hear melody, hearken unto the melodies of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made me a herald from Thy presence unto all the worlds.

BH04070: Your brief letter and what was sent from you…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the Most Powerful

Your brief letter and what was sent from you has arrived. Praise be to God that outwardly I learned of your good health. However, "We would not exchange meeting you for anything else." Would that you were present and saw and heard and knew, and we saw and heard and found. If only the preventing circumstances by divine decree were removed and meeting became possible. We are content with God's good pleasure in all He has ordained.

Your pilgrimage is accepted, but your effort is not appreciated, for in such days as these, beholding the oppressed and wandering ones has incalculable reward and is in truth the robe of deeds and the crown of actions. Since this matter did not come to pass, half your deeds remain suspended. We hope that through God's infinite bounties, without any indication, you will become detached from all created things and in all conditions remain focused on the Truth. What remains for you—by your Lord, the Lord of Names—if you would hear from Me: Take in this morning the cup of success in the name of your Lord, the Cleaver of Dawn and Sender of Winds, then drink from it and be detached from the worlds.

We beseech God to protect you from the evil of every oppressor, the deceit of every deceiver, and the craftiness of every crafty one. He is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty. A matter that was very serious was the meeting, and that, due to the exigencies of the time and people's lack of capacity, remained delayed and postponed. We beseech God to ordain what is best for us. Convey greetings to all in the household, and peace be upon you.

BH04075: In the Name of the Patient, the All-Forgiving…

In the Name of the Patient, the All-Forgiving, the Mighty, the Generous! This is an epistle from Baha to one of His handmaidens who was saddened by the calamities that befell her in this world, that joy might possess her after sorrow.

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison, and know that the tribulations were all created for My Self. Thus was it ordained in the heaven of My decree and the kingdom of My determination. Thy Lord is, verily, powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Were I to recount unto thee that which hath befallen Me in the path of God, the Lord of all names, thou wouldst lament throughout thy days and weep for the Wronged One at eventide and at dawn.

We were created for the Cause of God and His service. He hath ordained for Us naught save that which is better than whatsoever hath been created in earth and heaven. Verily, he who hath ascended is in the Most Exalted Horizon, thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, doth testify to this.

He is the Helper of him who hath no helper, and the Companion of him who hath no companion. He is, verily, the Lord of all mankind. If thou seekest a helper, here am I, thy helper, and if thou desirest a companion, here am I, thy companion.

Rejoice thou in this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone forth the sun of favors. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance when most men have turned away therefrom. Grieve thou not save in My grief, and rejoice not save in My joy. This is better for thee than all the treasures of creation.

Trust thou in God under all conditions. He is, verily, with thee at all times. By My life! Thy Lord sufficeth thee, and he who hath ascended is in joy and fragrance. Verily, he who hath quaffed the choice wine of his Lord's love, death shall not overtake him. Blessed are they who are endued with insight.

Thus have We sent down from the heaven of bounty that which shall gladden thy heart. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Magnify thou My Name amongst those who are round about thee, from the Revealer of verses.

BH04078: In the Name of Him Who was before contingent…

In the Name of Him Who was before contingent things! This is an epistle from Us to him who hath believed in God on a day wherein the Herald hath called out from the precincts of the Kingdom: "Behold Me, O ye who are endued with insight! The lights of the Countenance have shone forth from the horizon of the Command and have illumined all regions. Every atom proclaimeth: 'The Self-Subsisting is come, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, the Unconstrained.'

The Kingdom hath been adorned with My Name, and the Realm of Might with My remembrance. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils. Rend ye asunder the veils of idle fancies with the fingers of certitude, then shatter the idols of vain imaginings through the power of My Name, the All-Compelling over all creation. This is a Day wherein the heaven hath been rolled up and the mountains have been scattered. Blessed is the soul that hath attained, and the heart that hath turned unto the Qiblih of all horizons.

O thou who hast turned! Hearken unto the call from the Divine Lote-Tree: 'Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Powerful, the Almighty, the All-Compelling.' Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then make mention of thy Lord amongst the servants. Say: Vain imaginings have been effaced and the light of certitude hath shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Will with sovereignty and power. Blessed is the thirsty one who hath turned unto the Most Great Ocean, and the seeker who hath set his face toward the Salsabil of divine knowledge.

Beware lest the world prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Glorious. Draw nigh unto God through the power of remembrance, for this is My remembrance—thus hath the matter been ordained in the Scriptures and Tablets. Those who have turned away, these wander in the wilderness of vain hopes. Can one who is laden with hopes ever attain unto God, the Lord of the end? Nay, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most Exalted!

Say: O my Lord! I have cast away what was with me, seeking Thy countenance. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance in all conditions. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful. And praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of earth and heaven.

BH04276: A Book have We sent down in truth…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

A Book have We sent down in truth, and have dispatched it unto him who hath been guided by the face of guidance and hath been of them that turned toward Us, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lordâ€“He Whom sorrows have encompassed on the part of all created things, and Who hath been in the hands of the unjust. Verily, they that make mention of My tribulations and of that which hath befallen My Person are of those whose names are recorded in a guarded Tablet; but they that have cast the remembrance of God behind their backs and busied themselves with the remembrance of their own selves and with what they possessâ€”these are of the heedless. Ere long shall they behold themselves in the nethermost depths of hell.

Say: O people! rend asunder the veils of glory, that ye may behold the Dayspring of beauty which hath shone forth from this manifest horizon. Let not vain allusions withhold you from Him Who revealeth the verses, nor symbols keep you back from this Most Great Announcement. Turn ye, with radiant hearts, unto the Crimson Tree, which at all times proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous. Say: The Generous One calleth you unto that which befitteth this Name, yet ye are of them that slumber. Arise from the couches of idle desire, and turn your faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon. This is better for you, could ye but judge with fairness.

Will what ye possess avail you? Nay, by the life of the Beloved! Will what ye have come to know suffice you? Nay, by this Name that ruleth over all worlds! Thus hath the Tongue of Truth spoken from the presence of One Omnipotent, All-Powerful. Seize ye the grace of God and His mercy. Verily He hath appeared with a bounty the like of which no discerning eye of any true knower hath ever beheld.

Do thou, then, give thanks unto thy Lord, in that the face of the Wronged One hath been turned toward thee from this far-off station. Then read what hath been sent unto thee amid the loftiness of the sincere, and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04210: O Mulla ʻAbdu'l-Husayn, the Most Ancient and Most Great!…

O Mulla ʻAbdu'l-Husayn, the Most Ancient and Most Great! A mention from Us to one who hath remembered his Lord, that the call of his Lord may attract him to a station ordained in the Tablets. The Face hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, and the Nightingale of Eternity hath warbled in the Kingdom of Creation, and the Lamp hath been lit. All things have spoken in praise of thy Lord, while they that are heedless are numbered among the dead. This is a Day wherein the Path hath been laid, and the Balance set up, and the Command belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Know thou then that thy letter hath come before the Face, and there hath been revealed for thee that which hath illumined the horizons. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken in remembrance of the All-Merciful, and the heart that hath turned, and the face that hath directed itself toward the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Arise to serve God and remember Him with such steadfastness as shall make feet to stand firm.

Say: Gather ye together around the Law which We have ordained in truth, that the backs of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment, may be broken. Seize ye these days and then gather together around that which God, the Lord of all mankind, hath willed.

O servant! Do thou aid thy Lord through utterance in such wise that the fragrance of the Garment may be wafted among all contingent beings. God willing, mayest thou ever speak in praise of the Truth and strive for the unity of hearts. It is most evident that discord causeth separation, while unity and harmony give rise to the manifestation of power and might.

Gird up thy loins to serve, and guide the people to the Most Great Name, detached from all else. This is the binding decree that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Pen of the Ancient of Days. Hold fast unto it, detached from the worlds. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH04168: O handmaid of God! Steadfastness in the Cause…

In the Name of God, the Peerless

O handmaid of God! Steadfastness in the Cause is mentioned in the Tablets and set forth by the Pen of the Ancient of Days. Render thanks to the Beloved of the world that thou hast set thy heart on Him and art uttering His praise. Many a man hath in this day been deprived of making mention of the All-Sufficing Lord and of recognizing His truth; and many a woman hath fixed her gaze upon the Horizon of the Most High, and hath adorned herself with the garb of the love of the Desire of the world. This is God's grace which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He pleaseth.

By the Day-Star of ancient mysteries! The sweet-scented fragrance of every breath breathed in the love of God is wafted in the court of the presence of the Lord of Revelation. The reward of no good deed is or ever will be lost. Blessed art thou, doubly blessed art thou! Thou art reckoned amongst those handmaidens whose love for their kin hath not prevented them from attaining the shores of the Sea of Grace and Mercy. God willing, thou shalt rest eternally neath the shade of the favours of the All-Merciful and shalt be assured of His bounties. Engage in the praise of the True One and rejoice in His loving-kindness.

The world passeth away, and that which is everlasting is the love of God. God willing, thou shalt circumambulate the True One in every world of His worlds and shalt be free from all else save Him. Blessed is thy son who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Wise.

Magnify, on My behalf, his countenance. Verily We make mention of him in truth. Thy Lord, assuredly, is the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

It behoveth him to remain steadfast in such wise that neither the vain imaginings of them that have disbelieved, nor the words of the idolaters, may shake him. They who have wholly severed themselves in His pathâ€“these are of the companions of certitude; upon them shall the denizens of Ridvan invoke blessings. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH04264: Lo, the Book walks in human form and calls…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Ancient

Lo, the Book walks in human form and calls the people unto Him Who is the Mighty, the Loving. Verily the Ocean hath appeared in human form and proclaimeth “The Kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.” Lo, the Tree crieth out “He Who is the Lord of Destiny hath appeared,” yet most of the people hear not. The Pen exclaimeth with loudest voice “The Lord of Eternity and Creator of Nations hath come,” yet most of the people perceive not. Those who sleep this day are accounted as dead—to this beareth witness the Lord of the invisible and visible realms. And they who have heard the Call—these are of the people of Baha, preserved in a guarded Tablet. Blessed is he who hath heard and remained steadfast, and woe betide him who hath followed every rejected idolator.

Say: O people, follow not your selfish desires. Follow rather what ye are commanded in the Tablet—this is better for you, did ye but know. Commit not what is forbidden you in the Book, and abandon not what ye are commanded in the revealed Tablet. Say: Be not like those who call upon the All-Merciful with their tongues while following Satan in their deeds—these are indeed the lost. We have commanded none save what is better for him than all that existeth in the invisible and visible realms. Hold fast to the Most Great Cord—verily it hath appeared with truth through a manifest sovereignty. It is God’s trust among you and His sovereignty within you, would that ye might understand.

O servant! Be not disturbed by those who are moved by the winds of self and passion. Cling to the hem of thy Lord’s loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest read them and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH04252: All things have turned unto God, the Fashioner…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Great, the Most Ancient

All things have turned unto God, the Fashioner of Names, yet most people remain far removed. The vain desires of those whom they have taken as lords besides God have held them back—these are they that have perished. The Tongue of Grandeur calls them, yet they have cast it behind their backs and turned to every remote dumb one.

Say: Ye were created for this Call. By God! Were ye to turn with illumined hearts unto God, the Lord of Names, there would flow from them the Euphrates of wisdom and utterance in this Manifest Announcement. Say: Is there any doubt concerning it, or concerning that which ye possess, if ye be fair and not of the wrongdoers? Every proof hath bowed before My Cause and every evidence hath testified

to this manifest, impregnable Evidence. Fear God and deprive not yourselves of that for which ye were created. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen counsel you as a token of His grace, if ye be of them that know.

Nothing can profit Him nor can any matter harm Him. God hath sanctified Him from all that ye possess—to this testifieth every knowing, perceiving one. Beware lest ye follow them who have disbelieved in God and His signs, and turned away from Him unto Whom have turned the Concourse on High, then the Prophets and Messengers. Set your faces toward the Most Distant Station—verily it is the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, if ye be of the assured ones.

Thus have We imparted unto you the Word of Truth. Whoso turneth toward it is of the people of Baha, and whoso turneth away is of the companions of the Fire. Blessed is the eye that turneth and the heart that inclineth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Thus doth God single out whom He pleaseth from among His servants and sendeth down upon whomsoever He willeth that whereby His mention shall be established in creation. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH04253: Thy letter hath come before the Throne. We found…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

Thy letter hath come before the Throne. We found it sanctified from the mention of strangers and purified from the allusions of the heedless. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the Most Great Bounty and for not being affected by the words of the ungodly, and for not being prevented by kinship from the Lord of Oneness, and for not being kept remote by the nearness of the deniers.

By God! This is a Day wherein no ties of kinship exist between anyone save those who have held fast to the cord of the kinship of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve not over what hath befallen thee. Be thou among the thankful in all conditions. Verily, He is with thee, by the Lord of all worlds. His kinship sufficeth thee. Hold thou fast unto it and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that have recognized Thee!”

O Leaf! Thy letter came before the Presence of Oneness and was mentioned before Us. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to this supreme bounty and been honored with this greatest nobility, and that outward kinship did not prevent thee from the Beauty of Oneness. I swear by the Ancient Beauty that this honor alone sufficeth thee. Be confident in the grace of God. Verily He hath related thee to Himself despite the ungodly. Thou art at all times mentioned before the Throne and the rain of merciful bounty hath been and will continue to be showered upon thee. We verily raise thee up in truth. Thy Lord is, verily, powerful over all things.

God willing, sublime Tablets will hereafter be revealed and sent. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto His mention and art honored and distinguished by His kinship, and with His kinship the kinship of anyone in the worlds is not befitting. Say: “Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.” Verily, the Glory be upon thee and upon thy progeny from one Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

BH04158: O Nabil-i-Qabl-i-Karim! Hearken unto the voice of the Most…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

O Nabil-i-Qabl-i-Karim! Hearken unto the voice of the Most Sublime Pen from the direction of thy Lord, the Most Great. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise. He speaketh at all times, yet those who are veiled hear not His Word. We testify this day that they are numbered among the dead. Thus doth the All-Merciful bear witness against them. He, verily, knoweth all things. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds. Verily, thy Lord repayeth the recompense of all worlds.

Make mention of God amongst His servants, that perchance through thy remembrance he that slumbereth may be awakened and turn unto the Dayspring of the Cause of his Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Grieve not for that which hath befallen thee. We have sacrificed in the prison one of the Branches. Verily, thy Lord ordaineth as He pleaseth. Grief becometh those who remain in this world, whereas he who hath ascended is in a glorious station.

Grieve not for thy father. He is in the most sublime Companion, and glorieth in what he hath received of the love of this Beauty, the Radiant, the Luminous. By My life! In that station he payeth no heed to those on earth, having been seized with the intoxication of the wine of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Gracious. The Tongue of Grandeur therefore addresseth him as He addressed him before. Verily, thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Upon thee, O thou who hast turned to God, be My mercy, My remembrance, and My praise. I bear witness that thou didst believe on a Day wherein hearts were troubled and the pillars of the mystics did quake. Rejoice in what We have ordained for him and for thy brother from Our presence in that glorious and exalted station. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those who have turned unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH04329: O family of Ibrahim! Hearken to the call…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O family of Ibrahim! Hearken to the call of your Lord, the All-Bountiful, in this mighty prison. God—there is no God but Him, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Be thankful that the Ancient Beauty makes mention of you, having found from you the fragrance of the love of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Grieve not over anything, but trust in Him in all matters. Verily, He loves those who put their trust in Him.

Blessed are you for having given protection to him who sought your shelter, and for being among the beneficent ones. We bear witness that he is among those who fulfilled the Covenant of the All-Merciful and was among those who remember. Your Lord sees you in your condition and ordains for you what is best in His sight. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Let not the might of those who disbelieved disturb you, nor the intimations of the ungodly who, when the Truth came, denied the Lord of the worlds. Arise and be steadfast in the love of God in such wise that the whisperings of the deniers will not cause you to slip. Whoso is steadfast in His Cause is among the most

exalted of creation—thus hath it been sent down in a preserved Tablet. How many a servant claimed belief, yet when the test came denied the All-Merciful and joined with the ungodly. Blessed are you for having turned to the Countenance after every deceitful sinner turned away. Hold fast to the cord of God and associate with His loved ones, then turn away from those who turn away.

Blessed are you and your mother who believed in God, the Single, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O my handmaiden! Rejoice that your name hath been mentioned by the Prisoner and this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for you. May glory be upon you and upon him who ascended unto God. He is assuredly among those who entered the Most High Paradise in the name of his Lord, the Most Glorious, and drank the Kawthar of immortality through this wise remembrance.

BH04291: The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! This…

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! This is a remembrance from Us to him who turned toward the Qiblih of the lovers but was prevented by the idolaters from attaining the presence of the Throne. Thereby was he consumed by the fire of separation.

Say: O people! He hath come from the heaven of eternity with His Most Great Name to draw you nigh unto God, the Lord of the Day of Meeting, yet ye denied Him after He came with proof and testimony. I know not by what cord ye hold fast, nor to what hem ye cling, O company of the wicked! Do ye imagine for yourselves any place of refuge? Nay, by the Luminary of the horizons! None hath any protector this Day save those who have turned to the Dayspring of Revelation and detached themselves from every idolatrous infidel. Thus doth the Pen of Revelation make mention of thee, from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

Grieve not that thou wert prevented from attaining His presence. God hath ordained for thee the reward of those who attained the presence of the Throne. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. We bear witness for thee of the reward of those who attained His presence, heard His call, and beheld His countenance. Rejoice in what God hath testified for thee in this Tablet, from which the faces of the righteous have been illumined.

Thou didst enter the City through love of thy Lord, and departed through what the hands of the infidels who denied God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning, had wrought. Make mention of God amongst His servants—this is the most excellent of all deeds before the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Mention of you and what befell you hath been sent down in various Tablets from thy Lord, the Revealer of verses. Be thou assured through the grace of thy Lord.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whom the horizon of Revelation was illumined and the earth and heavens were made to shine! Thus have We addressed thee and revealed for thee verses from this Pen at which all other pens were thunderstruck.

BH04176: O My handmaiden and daughter of My servant! Hear…

He is the Eternal that perisheth not

O My handmaiden and daughter of My servant! Hear with the ear of thy soul the call of the All-Merciful from the precincts of the Prison, and stand firm with all thy being in His love. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast taken and drunk the Most Pure Wine from the hand of the Most Luminous Cup-bearer at the Most Great Horizon. This hath been and shall ever be among the special favors of God. Know thou the value of this bounty and be ever mindful of it at all times, and be gladdened by His love.

Convey greetings from God to all the handmaidens of God. Say: Take hold of the hem of divine mercy with hands of detachment, and from His tavern of All-Merciful grace, take and give to drink from the goblets of salvation.

Praise be to God! The Most Great Ocean is surging, the rain of generosity is pouring down, the Sun of grace is shining, and the Lamp of oneness is alight. By My life! Were anyone to observe with the eye of truth, they would witness that by this light all who are in the heavens and earth have been illumined. The mention of Truth hath been and shall ever be the quickener of hearts.

Arise ye in remembrance of the Friend and with complete detachment speak forth His praise. Ye are the leaves of the Tree of Mercy. Beseech ye God that ye may remain firm in His love and hold fast unto the Tree from which ye have sprung forth, that the winds of trials and the tempests of tests may not sever those leaves from the Tree. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy father from the presence of One Mighty, Praiseworthy. That which thou didst send hath arrived.

BH04259: Thy letter hath attained unto the presence of thy…

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding after the passing away of all things!

Thy letter hath attained unto the presence of thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, and the Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned towards it, as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We have taken note of thy remembrance of thy Lord therein, and from it have inhaled the fragrance of thy love for Him Who is the Beloved of them that know.

Say: This is a Day wherein the very rocks cry out, “He Who is the Lord of Destiny hath appeared,” and the very clods of earth glorify their Lord in this Most Great Scene. The hills proclaim, “The All-Bestowing hath come!” and the plains cry aloud, “The appointed time hath passed, and the Lamp hath been lit for all who dwell in the heavens and on earth!” Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto Him, and blessed the eye that hath gazed with fairness upon the evidences of the mercy of its Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise, as manifested in creation.

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter hath attained unto the Divine Throne, and thou hast been mentioned by His glorious and mighty Pen. Render thanks unto God that thy tongue hath acknowledged what the Desired One hath acknowledged, and thine ear hath heard that which was raised from this luminous and holy Land from the Ultimate Tree. There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Place thy trust in God and remain steadfast in His Cause in such wise as befitteth the days of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Be thou vocal in His Name, mindful in His remembrance, and arise to aid His Cause amidst His heedless servants. God hath testified to that which thou didst testify in thy letter—this, verily, is a great bounty—and hath sent down for thee in the prison that which caused the sun of favors to shine. He, verily, is the Ancient Bestower. He loveth him that loveth Him, and remembereth him that uttereth His Name in His mighty and impregnable Kingdom. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon him that hath turned towards this luminous horizon.

BH04152: In the name of God, the Most Holy…

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! O Sulayman! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, from the horizon of sorrows. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter hath attained Our presence, and We have inhaled from it the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We have sent down unto thee this Tablet, from which the sweet savors of the divine call are wafted. When thou findest them, say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!

Beware lest the affairs of the world debar thee from turning toward the Most Glorious Horizon. Thus hast thou been commanded by One Who is the Mighty, the Ancient of Days. Be thou mindful of My Name amongst My servants and hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's mercy. He will protect thee through His sovereignty. He, verily, ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Convey My glory unto thy sister and give her the glad-tidings of her Lord's remembrance, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Then make mention, on My behalf, of thy wife who hath believed in her Lord and turned toward the Dawning-Place of Revelation, that she may rejoice in the remembrance of her Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, and blessed is the youth who hath attained unto this mighty remembrance.

O My servants! Preserve My trust within your hearts through My Name, the One Who overshadoweth the worlds. Make mention of ʿAta'u'llah and her who is with him. Blessed are they both in that they have been remembered before the Throne. This is naught but a great favor.

Say: Blessed art thou, O Dhu'l-Faqar, inasmuch as thy name hath flowed from the Pen of the Chosen One. Hold fast unto the hem of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses and made mention therein of those servants who were mentioned in thy letter, as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the One Who ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH04208: The Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great…

The Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great. A remembrance from Us to whoever desires to enter within the pavilion of grandeur and glory and to arrive at the City wherein the Call has been raised from

the luminous Tree—God, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower—that he may attain the presence of the Throne and hear what the Tongue of his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, doth speak.

O My loved ones! We have loved your presence even as you love it, but between Us have intervened the veils of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of lords. When the fire of their souls was kindled, We prevented the loved ones from turning toward this Spot from whose horizon hath shone the Sun of the Will of your Lord, the Lord of Religions.

Follow the decree of God and circle round His Cause. Thus hath it been sent down in the Book. They who have followed that which they were commanded, these are of the people of Baha in the Scriptures and Tablets. Whoso turneth toward Him with his heart, that which he desireth shall be accepted from him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Forgiving.

Arise to promote the Cause, then make mention of it among the servants with wisdom and utterance. This is better for thee than all that hath been created in existence. Confine thy affairs to the remembrance of thy Lord and that which profiteth thee in thy days. Thus doth the Lord of all men command thee.

Be thou steadfast in such wise that thou forsakest what is with the people, turning unto thy Lord Who hath appeared unto thee from the horizon of the prison with the lights of the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Didst thou but know, thou wouldst sacrifice thy self for My Self, thy spirit for My Name, and thy being for this Grief-Stricken One Who hath been imprisoned amidst the wicked. But today what was mentioned hath been fulfilled and We have commanded all to preserve their lives. Thus hath the matter been decreed and the decree hath come from God, the One Who causeth the rivers to flow.

BH04332: O Daughter of My Sister! Your letter was presented…

In the Name of the Desire of the world

O Daughter of My Sister! Your letter was presented before My countenance and was honored by the glance of favor. Praise be to the True Beloved that thou hast been illumined by the dawning of the Sun of Oneness and sanctified from the transient conditions of contingent beings.

How many were those who claimed attachment and kindled the fire of affection, yet afterwards, without any proof, remained deprived of the Straight Path and became remote from the Glorious Lord. The greatest cause and mightiest reason was the love of the world, which prevented those souls from the Lord of Names. I swear by the Most Great Name that ere long they shall return to dust, disappointed and in loss, and should some remain for certain days, they shall find themselves regretful. The Truth has ever been and shall ever be triumphant over creation. His abasement is the glory of all glory and His Will prevails over all things.

We praise God for having protected thee from the allusions of those who disbelieved in God and aided thee to turn towards Him. Verily He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him and the Lord of those

who have turned. Praise be to the Ancient King Who delivered thee from the rebellious company and guided thee to the direction of oneness. Blessed art thou, then blessed art thou!

That which hath befallen you hath befallen Us. We beseech God to assist you to be patient and steadfast and to ordain for you the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Mighty, the Wise.

Furthermore, God willing, mighty Tablets shall be sent. Under all conditions remain steadfast in the remembrance of God and be confident in His favor. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon those with thee.

BH04294: Lawh-i-Abdu'r-Rahim

The Most Holy, the Most Exalted. This is a Book from Us to him who hath attained unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of Lights, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God in such wise that the harm which hath befallen him shall not grieve him when he beholdeth the face of his Lord, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

Make mention when thou didst enter the City and the hosts of the wicked seized the prison gate. We blinded their eyes and brought thee into the seat of the Throne through power and sovereignty, until thou didst attain the presence and didst hear the call of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Thine eyes were solaced by the meeting with God and His beauty, and thou didst attain unto that which most of the people of the land were debarred from, and didst drink the choice wine of utterance from the lips of the All-Merciful and the Kawthar of purity from this Revelation whereby faces became radiant and eyes were consoled.

Blessed is he who hath turned with his heart toward the Qiblih of the lovers and hath attained unto the lights of the Countenance whereby the horizons were illumined.

Thereupon did Nabil-i-Qabl-ʿAli circle round the Throne after We had admitted him into the prison. Verily thy Lord is He Who ordaineth what He willeth. We gave him leave to seclude himself in the vicinity of his Lord for a certain number of days as a token of grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Forgiving.

Make thou mention of My loved ones on My behalf, then remind them of what thou hast known and witnessed. Thus hast thou been bidden by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have named thee with Our name, the All-Merciful. Strive thou that there may be manifested through thee that which We have desired from this exalted Name.

And when thou receivest the Tablet, place it upon thy face and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having admitted me into the seat of the throne of Thy grandeur and for having revealed Thyself unto me through the lights of Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling.

BH04191: My love for Thee hath inspired Me to remember…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Ancient

My love for Thee hath inspired Me to remember thee, though thou hast forgotten Me. I entered into the Most Great Prison by reason of what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. Even shouldst thou forget, We shall not forget thee, as thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, doth testify.

We have withheld the Pen outwardly lest there should descend upon thee that which would sadden thy heart. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to make thee one who rendeth asunder the veils and resolveth matters in their beginning and their end, and to exalt thee to such a station that thou mayest become a standard of guidance among all creatures, that thereby thy remembrance may be established by the Supreme Pen and thy name among the worlds.

I desire to remember thee at all times and send unto thee that which will diffuse the fragrance of the divine Robe throughout all possibility, yet as We are mindful of wisdom, We have been patient and long-suffering. He, verily, is the All-Patient, the Mighty, the Great.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause and speaking forth this wise Remembrance. By God! The treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal it. All things shall soon perish, but that which hath flowed from the Pen of Revelation shall endure. This, verily, is a certain truth.

Grieve not over anything. He protecteth whomsoever He willeth, though he be in the sea, or in the mouth of the serpent, or between the hands of the idolaters. The Cause is in His grasp. He withholdeth from whomsoever He willeth what He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee to exalt His Cause and to ordain for thee the good of this world and of the next, even as We promised thee aforetime when thou wert with Us, which promise We fulfilled, and We have mentioned the latter in this wondrous Tablet. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned with their hearts towards the direction of the Beloved and who were among the sincere ones.

BH04167: The Most Holy, Most Wondrous, Most Impregnable! God willing…

The Most Holy, Most Wondrous, Most Impregnable! God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the All-Merciful and be protected from the evil of the followers of religions who have turned away and disbelieved.

If you wish to know about the conditions of this land, it is in upheaval as was revealed in previous Tablets. Verily your Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The Tablet of Mallahu'l-Quds which was revealed in Iraq—if you can obtain a correct copy, study it. That which was revealed therein has come to pass. Likewise observe the end of the Tablet of "Subhana Rabbiya'l-A'la" and other Tablets revealed in Iraq and the Land of Mystery. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The Hand of Divine Power is engaged in its own work in this land—God distinguishes between His servants. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful, the Compelling.

God willing, may you ever be successful and confirmed, and occupied with service to the Cause, albeit with perfect wisdom. You have always been and continue to be remembered before the Divine Presence. Give thanks unto God for having chosen you and made you one of the sincere ones.

Despite all afflictions, trials and tribulations, both hidden and manifest, this servant has not been remiss in proclaiming the Cause of the Ancient King. At all times he has arisen to do what behooveth the people of creation. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

Convey sublime greetings from the Wronged One to the friends and gladden them all with divine bounties. A wondrous Tablet was specifically revealed and sent to you. We have not forgotten you—We have mentioned you and make mention of you in truth. Verily He is your Guardian in this world and the next. Be assured and be of the thankful ones.

Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04230: The Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned toward the Kaaba of divine knowledge in Thy days and hath sought what lieth with Thee of the wonders of Thy favors. O Lord! Protect her within the tabernacle of Thy Cause from that which Thy good-pleasure abhorreth, then give her to drink of the Kawthar of everlasting life through the hands of Thy bounties, and ordain for her that which shall profit her in every world of Thy worlds. O Lord! I testify that Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest and Who ruleth over whatsoever Thou desirest. Send down upon her from the clouds of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy generosity that which shall draw her near unto Thee in all conditions and cause her to speak of Thy remembrance and praise.

O Lord! She is among those who have turned toward the horizon wherein Thy countenance hath appeared and who have faced the Dayspring from which the sun of Thy grandeur and power hath shone forth. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all things have hastened to the seat of the throne of Thy grandeur and the realities of all things have spoken in praise of Thy Self, to ordain for her in Thy dominion and kingdom that which befitteth the loftiness of Thy station and the sublimity of Thy favors. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou pleasest. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Most High, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous, the Most Great, the Most Glorious.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Hour hath appeared and the Resurrection hath come to pass and all who are in the heavens and on earth have been seized with terror, to send down from the heaven of Thy mercy and the clouds of Thy tenderness that which shall gladden the hearts of those servants of Thine who have turned toward Thee and have aided Thy Cause. O Lord! Protect Thy male and female servants from the darts of idle fancies and vain imaginings, then give them to drink of the Salsabil of Thy knowledge through the hands of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Most High, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH04251: We have sent a fragrance from the fragrances…

In His Name, the Self-Subsisting over all things!

We have sent a fragrance from the fragrances of the Ridvan in the form of a Tablet and dispatched it unto thee, that thine eyes and the eyes of the righteous may be gladdened thereby. Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Destiny from the direction of His Most Great Scene. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Sovereign.

Say: O people! Speak not of the unseen, nor fabricate lies against God Who created all things by His command. Fear ye, O people of error! Say: O concourse of unbelievers! Were ye to reflect upon the perpetuity of the Kingdom and the dominion, ye would not claim knowledge of the unseen, for ye have turned away from Him through Whom the unseen is known and through Whom His signs have shone forth from the horizon of power. Do ye deny Him Who speaketh from His presence while claiming servitude to the unseen? By God! Ye are in naught but heedlessness and error.

The Unseen from the horizon of appearance now speaketh and saith:

> "O people of the Bayan! Have ye denied the All-Merciful after that through which My wisdom was made manifest amongst the servants and through which the standards of the Cause were raised in all lands?"

O thou servant! Grieve not at what proceedeth from their mouths. Rather, remain steadfast in thy love for thy Lord and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made Thyself known unto me after most of the people of the lands turned away from Thee. O Lord! I am he who heard Thy call and turned toward Thy countenance. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name not to drive me from Thy gate which Thou hast opened before the faces of all who are in Thy earth and Thy heaven. Make me, then, of those who have remained steadfast in Thy love and good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful."

BH04215: The Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous…

The Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous. A remembrance from Us to him who hath attained unto the ocean of grace and drunk therefrom through this wondrous Name, and who hath inhaled the fragrances of the All-Glorious when they wafted throughout all creation, and who was of them that have prospered.

O servant! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of the All-Merciful uttereth in this station which God hath made to transcend all contingent things: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous. Say: Through My appearance that which was hidden hath appeared, and through My call all things have spoken even as the Tongue of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath spoken.

Through My arising the Resurrection hath arisen, and through My movement all things have moved and turned toward My sanctified and luminous horizon.

Do men imagine that they can prevent this Tongue from the praise of the All-Merciful? Nay, by His Self! It speaketh that which it is bidden by One mighty and powerful. Whenever We have tasted the bitterness of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all names, We have found it sweeter than honey and more refreshing than the waters of Paradise. Woe unto them that wander in the wilderness of error and have cast aside the Command of God through the calumnies of their own selves—they are assuredly among the perishing ones.

Would that I were alone in the land of exile, but God hath ordained what He willeth, and He is My desire. Blessed are they that attain! We have informed the servants, when We arrived at the Most Great Prison, of that which lay hidden in the knowledge of their Lord, the Mighty, the Great. Blessed is he who hath recognized that which God hath intended in the Tablets which have been sent down in truth from the heaven of the loving providence of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

O loved ones of God! Grieve not at anything. Know ye the value of these days, then remember your Lord at morn and at eventide. This is better for you, did ye but know.

BH04219: The Most Holy, Most Glorious is the remembrance…

The Most Holy, Most Glorious is the remembrance of the servants of God that He may draw them to a station wherein the Spirit proclaimeth: “There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Wise.” When thou hearest the Call, arise to offer praise betwixt earth and heaven, then summon the people to that which hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

It behooveth every soul to assist his Lord through this Most Great Name. Whoso assisteth Him in His land, He will assuredly assist him in worlds which none knoweth save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Whoso desireth to remember his Lord, the Spirit of Truth will inspire him, and the Spirit of Baha will teach him as his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, pleaseth.

Place thy trust in Him through Whom power hath been manifested. He is with those who have turned towards the Countenance with a luminous heart. They that are heedless this Day are in grievous loss. Blessed is he whose trade hath prospered in the days of God and who hath attained unto the lights of the divine realm when the Kingdom was manifested through His Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

This is a Day wherein every sick one is healed, every seeker attaineth his goal, every stationary bird taketh flight, every motionless thing is stirred into life, every stammering tongue speaketh forth, and every remote one draweth nigh. Thus hath the grace of thy Lord encompassed all, yet the people are in evident doubt.

Say: Arise ye from the couches of heedlessness through this Great Remembrance. This is the News which ye were promised in the Tablets, and this is the Beauty whereby the eyes of them that are nigh unto God have been solaced. Say: We make mention of you for the sake of God, though We be in the prison amidst

the hostile factions. Should anyone look with the eye of innate vision, he would behold Me in both prisons, in the hands of both parties, and thy Lord is, of a truth, witness to what I say and All-Knowing.

Immerse thyself in the ocean of thy Lord's grace and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all worlds!

BH04223: Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses…

In the Name of the Most Great, the All-Glorious!

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses in truth. Verily they are clear evidences unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who findeth from them the fragrance of the garment and followeth the command of his Lord in this Most Great, this mighty Revelation. The sweet savors of the All-Merciful have been wafted—blessed is he who hath found them and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!"

This is not the day for vain imaginings. The Lord of all beings hath come with clear sovereignty. Break the idols by the name of your Lord, the All-Knowing, then take what hath been sent down unto you from His mighty, His impregnable kingdom. They who have been prevented from drawing nigh—these are in manifest remoteness. And they who have turned with their hearts unto the Beloved—the dwellers of Paradise and then the tongue of God, the King, the Most High, the All-Knowing, shall make mention of them. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else and held fast to the cord of his Lord. He is assuredly among the triumphant.

Say: O concourse of the earth! If ye deny this Cause, by what proof do ye uphold that which ye possess? Reflect, and be not of the heedless. When ye hear the call, turn with radiant faces unto the Dawning-Place of the verses of your Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious, and say: We have turned unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged, estranged and alone. We testify that Thou hast borne what none before Thee hath borne, and we testify that Thou hast sacrificed what Thou hadst in the path of God, the Lord of the worlds. Arise to serve thy Lord in such wise that the cawing of the deniers, who adduce proofs from their vain imaginings and await what they were promised in former times, shall not deter thee. And when the Great Bestower came riding upon the clouds, they then denied God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Rejoice in what hath been sent down unto thee in this Tablet, and inhale therefrom the fragrance of thy Lord's loving-kindness. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know!

BH04227: In the Name of the Most Great, the Most…

In the Name of the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Glorified is He Who speaks at all times:

> "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Help in Peril."

They who have turned away, these are the companions of the fire.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the All-Merciful, and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him through Whom the proof hath been established and the evidence made clear. Beware lest ye claim that which hath not been ordained for you. The Cause hath been completed and that which ye were promised in the

scrolls and tablets hath appeared. Create not disorder in the land—verily We have adorned it with justice through this grace which hath appeared and before which necks have bowed low. Be ye helpers of Our Cause. Beware lest ye transgress what We have set forth in the Book.

We have chosen tribulations for the reformation of the world and the unity of all therein. Beware lest ye speak that which causeth discord in the Cause. Fear God, O ye who are endued with insight! Adorn yourselves with the raiment of servitude unto God, the True One, that the regions might be illumined with the lights of this dawning. Through servitude is revealed the station of creation; through it do faces turn unto the Mighty, the Bestower.

How many among the people of the Bayan, when they saw that the Cause had been exalted, laid claim to that which caused the Cause to be lost in the lands. When the breezes of tests blew, they veiled their faces in fear for themselves, and when the winds of assurance passed, they came forth and opposed God, the Lord of creation. Thus have We recounted unto thee, that thou mayest remember those who carve out idols each day and cleave unto them. They are naught but in manifest error.

Arise to serve the Cause through God's might and power, then remind those who have broken the Covenant. Let not the affairs of the people grieve thee. Fix thy gaze upon the Truth—verily thy Lord is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Be thou a servant of God's Cause among His servants. He, verily, aideth through utterance whoso helpeth Him. He is in truth the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

BH04275: In His Name, the Self-Subsisting, over all who are…

In His Name, the Self-Subsisting, over all who are in earth and heaven! This is a Book which We have sent down in truth unto him who hath turned himself unto the Most Great Sea, Who hath appeared in the temple of man. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath caused Him to speak amidst all created things. Verily there is none other God but He, the [All-Compelling,] Self-Subsisting, that he might be assured through his Lord's grace and make mention of Him amongst His servants who have remained heedless of the Dayspring of the Cause when the Truth came with manifest sovereignty.

O thou who hast turned thyself! God hath created thee for the knowledge of His Self and the hearkening unto this Word whereby both the unseen and the visible have been quickened. Say: This is the water whereby God hath revived the earth after its death. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a preserved Tablet. Thou hast attained unto the knowledge of God and the hearkening of His exalted Word.

Therefore it behooveth thee to arise to serve thy Lord in such wise that no ignorant reprobate may hinder thee. Aid thy Lord through utterance—this is the root of service and its branch, yet most among the people know not. Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness in such wise that neither the affairs of men nor the veils of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Beloved, may disturb thee.

Behold those who have clung to idle fancies and imaginings and turned away from the Sun of Certitude when it shone forth from this praiseworthy horizon. They worship idols, yet perceive it not.

Blessed art thou in that thou hast attained unto God's bounty as it was sent down from heaven, and hast drunk the choice wine of submission from the hands of thy Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Loving. We have

found the fragrance of thy love and have sent down unto thee that which gladdeneth hearts and solaceth eyes when thou didst attain unto the lights of the Word shining from the horizon of the Tablet. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the unseen and the visible!

BH04534: How sweet is My remembrance of him who has…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

How sweet is My remembrance of him who has turned to the Kaaba of My Beauty and drunk the wine of reunion with Me from the hands of My bounty and attained the fragrances of My revelation in My days. He is indeed one whom the Most Exalted Pen bears witness to, and he is of the people of Baha who are established upon the Crimson Ark by leave of the Lord of Names. Thus has grace appeared from the Dayspring of Justice. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Whoso has detached himself in My path from all else besides Me, verily he stands before My throne and appears before My presence. Thus does God draw nigh unto him who was far off. He is the Protector of the sincere ones. How many who were near have been decreed to be remote, and how many who were far off are reckoned among those near! Nothing can prevent what He desires. He does what He wills by His sovereignty, yet most people are lost in idle fancies.

Say: Abandon vain imaginings if you would hearken to that which has been raised up from the Tree of Utterance in the days of the All-Merciful. This would be better for you, were you of the fair-minded. Say: Cast away what you have taken up of the suppositions of those who have disbelieved in God, that you may be enabled to soar in this holy and luminous atmosphere.

O thou who hast turned and art mentioned! Give thanks to thy Forgiving Lord for having sent down unto thee that which brings solace to eyes and assurance to the hearts of the mystics. We beseech God to seize those who have interposed themselves between the peoples and the lights of eternity, and to assist His Cause between the heavens and the earth. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have soared with thee in this atmosphere which has been perfumed by the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04393: In His Name, the Ruler over what was…

In His Name, the Ruler over what was and what will be! O servant! Hearken unto the Call from the Kingdom of Names from the direction of thy Lord, the Creator of heaven. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath created all things for His remembrance and praise, after the recognition of His Self, the One Who overshadoweth all worlds.

When the veil was rent asunder and the All-Bountiful appeared, every remote denier turned away from Him. Verily, He is the Balance of Truth between the heavens and the earth. By Him are all deeds weighed, and from Him doth every wise command appear. How many servants acknowledged God, yet when He was made manifest they denied Him, having followed the evil ones.

This is a Day that cannot be compared with the days that are past, as witnesseth His light, which God hath made to be among the lights of His radiant and luminous countenance. Arise to serve God and praise Him in such wise that there may appear from thee that which shall gladden the hearts of them that know. Shatter the idols by the power of thy Lord, the Master of all men, then be thou steadfast and among the firm.

Shun those from whom thou dost scent offensive odors, and draw nigh unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Leave the pond to its people, then turn with an illumined heart to the Ocean that encompasseth all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, and for the revelation unto thee of this wondrous Tablet. Preserve it, then recite it morning and evening. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause, then make me to be of those who have circled round Thy good-pleasure with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the allusions of the deniers.

BH04552: The friends of God in Mahmu'i, which hath been…

The friends of God in Mahmu'i, which hath been named before the Throne Mahmudi

He is the Most Great, the Most Luminous

This is a Tablet from Us to those who have attained unto the Dayspring of lights when the Chosen One came with the sovereignty of grandeur and power, that the call of God, the Most High, the Most Luminous, might draw them to the horizon whence the Sun of Revelation shone forth and illumined the lands.

O My loved ones! Grieve not over what hath befallen you in My path. Ere long shall ye behold yourselves in a station wherefrom the horizons will be illumined. Ye are under the wing of My grace and the dwellers of the pavilion of My knowledge. By My life! Had they who wronged you known this, they would have circled round you at eventide and at dawn. Erelong shall they curse themselves with their own tongues and say:

> "Woe unto us for what we neglected in the days of God when the Bridge was set up and the Balance established!"

For each one of you hath been ordained a station which none knoweth save your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O ʿAli! Remember when Muhammad, My Beloved, came, the divines turned away from Him while he who tended the sheep believed in Him. Verily, Abu-Dharr was tending the sheep of the people when he heard the Call and said: "Yea, O Lord of lords!" He left the sheep and turned to the Lord of mankind. How many a learned one was veiled, and how many a heedless one rent asunder the veils! Say: Grace is in the hand of God. He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth. Verily, He is the Ruler over what He willeth.

Drink ye, O My loved ones, from the Living Waters in the name of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Leave ye all created things behind you, then turn with your hearts unto God, the Fashioner of earth and heaven. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as your names have been mentioned in the Mother of Tablets.

BH04414: O Habbatu'llah! The Supreme Pen declares: Your letter was…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Habbatu'llah! The Supreme Pen declares: Your letter was presented before the Face and was adorned with the lights of the glance of the Lord of Power.

Today it behooveth thee to remain firm and steadfast in the [mighty] Cause of the All-Powerful, in such wise that the denizens of the Supreme Concourse may inhale from thee the fragrance of love for the Lord of Names. From the countenance of whosoever attaineth unto this station, the radiance of the All-Merciful is witnessed. Fix thy gaze at all times upon the horizon of the All-Merciful and be occupied with His remembrance, for His remembrance hath ever been and shall continue to be the quickener of hearts.

This is a Day wherein all must arise to aid the Cause and become detached and free from aught else but God. How excellent is the state of those souls who have quaffed the true wine from the hand of divine favor and soar in the holy atmosphere of the spirit. In this station the inward is the outward itself, and the outward the very inward.

And in one of the Tablets there hath been revealed something even beyond this station, namely:

> "The inward of the inward of the inward unto whatsoever God willeth,"

appearing in the form of a chalice that it may become the bearer of the Pure Wine which in this Revelation floweth from the right hand of the Throne. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk thereof and attained thereunto and recognized its worth.

Reflect upon this utterance which hath streamed forth from the Pen of the Will of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest attain unto that which God intendeth. It behooveth thee to render thanks unto thy Lord in thy days for having revealed unto thee this Tablet from which the sincere ones inhale the fragrance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH04542: He hath illumined all faces with this Light…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Knowing, the Most Luminous.

He hath illumined all faces with this Light which God hath made to prevail over all lights. Say: This is a Day wherein the world hath been adorned through the effects of the Pen of the Lord of Eternity, and the breezes of forgiveness have wafted over all contingent beings. Arise from the couches of heedlessness and behold what hath shone forth from the horizon of utterance.

Say: Do ye imagine there is any peer unto Him? Nay, by the Lord of creation! Do ye fancy there is any likeness unto Him? Nay, by His Name, the All-Pervading throughout all regions! Rejoice ye in these days of

God—these are days of gladness for you. Take ye the chalice in His Name, then drink in remembrance of Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Let not My imprisonment and abasement and banishment grieve you. By God! I am in My native land which no exile can affect, and in a might which no abasement can assail. The Tongue of the Unseen beareth witness to this from this Spot which God hath made the point of adoration for all who are in earth and heaven. Tribulation hath not hindered Me from the remembrance of God, the Lord of Names, nor have sorrows overtaken Me. I have sacrificed one of My Branches in the path of the All-Merciful. Verily, I am the Ruler over what I will, and am empowered through My sovereignty which prevaileth over the worlds.

Were ye to taste the sweetness of the Kawthar of inner meanings which We have caused to flow from the Fount of exposition, ye would be so attracted as to become severed from all that ye possess, out of love for God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Choice One.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, for through it there descendeth upon thee from the heaven of grace that which will draw thee nigh unto the Dawning-Place of inspiration. Make thou My remembrance thy companion, and the remembrance of those who have stood firm in this Cause whereby the lands have been illumined.

BH04434: Ha. Sin. Remember the mercy of your Lord…

In His Name that is powerful over all names

Ha. Sin. Remember the mercy of your Lord which has verily been sent down. He makes mention of you through His grace—indeed His grace towards you has been great. Beware lest you forget God's favor when He has mentioned you in various Tablets. Hold fast to the handle of steadfastness in this Cause which has appeared from the horizon of dawn. Be so steadfast that neither the intimations of those who have disbelieved nor the veils of those who have been debarred from the truth shall hinder you. You have been mentioned before the Throne time and again—this is through the grace of the All-Merciful. Give thanks and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast caused me to know Thyself and made me one of those who are steadfast in the Cause."

By My life, O Husayn, it behooveth thee to turn with radiant vision toward the Most Great Scene, detached from all that hath been mentioned in the realm of creation. Thus hath the All-Merciful spoken out of His love for thee, that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause through this Name which hath in truth encompassed all things.

Convey My greetings to thy family and say:

> "Be not disturbed by what thou hast heard and hearest. Verily the Cause is mighty, mighty. Today there is no relationship between anyone except those who have held fast to this Cord which hath been known by the name of God. Put thy trust in God, then manifest such power that the handmaidens will be amazed by their love for thy Lord."

Thus doth He Who hath loved thee for the sake of God command thee, and God is witness to what I say.

Verily the Glory be upon thee and upon thy progeny and upon those who are with you among the loved ones of thy Lord. Thus hath the matter been decreed.

BH04520: The Most Ancient, Most Great, Most Glorious Book, revealed…

The Most Ancient, Most Great, Most Glorious Book, revealed from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, unto him who was illumined by the lights of the Countenance when the Promised One came with manifest sovereignty, that the verses might attract him in such wise as to arise to serve his Lord and aid this Wronged One through Whom the horizon of utterance was illumined and the grace of the All-Merciful encompassed all who dwell in the unseen and visible realms.

O My loved ones! When the earth is shaken in that land, be not shaken, for verily He is with you under all conditions. He is the Mighty, the Loving. Nothing shall befall My loved ones save that which is good for them. Thy Lord, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Conceal the Cause in your hearts lest every idolatrous infidel who hath denied God, the Mighty, the Beloved, become aware of it. Drink ye the Kawthar of divine knowledge in the days of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and leave those who comprehend not. We have inhaled from thee the fragrance of My love, wherefore We have revealed unto thee and unto those around thee that which shall cause the sincere ones to soar. Give thanks unto God for this bounty which hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made Thyself known unto me, for having caused me to speak forth Thy remembrance and for having adorned me with the ornament of Thy love amidst Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst open the doors of Thy mercy unto all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth, to ordain that I may, under all conditions, soar in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, gaze toward the direction of Thy bounty, speak forth Thy remembrance amongst Thy creatures, and circle round Thy Cause in every world of Thy worlds. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou ordainest through Thy hidden knowledge whatsoever Thou desirest for whomsoever Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the Powerful over what hath been and what shall be.

BH04495: The Supreme Pen makes mention of him who remembers…

He is the One Who rules over whatsoever He willeth.

The Supreme Pen makes mention of him who remembers his Ancient Lord, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God in such wise that neither the happenings of the world nor the oppression of those who have denied God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, may sadden him.

Then know thou that for everything there is a time appointed, and every announcement hath its hour of consummation. Thus hath it been decreed by One Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Conduct

affairs at their appointed times through their proper means—thus doth the Causer of causes command thee. He is, verily, the One Who rules over all worlds.

We desire to preserve you that ye may help your Lord, the All-Merciful, throughout all possibilities. Therefore wisdom in affairs is necessary, lest a sedition arise and the hearts of those who have turned to Him be troubled. God willing, be ye in all conditions mindful of the Beloved of endless time, manifest through His Name and gazing toward His direction. Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy—soon shall ye behold Him. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

In executing certain matters, delay is necessary as the time is not propitious. The purpose today is your preservation, that through the grace of the All-Merciful ye may become the cause of guidance for the people and draw them to the horizon of oneness. If today in various cities institutions specifically known by the name of House of Justice and the like become known, there is danger for all, as the people are immature. Leave them until their backs are strengthened and they attain their maturity. Thus doth the Truthful, the Trustworthy, command thee.

Blessed art thou, O Jamal, for having arisen to serve thy Lord and recognized the Dawning-Place of Revelation when most of the servants turned away from Him. And praise be to God, the Lord of creation.

BH04400: O Mihdi! Verily, this man is moved by vain…

O Mihdi! Verily, this man is moved by vain desires. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Therefore have We commanded thee not to dwell in his house, for thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Avoid him, for he desires to sow corruption among the servants, and all that he utters is manifest falsehood. We beseech God to aid all to remain steadfast in His Cause—verily He is powerful over all things.

Should he speak again, arise to respond through the power of thy Lord, that there may appear from thee that which will give assurance that thou art upon a straight path. The man's purpose is corruption. For some time he has sought two emblems from the Branch, but it was not permissible that either be given to him. Then he united with an outsider to sow hatred, and during this time he never made any inquiry. In any case, whatever he has said was false—his purpose being to cause fear in some for his own ends. After responding, it is necessary to avoid him.

As for what he said about Yahya's letters, say:

> "We have seen more of them than you, and even now we will give you as many as you wish. All these letters were not and are not worth a penny. And that person who told you these things was himself the first to turn away from Yahya. Now, due to the rancor hidden in his breast, he has conveyed these words to you. Soon you will understand and confirm what has been mentioned. Do not attribute this to us—speak from yourself and do not mention anyone's name."

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BH04560: O Abu-Turab! Give thanks to the All-Bestowing for having…

He is the Almighty

O Abu-Turab! Give thanks to the All-Bestowing for having aided thee to recognize Him and for having caused thee to turn towards the City round which circle the denizens of the Supreme Concourse and the favored servants of God. We bestow upon thee from this distant horizon that which will draw thee nigh unto God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Whoso remembereth his Lord is accounted among those who are near unto God in the Preserved Tablet.

Seize thy days and make mention therein of Him Who was the Educator of all things visible and invisible. Immerse thyself in the ocean of inner meanings which hath appeared through this Hidden Name. Leave the ungodly to their vain imaginings and turn with thy heart to the Lord of all existence.

Say: I have turned towards Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the reins of all created things, and I have believed in Thee, O Thou through Whom the command of the Kaf and the Nun was made manifest.

When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of thy Lord, remind all possibility of the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful, that perchance they may arise from the slumber of passion at the mention of the Lord of Names and be numbered among those who have turned towards Him.

Say: Abandon vain imaginings, for the Self-Subsisting hath appeared with clear sovereignty. It behooveth every soul on this Day to manifest that which is worthy of the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

Say: O concourse of unbelievers! How long will ye cry out and unto whom will ye turn? The Hidden One hath appeared and these are His verses, and the Treasured One hath risen and these are His banners which have been hoisted above the standards of kings.

Say: He Who is upon the dust maketh mention of the Lord of Lords, and in abasement hath manifested the might of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause through the power and might of God. He, verily, aideth him that aideth Him. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

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BH04533: My grief is not for what has befallen Me…

My grief is not for what has befallen Me. By God! Baha is not dismayed by calamities. Indeed, He has welcomed them in the path of God, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. But observe and remember that We forbade everyone from shedding blood, as all the Tablets testify—and you are among those who know.

Wickedness reached such a point that suddenly the Most Exalted Pen cried out with the loudest cry between earth and heaven, after the doors of meeting were closed before His face:

> "The necks have been stretched forth in hypocrisy. Where are the swords of Thy vengeance, O Destroyer of the worlds?"

When the verses were revealed, all things were shaken. Therefore We took hold of the reins of wrath with a sovereignty from Our presence. But what leaked leaked, and what appeared appeared. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp of power lie the reins of the worlds!

O My Name! We forbade all people from such matters to such an extent that when the fire of wickedness became inflamed and there occurred what occurred in certain years, We continuously kept those evil souls under the cloak of protection. Nevertheless they were not at peace, and every day some corruption and sedition appeared. The matter reached such a point that We withdrew from all and closed the doors of association.

The angels of divine wrath suddenly seized them and made them a lesson to the worlds. May the All-Merciful not have mercy on their graves! And this occurred suddenly—if you were to hear the details, you would testify that the Hand of God's power seized them; no one had any part in it. Pure power was manifested from the presence of a Mighty, Powerful One.

BH04545: This most hallowed, this most exalted Book hath been…

This most hallowed, this most exalted Book hath been sent down from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Verily it is the Remembrance of God amongst the worlds and His most exalted Word unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. It is indeed the Ancient Sign amongst the peoples. Blessed is He Who hath revealed it with truth and made it the Dayspring of His Cause amongst the servants and the Rising-Place of His Revelation throughout all lands. Well is it with them that understand.

At times by the Remembrance We mean the Most Great Remembrance, and by the Book We mean this Mighty Book, and by the City We mean that which We have manifested upon the temple of man and sent forth with evident sovereignty. And at times We mean by it that which floweth from His Most Exalted Pen and from His Tongue which God hath made the Dawning-Place of His Revelation and the Dayspring of His mighty and impregnable knowledge. And at times We mean by it that which none hath comprehended save God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Say: The Tree hath been raised up in truth, and the birds of the hearts of them that know cannot attain unto its heights save whom thy Lord willeth. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath heard its rustling and the warbling of the birds that circle round it. As for those who are heedless, they are truly among the dead. They have deprived themselves of the pure wine that giveth life to the sincere ones.

Say: O my God! I complain unto Thee of the manifestation of wickedness and rebellion and corruption, and that which hath come between Thee and Thy servants. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, O Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling, to protect us through Thy sovereignty and power and to make us of those who

soar in Thine atmosphere. Then gather us beneath the shade of the shelter of Thy mercy in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Help in Peril.

BH04445: The Most Holy, Most Exalted. A remembrance from Us…

The Most Holy, Most Exalted. A remembrance from Us to him who desired to attain the presence whilst in the midst of the idolaters and turned with his heart, then with his feet, to present himself at the seat of his Lord's throne, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. When he heard the decree of his Lord, he returned to his abode. He is, verily, among the triumphant.

God hath heard thy call, thy turning toward His direction, thine orientation to His countenance, and hath accepted what thou desired in His Cause. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful. He desireth whomsoever hath desired Him, and loveth whomsoever hath loved Him, and remembereth whomsoever hath uttered His remembrance. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Generous.

Blessed art thou for having heard the call and followed what thou wert commanded by the Lord of Names. This is recorded as the best of deeds in a preserved tablet. We have sent down unto thee a tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord's loving-kindness once again. Be thou thankful for this manifest bounty. We have accepted thy deed and inscribed its reward in the tablet. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Make mention of Him amongst the servants. Let nothing sadden thee or any matter prevent thee from that wherein thou art in the path of thy Lord. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause, detached from the worlds. We make mention of you most times. This is from the bounty of your Lord, the All-Merciful. He is with His sincere servants.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause through God's might and power in such wise that should the most fierce opposers oppose thee, thou wouldst leave them behind thee through the power of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee whilst We were in the prison of the enemies, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and be of them that rejoice.

May the glory be upon you, O My loved ones, from One mighty and all-knowing.

BH04398: O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Baqir! Hearken unto the Call from the direction…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible!

O Muhammad-Qabl-i-Baqir! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of Him Who is encompassed by tribulation, from the Divine Lote-Tree set in motion by the stirring of the verses of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Compelling. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Countenance, and there hath been sent down for thee that which causeth spirits to soar and breezes to waft. This sufficeth thee, if thou be of those endowed with insight. Give thanks unto God for this bounty, with which nothing on earth can compare. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Grieve not for being prevented from attaining His presence. The schemes of the schemers have come between Us and thee. Be content with what God hath ordained in His Book. He hath decreed for you the reward of those who have turned towards Him. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

Blessed are ye for having migrated and journeyed and turned towards the Dawning-Place of the revelation of your Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Return to your lands by God's command and decree, then give the servants to drink from the choice wine of the remembrance of the name of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Blessed is he who obeyeth the command of his Lord—he hath attained unto all good. Thus doth testify the Supreme Pen, and behind it thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Mutual Calling.

Know ye that We have forbidden the servants to shed blood and to slay those who have denied God, the Lord of lords. For this cause hath the matter reached such a pass that one who hath no authority hath assailed Us, and one who is smaller than a fly hath transgressed against Us. Thus have We recounted unto thee and sent down from the heaven of command that which will gladden thy heart and the hearts of the righteous.

BH04399: O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! Blessed art thou for having turned thy…

O Muhammad-Qabli-Taqi! Blessed art thou for having turned thy face unto My presence and for having had thy name mentioned before My throne, after that which befell Me in the path of God, the Lord of all names, when I was immersed in oceans of tribulation.

Arise through thy Lord's power and say: O people! This is not a day for hesitation. Turn with your hearts unto God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Say: This is God's grace amongst you which hath appeared in truth—turn ye, O people of insight! This is God's path amidst you—advance, O ye who possess understanding! This is a day whereon it behoveth every soul, upon hearing the call from the direction of his Lord, the Most High, to cast aside all else and say: "Here am I, O Lord of earth and heaven!"

Take thou the chalice of salvation in the name of Him Who sendeth the winds and Who cleaveth the dawn, and sprinkle thereof upon souls and spirits, that perchance the peoples of the world may arise to fulfill what thy Lord, the Lord of all creation, hath desired.

Be thou in all conditions observant of wisdom and utterance—this is what ye have been commanded by the All-Merciful in most of the Tablets. Blessed art thou for having cast away and taken up that which thou didst when thou didst attain unto the Tablet of thy Lord. Take it with the hand of acceptance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Self-Sufficing, the Most High! I testify that Thou hast desired him who desired Thee and dost answer him who calleth upon Thee. And I testify that by Thy light the horizons were illumined.

Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and pay no heed to those who turn away and object. Soon shall they pass away and find for themselves no refuge, and the smile of the world shall brighten with your remembrance. Thus hath the Pen of the Ancient of Days been moved—verily He is the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful.

BH04481: The letter of that beloved one reached this penitent…

He is God—exalted be His station, the Grandeur and the Glory!

The letter of that beloved one reached this penitent servant, and the fragrances of love, sincerity, mystical knowledge and certitude of the Beauty of the All-Merciful were inhaled from its words, as was likewise that one's orientation, humility and submissiveness toward the Truth. Blessed art thou for having drunk the wine of mystical knowledge in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and for having attained unto that which all existence was deprived of, save those whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, wished.

The mention of that one was remembered before the Truth, and what thou didst supplicate of God, thy Lord, the Most Pure Ear did hear, and perfect bounty appeared from the horizon of grace. And as for the request for forgiveness and pardon specifically for thyself and thy parents, this blessed word issued forth from the horizon of the Mouth of Will:

> "God hath answered what thou didst desire from the wonders of His grace and the ocean of His forgiveness. Verily, He is the Generous, the Bountiful."

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Blessed art thou, O beloved one, for having been mentioned by the tongue of the Beloved, and for the glances of His bounty having turned toward thee, and for His having sent down for thee that which shall endure as long as the dominion of earth and heaven endureth. God willing, may they ever be refreshed from the Kawthar of mercy and sustained by the fruits of bounty, and in all conditions be occupied with the remembrance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Whoso maketh mention of Him on earth, verily He maketh mention of him in the Supreme Concourse. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Most Great Remembrance and hath arisen to praise the Ancient Beloved. He is assuredly among the triumphant ones. And the Spirit and holiness and glory be upon thee, O thou emigrant, traveler, pilgrim, triumphant one, exile who art near.

BH04547: In the Name of God, the Most Holy…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a Book from Us to those who are in the heavens and on earth, that all may inhale the fragrant breezes of the verses of their Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

Herein do We make mention of him who remained faithful to the Covenant on the Day of Separation, when the Luminary of the horizons appeared with a manifest light, that his remembrance might endure amongst the servants through the perpetuity of the Kingdom and the Dominion, as a grace from his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Blessed art thou, O Rahim, in that the All-Bountiful hath shone upon thee with His Most Great Name. Thou art he who hath attained unto the lights of the Countenance in the former and latter days. He hath ordained for thee in His presence an exalted station, and thou hast ascended unto the Most Glorious Horizon, the Ultimate Goal. Upon thee be the remembrance of God and His mercy at all times.

A gathering hath been prepared in thy name in the Prison, and from the horizon of that station hath shone forth the Sun of the Beauty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. How wonderful is this sublime and exalted station! This is a bounty that cannot be equalled by whatsoever is treasured on earth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We have, O Rahim, on this day adorned thy head with the crown of the remembrance of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Beautiful. After thy ascension thou didst witness God's power and sovereignty, and wert immersed in the ocean of His mercy, yet the people remain veiled and have no share today from thy cup.

Thereupon doth the Tongue of Grandeur testify that thou didst turn unto the Face and didst respond to thy Lord when He called thee, and didst attain His presence in this earthly life, and didst hear with thine own ear His most mighty, most holy and wondrous call. May glory rest upon thee and upon whosoever hath ascended unto God after his countenance was illumined by this resplendent light.

BH04425: Blessed is He Who hath manifested Himself as He…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

Blessed is He Who hath manifested Himself as He pleaseth and willeth, and hath spoken at the Focal Point of creation that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous. When the Decisive Utterance appeared, the people were scattered: among them were those who broke God's Covenant and turned upon their heels, and among them were those who cast aside all else, turning unto God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Verily We informed all of this Revelation and sent down in every one of the Books We dispatched aforetime that which indicated this glorious, mighty Remembrance. Were it not for Him, God's Scriptures would not have been sent down, nor would the horizon of Revelation have shone forth with the lights of thy Lord's utterance, the Mighty, the Generous. Every appointed time mentioned in the Tablets hath been fulfilled through this Manifest Name.

Among the people are those who play with God's verses—for this do those in the heavens and earth curse them. When it is said:

> "O thou heedless one! By what proof didst thou believe in God's Messengers of old?"

he then sayeth that which he comprehendeth not, for he is among the distracted ones.

Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the garment and been drawn thereby to a station which God hath made the seat of His throne amongst the worlds. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and been numbered among the triumphant ones. The conditions of the imagined realm held thee not back from the Known One, and thou didst turn unto the Self-Subsisting when He came with the truth by a wondrous command.

Were We to lift the veil and show thee the stations of those who have turned unto God, thou wouldst surely leave thy house and cry out with the loudest cry amidst all peoples, by virtue of this Name which

God hath made the Dayspring of His most excellent names and the Dawning-Place of His most exalted attributes. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, apprise thee.

BH04381: Hearken unto the Call from the horizon of grandeur…

In the Name of God, the Everlasting, Who perisheth not!

Hearken unto the Call from the horizon of grandeur—verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne, and the tongue of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath spoken thy praise. He, verily, from within the Most Great Prison, summoneth the peoples unto His holy kingdom, the Mighty, the Luminous, and remembereth the loved ones of God for having turned unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation—they are indeed among the triumphant.

When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of thy Lord and found from it the fragrance of God, say: O my God! All praise be unto Thee for having turned Thy gaze toward me. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that neither the veils of them that have been heedless of Thy remembrance in Thy days, nor the onslaught of them that have manifested oppression in Thy realm, shall withhold me. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

Preserve me, O my God, from whatsoever is repugnant unto Thy good-pleasure, and number me with them that have circled round Thy mighty throne. Assist me and Thy loved ones, O my God, to help Thy Cause and to exalt Thy remembrance amidst Thy creation. Make them, then, to be stars in the heaven of Thy detachment, that through them may be manifested that which shall serve as evidence of the sanctification of Thy commandments among Thy creatures and the glorification of Thy laws between Thy earth and heaven.

Thou art He through Whose name every abased one hath been exalted, every weak one empowered, every darkness illumined, every frozen one enkindled, every still one moved, every cast down one made to soar, every remote one drawn nigh, and every deprived one granted access. Thou hast ever been known for Thy grandeur and majesty, and described by Thy power and glory. There is no God but Thee, the Most High, the Self-Subsisting.

BH04557: The Most Holy, Most Luminous, Most Glorious! Hast thou…

The Most Holy, Most Luminous, Most Glorious! Hast thou seen the Hour manifested in the temple of man? Say: Yea, by my Lord, the All-Merciful! Verily it moveth and speaketh the truth with a sovereignty that encompasseth the worlds. Say: The Ancient Being and the Manifestation of His Most Great Name speaketh amongst the nations. Blessed is he who with strength hath rent asunder the veils through the power of his Lord and hath turned towards the direction from whose horizon the Book of the Command was visible.

Say: Through His utterance all things were attracted, through His call the names were set ablaze, and through His remembrance the near ones drew nigh unto a station which was raised up through the name of Truth. We have caused two seas to appear from two names. Blessed is he who hath drawn near to the

two gulfs which branch forth from these two seas. Verily he hath been mentioned before the Truth as among the most exalted of creation.

Say: O people, purify your ears to hearken unto the Word of God and your hearts to recognize this Beauty who hath appeared from the Dayspring of Glory with bounty made manifest. Judge fairly, O people of the earth: Do ye desire this Living Water from the hands of the All-Merciful, or that which hath been mixed with the oppression of the ungodly?

Thereupon the Dove of the Divine Lote-Tree was thunderstruck by the melodies of the Lord of all creation, and he who stood before the Throne was seized by the intoxication of the verses. Verily bodies were moved by the breezes of revelation while forms remained still, being deprived of the spirit. We have drawn the essences of contingent being through the magnet of wisdom and utterance, and We have left the accidents to the heedless ones who were justly barred from the light in this Revelation.

Be thou grateful to God for having sent down unto thee this Tablet which hath been adorned with the ornament of utterance. Thus have We sent down the verses from the Kingdom of the Command and dispatched them unto thee that they might attract thee to an atmosphere that was mixed with the fragrance of reunion.

BH04732: My remembrance unto him who hath rent asunder…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

My remembrance unto him who hath rent asunder the veils and turned unto God, his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, that he may find the fragrance of the All-Merciful from this Vesture which We have sent in the form of a Tablet with spirit and delight. They that are heedless, these are in manifest error and delusion.

Say: The All-Merciful hath come with the kingdom of utterance, and the Mount calleth out: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Mighty, the Choice!” And from another direction the call is raised: “The Prison is God’s, the Mighty, the Compelling!” The blood of Baha calleth out to all who are in the kingdom of creation, summoning them to the place of sacrifice, saying: “I have chosen for you what I have chosen for Myself.” Your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, beareth witness to this. Whoso hath attained unto My recognition hath sacrificed himself in My path. This is what hath been set down by the Pen of Revelation in the Scriptures and Tablets.

They that spread corruption in the earth—these shall have none to guide them. And they that consume the substance of men wrongfully and shed blood—these are of the people of loss.

Say: The sword is My remembrance and the spearpoint is the tongue. Draw them forth by My leave, then help the All-Merciful through them amidst all worlds. Thus have ye been commanded by the Revealer of verses. By My life! The sword of utterance is sharper than the sword of steel—know this, O ye who are endued with insight!

We beseech God to aid thee to rend asunder the veil and to help His Cause through thee. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Helper. Make it thy paramount concern to teach thy Lord’s Cause—this is the sovereign of all

deeds with the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The glory that proceedeth from God rest upon thee and upon them that have turned unto the Lord of Command in the beginning and in the end.

BH04655: We have at times revealed that which none knoweth…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

We have at times revealed that which none knoweth save whom God willeth, and in another station We have revealed verses in such wise that the servants understand them and what their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, intendeth thereby. By My life! We love to speak words that all who have turned to God may understand. Thus doth My mercy which hath encompassed the worlds require. Be grateful to God that the Beloved speaketh in your tongue, for this is a great bounty indeed.

They who today remain remote from God's grace and mercy are in manifest error, while they who have turned unto and acknowledged what hath been revealed in the Tablets are among the triumphant. Among men are those who take darkness for light, and those who stray in the wilderness of error and are not among those who perceive.

The Call hath been raised in such wise that even the atoms have heard it, yet most men remain heedless. The Sun of Utterance hath shone forth in such wise that its effulgence hath encompassed all contingent things, yet most men remain turned away. They behold God's proof and sovereignty yet deny it, having followed every ignorant remote one.

Say: O people! Fear God and look not upon the face with your eyes, but rather with this luminous sight. Thus have ye been commanded in all the Tablets, did ye but understand.

Grieve not thou over those who have denied God and what hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors. Be thou grateful at all times and place thy trust in Him. Verily He is with His servants who trust in Him.

BH04727: A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who…

In His Name, the All-Subduing, the Supreme Over All Names

A remembrance from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of God and arise to serve Him amongst His servants in such wise that neither the affairs of men may perturb him nor the veils of every rejected misbeliever hinder him. Arise with divine authority to serve His Cause—this is better for you than all that hath been created on earth, did ye but know. The world and whatsoever is therein shall profit you not. By My life! That which hath been ordained by God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved, shall profit you. The creation was brought into being for this Day, yet they remain veiled from His presence.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Hold fast to the cord of trustworthiness amongst all people and speak with pure truthfulness, that there may be manifested through you that which beseemeth this irrevocable Cause. Whoso betrayeth God is among the most abject of all creation—all things curse him even as honored servants curse him. Aid ye the All-Merciful through your words and deeds—thus have ye been

counseled in most of the Tablets, did ye but know. Beware lest ye commit that which disturbeth the souls and stunneth the minds. Be ye the manifestations of My morals amongst My servants and the dawning-places of My sanctification amidst My creation. Thus doth your Lord command you, would ye but understand. Say: All that He commandeth you is for your own good, would ye but be fair in your judgment. That which ye possess profiteth Us not, but rather profiteth your own selves—to this testifieth all things, would ye but witness. Beware lest ye cast behind your backs the bounds of God. Act ye according to that which ye have been commanded by the True One, the Knower of things unseen.

BH04666: O Rida! May you be, through the bounty…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Mighty

O Rida! May you be, through the bounty of the Lord of Names, confident and joyous. Some time ago your letter was present before the Throne and its answer was revealed according to what God had ordained. This is another time. Verily your Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Regarding the verses of God that were revealed and sent last year specifically for some of the ungodly for you to recite—the purpose was that the divine proof be completed against those ungodly souls, although it was already complete. Otherwise, the condition of every soul has been and will be known. One who has taste perceives the flavor of good fruits. For souls who are deprived of this station, the sending down of heavenly food has been and will be divine wrath.

Thus you witnessed how We seized the leader of the people with a wondrous Book, despite knowing his rejection and rebellion. Now what was a blessing for him became a curse, and its effects are evident in all lands. Soon it shall become manifest in his own self. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The mention of God is a blessing for the righteous and a curse for the wicked, and this is due to the change that occurs in misbelieving souls whereby they are prevented from acknowledging divine verses and perceiving good fruits. We beseech God to assist you in all conditions and make you one who speaks in His name among the worlds. The Glory be upon you and upon those with you.

BH04735: The All-Sanctified, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Glorified…

The All-Sanctified, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Glorified be He Who hath manifested the Manifestation of His Cause as He pleaseth, and caused Him to speak forth verses whereby all atoms were attracted, that all might be assured that He is the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Omnipotent.

Verily in the imprisonment of the Ancient Beauty among the nations and His establishment upon the Most Great Throne are signs for those who know. He spoke when cut off from all means, and delivered the Cause while in the hands of the oppressors. In tribulation He called upon the Lord of Names, in hardship He remembered the Lord of all beings, and in sorrows He summoned all in the contingent world unto the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath acknowledged, woe unto the deniers.

Behold, O servant, how God seized those who cast the Tablet of God behind their backs and killed him who came unto them with clear authority. We sent forth the Wonderful One with authority from Us, and

dispatched Him with a mercy from Our presence unto him who turned away from the Truth, that God's proof might be completed against him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

When he appeared before him, he was seized with injustice and there befell him that which caused the dwellers of Paradise to lament. Therefore did God seize those in the lands and sent down upon them hunger and fear that they might awaken and be of those who repent. He awakened not at God's might; soon will He seize him with vengeful power from His presence. Verily He is the most severe of avengers.

Nothing whatsoever escapeth thy Lord's knowledge. He doeth what He willeth through His authority and decreeth what He pleaseth. Thus have We informed thee and imparted unto thee that which gladdeneth thy heart, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

BH04840: How blessed is he who hath found the fragrance…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

How blessed is he who hath found the fragrance of the All-Merciful as it wafted through all creation, and how fortunate is he who hath drunk of this Kawthar which hath flowed from the Finger of Grace in the days of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Say: What aileth you, O people, that ye have turned to vain imaginings and turned away from Him Who hath come in the shadows of the clouds with manifest sovereignty? He is indeed the Beloved One Who was promised to you in the Tablets, were ye of them that know. He is indeed the One mentioned from all eternity, and by His remembrance hath every perspicuous Book been adorned. Ponder, O people, upon the verses of God and His proof, that ye may recognize that wherewith ye were promised by One mighty and knowing.

We summon you unto God and seek from you no recompense—the Pen of Revelation beareth witness to this, were ye of them that hear. Occupy not yourselves with that which ye have been forbidden; rather, do that which ye have been commanded in the Book—this is better for you, were ye of them that know. Blessed is he who hath detached himself from all else and turned unto his Lord, after all the heedless and remote ones turned away from Him.

Aid ye the All-Merciful through remembrance and utterance, that perchance they that slumber may awaken and turn unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus hath the Pen spoken, and the Ancient of Days hath borne witness thereunto, when He was imprisoned in the Most Great Prison by reason of what the hands of the oppressors had wrought.

If thou hast found the sweetness of the remembrance that hath been raised from the Lote-Tree of Utterance, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord, the All-Merciful, for having turned toward me the wonders of Thy favors and made me to be of them that have attained.

BH04729: In the Name of the One, the Single…

In the Name of the One, the Single, the Self-Subsisting! Your mention hath been made before the Throne and thy cry hath been heard. God willing, through divine grace and heavenly bounties thou shalt ever

abide beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree. Praise be to the Goal of the world that thou hast been enabled to remember Him and hast attained unto His recognition.

In truth, in the primal reality the cause of creation and existence hath been His knowledge. Whoso attaineth unto this station hath attained unto bounties beyond counting. Today the knower is he who hath recognized Him, and the learned one is he who hath comprehended the Known One. The heedless souls who remain in the wilderness of self and desire and have not been guided by the dayspring lights of guidance are accounted as non-existent before the Truth. Blessed are those souls whose mention hath flowed from the Supreme Pen and who have entered the eternal paradise which is the love of God.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for having inscribed thy name in the Tablet. Say: O my God and my Master! I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy Revelation whereby Thy heaven and earth were illumined, and by the tribulations of the Dayspring of Thy signs Who hath been afflicted amidst the wrongdoers among Thy creatures, to make me one of those who in Thy love have detached themselves from all else but Thee, who have arisen to serve Thee amongst Thy servants, and who have been so carried away by the breezes of Thy love that they have cast behind them all that is on earth in manifesting Thy Cause and exalting Thy Word. Then ordain for me, O my God, what is best for me, for Thou art the All-Knowing and verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH04788: The heavens have spoken: “The Lord of Names hath…

He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The heavens have spoken: “The Lord of Names hath come!” The Dove hath warbled: “The Lord hath appeared with His Most Glorious Name!” And the pebble hath cried out: “The Kingdom belongeth to the Lord of Attributes!” All things have voiced the remembrance and praise of God, yet most people remain in doubt and discord.

The Most Great Ocean hath surged and spoken in the name of the Ancient Lord, yet most nations are as the dead. We call them to the Kawthar of life, but they have turned away from it, having followed vain imaginings.

Blessed is the soul that hath been kindled with the fire of God and hath not been hindered by the veils of the people of hypocrisy. Such souls are of those whose names have been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen and whose mention hath been recorded in the tablets of their Lord, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

Thou hast adorned thy tongue with My remembrance, thine eyes with beholding My verses, thy heart with turning toward My direction, and thine ears toward the Dawning-Place of utterance. Thus have We adorned thee with the ornament of remembrance and distinguished thee in this Day wherein eyes are solaced.

Read thou the verses of thy Lord and turn not unto those who follow their desires and deny God, the Lord of Lords. Soon shall We seize them as We seized those before them. Verily thy Lord is the Omnipotent over whatsoever He willeth.

Forget not My favor and consort not with those who have turned away from the Countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of glory. Glory be unto those who have quaffed the wine of detachment in this Day wherein the Lord of creation proclaimeth:

> "The Kingdom belongeth to Him Who hath appeared with majesty and power!"

BH04638: In the Name of God, the Most Great…

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Ancient! O Asad! Hearken to the call of the Manifestation of thy Lord, the One, the Single, Who hath taken unto Himself neither consort nor son. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Peerless, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, the Ever-Abiding.

Wert thou to discover what hath been ordained for thee from the Word of thy Lord, thou wouldst detach thyself from the whole world and arise to praise the Lord of Names. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. He remembereth him who hath turned unto Him and turneth unto him who hath set his face towards the Court of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

Be thou as a lion in the Cause of thy Lord, that the hearts of them that have turned away may quake with fear. Illumine the servants with the light of thy Lord and the lands through this Name whereby all that was and will be hath been illumined.

This is a Day wherein every poor one hath soared to the heaven of riches, every powerless one to the horizon of might, and every abased one to the dayspring of glory through this Name which God hath made the Dawning-Place of His signs amongst His creation and the Manifestation of His clear tokens to all who dwell in the realm of the seen and the unseen.

Blessed art thou for having quaffed the wine of loving acceptance and turned unto the Qiblih of existence. Stand firm in that whereunto thou hast attained, for verily Satan lieth in wait and calleth the people unto vain imaginings. Thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving, command thee.

Read thou what hath been sent down unto thee, whereby souls take wing and hearts are quickened. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the splendors of the Countenance when the Manifestation of the Cause appeared with the Name of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH04733: My remembrance unto him who attained to My days…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

My remembrance unto him who attained to My days, found the fragrance of My robe, and turned to God, the Lord of all days.

We have sent down from the heaven of grace the rains of loving-kindness and bounty. They who have attained unto them are of the people of Baha in the presence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and they who have turned away are among the most abject of servants, and their names are recorded among the dead. Blessed is the thirsty one who has drunk the living waters in the days of the All-Merciful, and

woe unto him who has turned away and been deprived of this bounty that has encompassed all in creation. Happy is he who has taken the cup of eternity in My Most Glorious Name and drunk thereof, detached from those who have turned away from God, the Lord of all men.

Be ye God's trusted ones in His earth and His faithful ones in His lands, in such wise that through you may waft the fragrances of detachment. Hold fast to the cord of godliness, for through it appears the sign of sanctity in the realms of your Lord, the Subjugator of winds. We command you to that which will make you dawning-places of victory in this Cause that has encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be steadfast in the love of God and His obedience in such wise that the conditions of the people of error may not cause you to waver. It behooveth him who hath held fast to My love to be endued with My morals. Thus hath the matter been ordained in the Book.

O My loved ones! Were I to remember you throughout the duration of My kingdom, the fire of My love would not be stilled. Be ye as befitteth this station. Thus have We expounded the matter and sent down the verses that thine eye and the eyes of those who have turned to God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained, may be solaced thereby.

BH04684: Blessed be He Who summoneth the servants unto…

He is the One Who abideth through His own Being!

Blessed be He Who summoneth the servants unto the horizon of His bounty, though He, verily, is independent of all worlds. All things testify to His independence, and every matter boweth before His Command, the All-Compelling, the All-Encompassing. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Surrounding. His Will hath conquered all created things, and His sovereignty hath transcended all who are in the heavens and on earth. He remembereth His servants in the Most Great Prison, inasmuch as they have turned unto Him—exalted be He Whose mercy hath preceded every small and great one.

O thou who art mentioned by the Pen of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days! We have become aware of thy burning love for thy Lord and thy turning unto this Most Glorious, Wondrous Cause. Therefore hath the Pen of Revelation traced thy name, that its influence may attract thee in such wise as to detach thee from all who are on earth, and that through thee may be detached such servants as wander in the wilderness of error and are debarred from that which their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath desired for them.

Know thou that he who believed in the Spirit at the beginning of His Cause was a fisherman who caught fish in the sea. But when the Word shone forth upon him from the horizon of the Divine Will, he turned with his whole being to the Mighty, the Wise. Therefore did the mysteries of wisdom and utterance flow from his mouth. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. He giveth what He willeth to whomsoever He willeth. He is, verily, the Ruler over what He desireth.

Beware lest anything extinguish thee. Be thou ablaze throughout all thy days through this Name whereby the world hath been set aflame. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses and dispatched them to thee, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and be of them that attain.

BH04636: Verily this Tablet shineth between the heavens…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Verily this Tablet shineth between the heavens and the earth, and through it the Spirit was sent down and the Faithful Spirit did speak. They who have turned unto God, these are in an exalted station. We have made this Tablet the source of the new creation, yet the people remain in evident veils. They hear not the call of the Spirit, nor do they see that which hath dawned from the horizon of the Tablet—nay, they are as the dead. The Tablets have been detailed from this Tablet which hath appeared through this Great Name.

Say: Did ye believe in the signs, then wherefore did ye not believe, and in that which was sent down from the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Wise? Did ye accept the clear proofs, then wherefore did ye turn away from Him through Whom every wise decree was manifested? The signs have humbled themselves before the countenance of their Lord, and the clear proofs before His all-compelling sovereignty over the worlds.

We desire for you naught save that which God hath desired. Whoso heareth is saved, and whoso turneth away, his is disgrace this Day. Thus hath it been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen from One mighty and all-knowing.

They who followed vain imaginings after the Sun of Certitude had dawned, these have no path to the Truth. Say: Seize ye the opportunity in these days, then turn ye to the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

God hath heard thy call and revealed for thee that whereby the eyes of them that are endued with understanding are solaced. When thou attainest unto it, recite it and glorify thy Lord with praise. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee!

BH04853: This is a Tablet which We have adorned…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Mighty

This is a Tablet which We have adorned with the ornament of the Pen from before Him Who is the Lord of Eternity and sent it to him who has turned to the Countenance and delivers the Cause of his Lord, that joy may so possess him that sorrows shall never afflict him. Blessed art thou for having occupied thyself with the remembrance of God and the proclamation of His Cause. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We were with thee when thou didst speak forth this Name whereby the backs of the wicked were broken. Say: O people! Verily He is with whosoever maketh mention of Him and beholdeth whosoever aideth Him through utterance. Draw ye the hearts through My remembrance and subdue souls through this Name whereby the Sun of the Cause hath shone forth from the horizon of glory. Those who claim to attract through any name other than this Name are belied by all atoms. Among the people is he who hath an outward melody but from whom We hear inwardly the croaking of the raven.

Say: There existeth nothing in the realm of creation at the level of creation but that We have revealed it in truth. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Unconstrained. And whatsoever hath been treasured in the treasuries of the unseen is with Us and none hath become aware of it save My knowledge which hath encompassed all horizons.

Leave those who claim of their own desires that which God hath not permitted them, then preserve souls from these ones. Thus doth the Lord of creation command thee. Blessed art thou, O thou who speaketh in remembrance of thy Lord and art mentioned by the Pen of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. The Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever heareth thy word in remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH04726: A remembrance from Us to him who hath migrated…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

A remembrance from Us to him who hath migrated unto God in numbered years, that he may appear amongst men in raiment wherefrom the regions are illumined. We have counselled him at all times to turn unto the All-Merciful and to be detached from whatsoever hath been created in the realm of possibility. We beseech God to assist him in that which is befitting unto him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

O Salman! Hearken unto the Call from this Tree upraised in truth—verily there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Counsel the servants regarding trustworthiness and truthfulness, and to act according to what hath been revealed in the Tablets. He who casteth away trustworthiness is among the most contemptible of creatures. To this testifieth He with Whom is the knowledge of the Book. Say: O people! Adorn yourselves with the attributes of the All-Merciful in the realm of possibility. Beware lest ye follow your passions. Words are not accepted, but rather deeds performed purely for God, the One, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Most High.

Be thou grateful unto God for having admitted thee to the prison when the sea of trials and tests surged, and for causing thee to hear His call and to attain His presence when the hosts of the wicked had encompassed Him. Go forth unto the lands by God's leave and command, then make mention of My loved ones who have turned unto the Dawning-Place of lights, and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance of them every morn and eve. The horizons have been filled with that which hath flowed from the Pen of Revelation, and the Tablets have been adorned with that which hath been sent down from the Source of verses. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto God on the Day of Return.

BH04931: O Nabil, son of Nabil! There hath come before…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Bountiful

O Nabil, son of Nabil! There hath come before the Wronged One that which thou didst send to Ismu'l-Javad, who was attracted by the verses of God and turned to Him, even unto visiting the Prison on a day when all on earth turned away from God save those rescued by the hand of Him Who ruleth over the

worlds. Thou art he who traversed land and sea, and bore the derision of men and whatsoever proceeded from their mouths, until thou didst attain unto His presence and didst hear the call of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Remember when thou didst stand before the Gate, and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke unto thee that which God hath made the Kawthar of life for all who dwell in the realm of possibility.

Thus doth He Who possesseth the Preserved Tablet make mention of thee. In these days We have sent a letter unto thy brother wherein We have made mention of thee as a token of My grace, for I am the Rememberer, the Hearer, the Beholder, and the Answerer in what hath been and what shall be. Blessed art thou and he, and those women who were with you both and who remember their Lord through what the All-Merciful hath sent down in His perspicuous and mighty Tablet. From this station We send Our greetings unto Javad who attained unto what his Lord, the Lord of existence, desired. He it is who heard the Call and answered his Lord whilst most of the people were as dead.

Convey My greetings unto him and unto those who have believed in the One, the All-Informed. The Glory be upon you and upon every one who turneth unto God and whom the turbans have not hindered from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH04863: O Abu-ʿAli! Blessed art thou, for God hath brought…

He is the Ever-Abiding in the Most Glorious Horizon

O Abu-ʿAli! Blessed art thou, for God hath brought forth from thy loins one who, through His remembrance, hath quickened the dead. The attractions of this Revelation have seized him in such wise that he hath detached himself from all that hath been mentioned, turning unto the Spot wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all mankind.” Know thou the value of this bounty. By My life! Were anyone to recognize it, he would soar upon wings of longing unto the Dawning-Place of verses. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this supreme bounty, and for His having aided thee to recognize this Cause whereby every thirsty one hath attained unto the ocean of nearness and reunion. Do sorrows overtake thee after that which hath come to thee from the direction of thy Lord, that which hath brought solace to thine eyes? Rejoice, turning unto the Most Great Joy. Say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of earth and heaven. My soul be a sacrifice for Thee, O Thou Who hast offered up Thyself for the salvation of the world. My spirit be a ransom for Thy prison, O Thou Who hast borne tribulations for the life of all in the lands.”

Beware lest thou be disturbed by the tyranny of them that have wronged. They are but in manifest error. Had We seen any worth in the world, We would not have left it to Our enemies. Through one word from Us, We would have subdued all in the horizons. These numbered days shall pass away, and We shall behold the sincere ones in pavilions of glory with might and majesty. Thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and unto thee hath been sent this Tablet whereby the Tree hath called out and the leaves have glorified God. And the glory be upon thee and upon thy son and thy wife, from God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

BH04826: The Tongue of the All-Merciful hath been loosed through…

The Tongue of the All-Merciful hath been loosed through this utterance which shineth forth from the horizon of creation. By My life, We have observed thee and Mine eye hath been turned toward thee at all times. Verily thy Lord is the All-Merciful.

O ʿAli! Thou art not heartless, for the heart is a dwelling-place of the Friend and is with Him. And thou art not poor, for through thy love for the Manifest Beauty thou art accounted among the most wealthy of His servants. Thou hast never been and art not a stranger, rather thou art near. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds Who, through His all-encompassing mercy and His pre-existent grace, caused thee to attain unto the original homeland which is the recognition of His Own transcendent Being.

Thou art indeed among those who have attained unto Him and His presence, and heard His call, and stood before the Throne after most of the servants were debarred therefrom. This is of His bounty which no created thing in the universe can equal. Then remember when We caused thee to appear before Us yet again—this is another bounty. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the earth and heavens!

Grieve not over anything. Be as a bird soaring in the atmosphere of longing and yearning. By My life, this world shall pass away and ye shall find yourselves in the most exalted station. This is what thy Lord, the True One, the Faithful, informeth thee. By My life, wert thou to know what hath been ordained for thee, thou wouldst soar with longing and rapture.

Thus have We sent down unto thee that which shall gladden thine eyes and the eyes of those who have turned with radiant faces and illumined breasts unto the countenance, and whom the clamor of such as have disbelieved in God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, hath not deterred.

BH04774: The Most Great, the Most Glorious! The heaven hath…

The Most Great, the Most Glorious! The heaven hath been raised up by this Name, whereby the hearts of the wicked were agitated when the Caller called out. A herald cried: “Hath the Desired One come?” It was said: “Yea, by the Beauty of the Worshipped One, with proof and evidence!”

Say: Today your idle fancies will profit you not. The Hidden One hath appeared through His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed are they who possess insight! They who hesitated—these are the companions of error, by thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Say: Beware lest ye hesitate in a Cause unto which the hearts of them who are endued with understanding have hastened. This is He through Whom eyes were cheered and the horizons were illumined. Were it not for Him, the Ancient Beauty would not have appeared and the Tablets would not have been sent down.

Say: The Bayan is but a leaf from among the leaves of this Divine Tree. Thus hath the All-Merciful testified in the Book. It behooveth everyone, when hearing the Call, to say:

> “Yea, O Thou in Whose hand is the Kingdom of the dominion of earth and heaven!”

We have manifested the Cause in such wise that it hath encompassed all who are on earth. To this beareth witness he who possesseth knowledge of both the hidden and the manifest.

Blessed art thou, O thou who art mentioned before the Throne, for having turned unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower, and having turned away from them that disbelieved. By My life! Thou art of them that have attained unto the presence of God in the final return. Rejoice thou in God's remembrance of thee and glorify Him with praise at morn and eventide.

We are in the hands of the enemies. None knoweth what hath befallen Us from both factions save thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The door hath been opened and what was to come forth hath come forth. Understand thou the tone of these words. This is what ye were promised in the Tablets.

BH04639: In the Name of God, the Most Holy…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O Asad! Thy letter hath come before Our face and thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, hath turned His gaze toward it. Blessed art thou for having turned toward the right hand on the Day of Judgment, the Day whereon the Lord of all worlds proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth to your Lord, the Mighty, the Unconstrained!" Thus hath God ordained for thee the reward of those who have turned unto Him.

Guard thou this station, then stand firm in the Cause of God in such wise that all things may inhale from thee the fragrance of certitude in thy Lord's Cause, the Help in Peril. Let nothing grieve thee. Ask thou God to make thee a lion in support of His Cause. Verily He is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty that hath encompassed all existence, both unseen and visible, and by Thy Name through which was manifested that which lay hidden in Thy knowledge and inscribed in Thy tablets, to make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause in such wise that the cawing of those who have denied Thy signs may not hold me back, nor the onslaught of those who have wronged Thee in Thy days disquiet me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation. Thou art verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

As to what thou didst ask regarding that which was concealed in the Preserved Tablet—verily We found the greatest thing therein to be at the beginning of thy letter. It is indeed the Most Great Name through which the peoples were scattered and the sincere ones were gathered at the shore of the Ancient Sea. Thus doth thy Lord inform thee. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Aware.

BH04608: The Most Holy, the Most Glorious, the Most Splendid!…

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious, the Most Splendid! Hearken, then, to the call of the heaven saying: "The Truth hath come with manifest sovereignty!" And hear from the air: "By God, the Glory hath come from God, the Mighty, the Loving!" And the earth proclaimeth, saying: "O peoples of creation! The Manifestation of your Lord, the Lord of Names, hath come. Follow Him and follow not every rejected idolater. Burn away vain imaginings with the fire that speaketh in the midst of contingent being: 'Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praised!"'

Blessed is he who hath found the sweetness of the utterance that hath appeared from the mouth of the will of his Lord, the All-Merciful. And woe unto him who hath been deprived of this bounty which hath encompassed all that was and shall be.

O servant! Rejoice thou in the remembrance of thy Lord. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, in that Thou hast remembered me through the tongue of the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, Who hath been imprisoned in Thy path, having summoned the people unto the quarter of Thy bestowals and favors. O my Lord! Aid me to turn unto Thee, detached from all else but Thee. Then enable me to serve Thee and remember Thee. Verily, Thou art the One potent through Thy sovereignty and the One Who dominateth all things through Thy might. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Forgiving.

O my Lord! Have mercy upon me through Thy bounty, then prescribe for me the reward of those who have turned unto Thee, for I find for myself no helper other than Thee and no protector besides Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Self not to deprive me of the breezes of Thy Cause and the fragrances of Thy days. I testify that Thou art the One powerful over all things and that Thou art the Forgiving, the Kind.

BH04780: We have adorned creation with the mention of Our…

In the name of Him Who dominates over what was and what shall be!

We have adorned creation with the mention of Our Name, Whom We sent aforetime to give glad tidings to the people of this hidden Mystery. Indeed He warbled upon the branches with diverse melodies, with this mighty, forbidden Remembrance, and gave glad tidings to the servants of the Most Great Name, and called out to all from the Mount of the Bayan:

> "Verily there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!"

The Bayan and all within it was made dependent upon My acceptance, and all was made but a leaf among the leaves of My Ridvan. Yet when We unveiled Beauty from the Dawning-Place of Glory, heedless souls objected to Us. Say: O people! By God, were it not for Him, the Bayan would not have appeared and the verses of God, the Mighty, the Loving, would not have been revealed. Through My Name was the Bayan adorned and the beauty of the All-Merciful appeared in creation, if ye would understand.

Thus have We caused thee to hear the cooing of the Dove of Justice and the rushing of the winds of grace, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and arise to serve thy Lord in such wise that none in existence shall deter thee. Stand firm then in the Cause and guide the people through this Most Great Name. Thus doth command thee He Who dominateth the seen and the unseen.

Grieve not at anything, for thy Lord is with thee and heareth what proceedeth from thy lips in His remembrance and praise. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Purify the breasts through My Name that dominateth all names, and illumine the hearts through this ordained Remembrance. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the knowledge of God in this promised Day.

BH04694: The Most Holy, the Most Exalted

The Most Holy, the Most Exalted

O Ha and Sin! Hearken to the Call from the Most Glorious Horizon—there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. We have conveyed to every soul that which We were commanded when We arrived in the prison. Thus has the decree been fulfilled by the Lord of all men. They who are heedless this day are indeed among the veiled ones, and they who have turned towards Him are the people of guidance—upon them do the denizens of the Kingdom and those endowed with the knowledge of the Book send their blessings.

Be as God, thy Lord, hath desired thee to be, such that the regions might be illumined through thee. Then manifest the sanctification of thy Lord in such wise that all atoms might discover from thee the fragrance of His Robe. Thou art indeed among those who have attained the lights of His Countenance, and thereby hath thy name been inscribed in the Tablets. Know thou the value of this station, then preserve it. Thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving, remind thee.

Arise from the horizon of detachment in the name of thy Lord, the Creator of all things, and glorify thy Lord's praise at eventide and at dawn. Be thou a servant unto His Cause and be thou ever mindful of His presence. Grieve not because of them that are heedless. Soon shalt thou behold the Cause resplendent throughout all regions. Be thou so steadfast in thy love for thy Lord that the veils of them that have disbelieved in the Lord of Lords shall not withhold thee. Soon shall they who dwell on earth glory in the names of those who have shattered the idols of vain desire and turned towards God, the Revealer of verses.

Confine thy affairs to the service of the Cause—thus hast thou been commanded by thy Lord, the Creator of all names. The glory that proceedeth from God rest upon thee and upon them that have attained unto the light of His Countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of might and power.

BH04776: In the Name of God, the Most Holy!…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy! From the horizon of tribulation hath dawned the Sun, upon which hath been inscribed by the Most Glorious Pen:

> "The Prison belongeth unto God, the One, the Peerless, the Mighty, the Unconstrained."

The moon of idle fancy hath been eclipsed, when the Self-Subsisting appeared with the standards of His signs. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast cast away idle desire and taken that which was commanded thee from the presence of God, the Cleaver of Dawn.

This is not the day to tarry. Be thou as a bird soaring in the atmosphere of detachment in the name of thy Lord, the Originator of all creation. Thus doth the Pen of Command enjoin thee from the presence of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Should anyone inhale its fragrance, he would perceive from this Shirt the sweet savors of holiness through which the breaths of the All-Merciful have wafted throughout all contingent being. Grieve not today at what thou seest, the people turning away from God. Soon shall the standards of victory be raised upon the highest pinnacles. Thy Lord, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

These are verses by which the hearts of them that are endowed with understanding are attracted. By My life! Were their fragrances to pass over the hardest rock, it would cry out at the highest pitch between earth and heaven: “Glory be to God, the Mighty, the Compelling!”

O Servant! Hearken unto the Call from the Sacred Shore in the Crimson Spot, from the Supreme Pen: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Thy letter hath come before the Throne, and God’s gaze hath turned toward it, as a favor unto thee and unto His righteous servants. Thou hast attained all good through having turned to the Intended One on this Day whereon the Dove hath warbled and eyes have been gladdened. Preserve thou the Tablet, then read it in a spirit of fragrant joy. And the splendor be upon thee from thy Lord, the All-Merciful.

BH04690: The verses are being sent down from God…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High!

The verses are being sent down from God, the Mighty, the Wise, unto him who hath attained to the recognition of the All-Merciful when the All-Glorious came with manifest sovereignty. The City hath been sent down from the heaven of command, and he who hath held fast to the cord of God, the Mighty, the Great, hath drawn nigh unto the Throne. We behold the people of Baha in the Crimson Ark, while they that turned away are drowned—these are among the perishing ones. Blessed is he who hath clung unto God, detached from all else save Him. He is, verily, of the people of Baha—thy Lord is the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. The darkness hath been illumined by the light of the Days, yet most of the people remain heedless.

We beseech God to move His loved ones through the stirring of His Most Exalted Pen, which moveth upon the Tablet in His Most Glorious Name, that all may arise to promote His Cause and make mention of Him with such remembrance as shall attract the hearts of the heedless who were numbered among those far removed. Draw ye nigh through My Most Glorious Name unto the Stream which floweth between earth and heaven, then drink ye therefrom by the leave of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The All-Merciful hath revealed Himself unto all who are in the realm of possibility—blessed are they that have attained. O My loved ones! Remember ye My days and what hath befallen Me at the hands of the oppressors among My creatures and the rebellious ones among My creation in this remote prison.

We beseech God to assist all to stand firm in His love and to turn unto Him in all conditions. This is better for them than the kingdom of the dominion of the heavens and earth. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned with their hearts toward the direction of God, the Almighty, the Supreme, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

BH04640: O My handmaiden! The ocean of utterance hath surged…

In the name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal!

O My handmaiden! The ocean of utterance hath surged with the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and the Pen of Revelation hath moved in the realm of wisdom and mystical knowledge, until it reached a station wherein the handmaidens of God, thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-

Informed, had gathered, and found thee standing in the station of submission. Therefore hath this exalted Tablet been sent down unto thee. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of God bestowed upon thee, for all the treasures of the earth cannot equal it. Well is it with them that comprehend. We make mention, at all times, of the servants of the All-Merciful, both men and women, and We desire naught save their turning unto God, the Peerless, the One, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Among the people are those who have denied the proof of God and His sovereignty, and among them are those who have turned to the Countenance with radiant faces. When the Promise was fulfilled and the horizon of Manifestation was illumined with the light of the remembrance of thy Lord's name, the idolaters arose in opposition and uttered that which none of the peoples of old had uttered, until they rose up to wage war in such wise that all things lamented, the pillars of existence were shaken, and the eyes of the near ones wept. Grieve thou not at anything. Take comfort in the remembrance of thy Lord. By God! Thou shalt find in His remembrance the breaths of revelation whereby every decayed bone is quickened. Thus doth the Pen of Command enjoin thee while imprisoned in the hands of the idolaters. When thou attainest unto this, say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, for having enabled me to turn towards the Dayspring of Thy Cause. I testify that Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH04687: Thou seest, O my God, the yearning…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Thou seest, O my God, the yearning of the lovers for the Mother of the Horizons in their longing to attain Thy presence, and their burning with the fire of separation in the wilderness of remoteness from Thee. Hearts have melted by being prevented from entering the city of reunion with Thee, and souls have been set aflame by the wafting of the breezes of prevention from the direction of Thy decree and Thy judgment. O Lord! Thou seest their sighs in their separation from Thee and the lamentation of their hearts in Thy days. Do Thou therefore ordain for him who hath shown patience in Thy decree and held fast to the cord of Thy good-pleasure the reward of those who have attained Thy presence and appeared before the throne of Thy grandeur.

O Lord! Thy mercy hath preceded all and Thy loving-kindness hath encompassed all. Ordain Thou for Thy loved ones that which will solace their eyes and gladden their hearts. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Powerful.

Thou knowest that I have desired naught but what Thou didst desire, and have wished naught but what Thou didst decree, and have moved not except by Thy command, and have breathed not except with Thy good-pleasure. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Sender of the Winds, that Thou ordain for him who hath desired Thee the good of this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Wise.

O Lord! When Thou findest in the heart of any of Thy servants the pearl of Thy love, make mention of him from this quarter, purely for Thy sake, that the attraction of Thy call may seize him in such wise that he

may detach himself from all else save Thee and arise wholly to celebrate Thy praise and remembrance and to stand firm in Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures. O Lord! Aid him and those who have believed to do that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH04744: Lauded be Thy name, O Lord my God! Thou…

Lauded be Thy name, O Lord my God! Thou seest how I have turned myself toward Thee, and set my face in the direction of Thy grace and Thy gifts. I implore Thee, by Thy name through which Thou didst enable all them that have recognized Thy unity to partake of the wine of Thy mercy, and all such as have drawn nigh unto Thee to quaff the living waters of Thy loving-kindness, to rid me entirely of all vain imaginings, and to incline me in the direction of Thy grace, O Thou Who art the Lord of all men!

Graciously assist me, O my God, in the days of the Manifestation of Thy Cause and of the Day-Spring of Thy Revelation, to tear asunder the veils which have hindered me from recognizing Thee, and from immersing myself beneath the ocean of Thy knowledge. Hold Thou me with the hands of Thy power, and grant that I may be so carried away by the sweet melodies of the Dove of Thy oneness, that I will cease to regard in all creation any face except Thy face, O Thou the Goal of my desire, and will recognize in the visible world naught else save the evidences of Thy might, O Thou Who art the God of mercy!

I am but a wretched creature, O my Lord, and Thou art the All-Possessing, the Most High; and I am all weakness, and Thou art the Almighty, and the Supreme Ordainer in both the beginning and the end. Withhold not from me the fragrances of Thy Revelation, and shatter not my hopes in the outpourings which have been sent down out of the heaven of Thy gifts. Ordain Thou for me, O my God, the good of this world and the world to come, and grant me what will profit me in every world of Thy worlds, for I know not what will help or harm me. Thou, in truth, art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Have mercy, then, O my God, upon Thy servants who are drowned in the midst of the ocean of evil suggestions, and deliver them by the power of Thy sovereignty, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names and attributes! Thou art He Who from everlasting hath ordained what hath pleased Thee, and will unto everlasting abide the same. No God is there but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

BH04745: Praised be Thou, O Lord my God! Thou beholdest…

In His Name, the Most Merciful

Praised be Thou, O Lord my God! Thou beholdest my perplexity, and the depth of mine anguish, and the agony of my soul, and the afflictions which beset me. By Thy glory! My heart crieth to Thee by reason of the things that have befallen my loved ones in Thy path, and mine eyes run down with tears for them who, in these days, have ascended unto Thee, who have cast the world behind their backs, and set their faces towards the shores of Thy transcendent mercy.

Clothe them, O my God, with the robe of Thy favor and the raiment of Thy loving providence, which Thou hast reserved for Thine own Self and woven with the hands of Thy manifold bounties and gifts. Give them, then, to drink, from the hands of Thy loving-kindness, of the cups of Thy measureless mercy. Cause

them, moreover, O my Best-Beloved, to abide within the precincts of Thy court and around Thy most effulgent Tabernacle. Powerful art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee.

And now I implore Thee, by the eternity of Thy Self, to enable me to be patient in these tribulations which have caused the Concourse on high to wail and the denizens of the everlasting Paradise to weep, and through which all faces have been covered with the tawny dust provoked by the anguish that hath seized such of Thy servants as have turned towards Thy Name, the Most Exalted, the Most High. No God is there but Thee, the Almighty, the Inaccessible, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

All Thy servants, O my God, are occupied with their own selves, so great have been the troubles which, as decreed by Thee, have encompassed them on every side. My tongue, however, is busied in extolling Thy chosen ones, and my heart in remembering them that are dear to Thee and are wholly subject to Thy will.

Look not on my state, O my God, nor my failure to serve Thee, nay rather regard the oceans of Thy mercy and favors, and the things that beseem Thy glory and Thy forgiveness and befit Thy loving-kindness and bounties. Thou art, verily, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH04798: A Book from Baha unto him who hath believed...

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A Book from Baha unto him who hath believed in God, the Lord of Names, that He may make him steadfast in the Cause in such wise that he will speak forth, both secretly and openly, that which hath been commanded by his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Arise in the Cause in such wise that the might of the oppressors shall not deter thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of Days. Should anyone ask thee of Baha, say: Verily, He hath sacrificed His spirit in the path of God, the Lord of Names, and while in the Most Great Prison, He calleth the peoples unto the Mighty, the Chosen One. He hath been so enkindled with the love of God that the oppression of those who disbelieved in God, the Cleaver of the Dawn, did not prevent Him. The more affliction increased, the more He increased in remembrance and utterance until He filled the horizons. Can anything prevent Him from the remembrance of His Lord? Nay, by Him Who controlleth the winds! Can the vicissitudes of time sadden Him? Nay, by His Most Great Appearance! Know this, O ye who are endued with insight! The ocean of joy hath surged in His Name and the rivers have flowed through His remembrance, O ye who are possessed of understanding!

Be thou of a single, radiant and illumined countenance in the Cause of thy Lord. Thou art among those who have attained unto the meeting with Him and whose name hath been mentioned in the Tablets. Hold fast unto the cord of wisdom in all matters. Thus doth the Lord of the Manifestation command thee from the presence of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

When thou hast received this Tablet, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Pen my remembrance hath flowed forth, after I was in the prison of the wicked. All glory be unto Thee and unto those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Forgiving.

BH05144: How wondrous is My remembrance by him who remembereth…

He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted

How wondrous is My remembrance by him who remembereth Me, and how sweet is My praise by him who praiseth his Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Verily praise from the people of praise is beloved before the Lord, and remembrance from the people of remembrance beseemeth this wondrous Face. No word of remembrance issueth from any mouth but We have heard it. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

He hath created all things for the praise and remembrance of God, yet most people are silent. He who speaketh this Name, he indeed speaketh the truth, and he who is heedless of it is silent, even should he utter all the books of the heavens and earth.

Say: All books have been detailed from this Book that maketh plain, and all the Messengers have been informed by this Momentous Announcement. Say: With Him is the knowledge of all things. When He willeth, He draweth forth from the Point the knowledge of the former and latter generations.

Blessed is he who hath recognized the Purpose and set out upon the path of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, and hath drunk the choice wine of reunion from the utterance of his Lord, the Most Exalted, and was among the steadfast ones. By My life! The greatest of stations is steadfastness in My Cause. Blessed are they that act!

Be thou gladdened by My Tablet, then rest assured in thy Lord's grace and grieve not for those who have turned aside and wander distracted. Be thou a helper of My Cause, a servant of My Self, and one who maketh mention of My praise. Thus doth the Tongue of Eternity command thee as a bounty from Him upon thee. Be thou thankful unto Him and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH04969: O My loved ones! We summon you at all…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

O My loved ones! We summon you at all times unto God, your Lord, the All-Merciful. By this We desire naught save to draw you nigh unto God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the ear that hath turned to the direction wherein was raised the call of God, that hath heard and said: "Here am I, O God of the seen and unseen!" We have raised the Word to a station that encompasseth all created things.

Exalted be this power which hath conquered all that was and will be. Among the people are those who have denied the proof of God and His Cause, and among them are those who have turned to the Desired One. Soon shall We loose the tongues of all existing things in praise of those who have turned unto Him, and We shall seize those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. O thou who hast turned unto Me! When We turned Our gaze toward all things, We found from thee the fragrance of My love. We have, therefore, moved the Pen to make mention of thee, as a grace from Us unto thee and unto all peoples. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Blessed art thou for having attained in the days of God and discovered that which was diffused from the garment of My remembrance, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Be thou steadfast in thy station such that nothing shall prevent thee from this praiseworthy station. Through My remembrance all things have taken flight, and through My call all existence hath been enraptured. Soon shall We manifest that which We have deposited in the heart of the world through this Forbidden Name. The glory be upon thee and upon thy mother, from the presence of the Lord of the Promised Day.

BH05163: This is a book from Us to those who…

He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious

This is a book from Us to those who have believed in God, the One, the Chosen, that the utterance may draw them nigh unto the Dawning-Place of the verses of the All-Merciful and may remember them through this Remembrance wherewith creation hath been adorned.

O handmaids of God! Hearken unto the call from the Lote-Tree raised up upon the luminous spot—verily there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Bestower. Bear ye witness even as God hath witnessed, then remember Him at eventide and at dawn.

Ye are the leaves of the Tree of My Cause; hold fast unto it through My Name whereby faces have shone and eyes have been consoled. Be ye soaring in the atmosphere of holiness and prostrate before the face of God, the Mighty, the Most High.

Ye have been created for chastity—thus hath the matter been decreed by the Lord of creation in the Scriptures and Tablets. Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned by the Pen of the Command, from which hath flowed the Water of Life in these days wherein the All-Merciful hath revealed Himself unto all who are in the realm of possibility.

Were ye to behold but one of the revelations that have shone forth from the horizon of the Countenance, ye would surely rend your hearts with your own hands and say:

> “This is none other than the Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth.”

Blessed are ye in that ye have been mentioned before the Throne and have turned unto the Dawning-Place of lights. Remember God at all times and glorify Him with His praise. Verily He is with His devout handmaidens and His righteous servants. The glory be upon you and upon those who have believed in God, the One, the All-Compelling.

BH05000: O Ali! May you ever abide, through divine grace…

In the Name of God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

O Ali! May you ever abide, through divine grace, beneath the shade of the Divine Lote Tree, and remain joyous and glad through the wafting of the breezes of the Lord’s favors. I praise God for having enabled you to recognize His Cause and aided you to turn towards God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Your

letter was received in His presence and its contents were noted. We beseech God to ordain for you the good of this world and the next. Verily He has power over all things.

It is most praiseworthy to strive to unite the hearts of the loved ones of God and guide people through wisdom and utterance. Blessed are they who attain!

Observe how despite the afflictions and successive tribulations, the Pen of the Cause has never ceased moving, continuously engaged in promoting God's Cause, such that it has encompassed all regions. The loved ones of God must also arise to serve the Cause according to their capacity. This is from God's grace which He bestows on whomsoever He wishes.

The people of affirmation who are the manifestations of "except" must fix their gaze on affirmation—that is, on the established, enduring and eternal stations that were and will be with God, not on transient and impermanent matters.

We beseech God to protect you beneath the canopy of His mercy and ordain for you what He has ordained for His sincere servants. He is indeed the Forgiving, the Generous. And may the glory rest upon you and those with you.

BH05132: A wondrous Book unto him who hath believed…

He is the Single, the One, the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

A wondrous Book unto him who hath believed in the Day of Return, when the Lord of creation appeared with a mighty command. We have proffered the choice wine of grace in the goblets of justice—blessed is he who hath drunk thereof, and woe unto the heedless!

There is no city but We have sent unto it that which perfecteth the proof of God unto all who dwell therein. Verily thy Lord is the possessor of great bounty. And there is none who hath not heard the Call when it was raised up in truth from this exalted Station. Among the people are those who heard and turned unto it, and among them are those who heard and turned away. And he who turned away, verily he heard not—thus doth the All-Merciful testify in this noble Tablet.

By My life! Were anyone to find the sweetness of the utterance which hath proceeded from the mouth of the All-Merciful, he would abandon the world and all that is therein, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Praised. Think not that they who turned away are alive—nay, they are among the dead. Soon shall they know what hath escaped them, but today they are in a mighty veil.

Grieve thou not because of those who have disbelieved. Remember thy Lord with wisdom and utterance—verily He is with His remembering servants. Recite thou the verses in thy days, then stand firm in the Cause through the power of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Thus have We wafted unto thee the fragrance of the garment of utterance from the presence of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest find it and be of those who give thanks.

BH04976: O Ali, turn with the ear of thy heart…

He is the Most Great, the Most Great

O Ali, turn with the ear of thy heart to that which the Tongue of Power uttereth amidst all creation. The Prison is for Him Who manifesteth God's Cause, due to what the hands of the hypocrites have wrought. Through the Word We blew the trumpet, and by it was the Bridge established and the Balance set up. At times We revealed it in the form of a Tablet, and at other times in the form of the Spirit, then in an entirely new form. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who created whatsoever He willed. Verily He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Say: Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

O Muhammad! Say: Take ye fast hold of the cord of servitude unto God, the True One. Through it are made manifest the stations of all created things. Then adorn your deeds with the ornament of sanctity, that the fragrance of sincerity may waft from you amongst all servants. Those who are heedless are in doubt and behind a veil. That which was written hath been fulfilled, that which was recorded hath appeared, and that which was promised in the Book hath come to pass. Whosoever after Him layeth claim to a Cause, he is indeed a liar, by the Lord of lords! Ye are God's hosts upon earth. Guard ye the fortress of My Cause from every doubting transgressor. Blessed are ye and those who are with you, be they male or female. Thy letter hath come before the Throne wherein thou didst make mention of My handmaidens. Blessed art thou and they are blessed by One Who is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We desire fellowship amongst you. Make your desire that which your Lord, the Mighty, the Unconstrained, hath desired.

BH05153: A remembrance from the Wronged One to those who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A remembrance from the Wronged One to those who have believed in the Name of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the Call may attract them and bring them to the Dawning-Place of Names. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Say: O people, refute not God's proof by what you possess, and follow not those who have oppressed. They are indeed a people drowned—drowned in the sea of hatred and rancor, and they perceive it not. They are consumed by the fire of wickedness, yet they understand not. Blessed is he who has cast them and what they possess behind him and has turned to the Kaaba of Beauty, the station wherein the Light has dawned from the horizon of Glory. He is verily of those who have attained the presence of God and were among such as knew His days.

We have detailed all things in the Book and explained what was hidden from the servants, that they might arise from slumber and turn toward God, the Mighty, the Loving. They who have drawn nigh with their hearts—these are among the people of Paradise, to which this preserved Pen doth testify.

O My loved ones! Aid Me through utterance amidst the peoples of the world. This is what shall profit you, did ye but know. Beware lest the doubts of creation or the intimations of those who have disbelieved in

the Witness and the Witnessed prevent you. Drink ye from this ocean in My Name, the One Who dominates over what was and what shall be. Thus have We commanded you as a grace from Us. He is verily the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

BH05219: The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O servant! Hearken…

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O servant! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of grandeur, from the luminous and exalted Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Wise. Arise in thy love for thy Lord in such wise that neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the ascendancy of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, can deter thee.

Grieve not for thy brother—by thy Lord, the Most Glorious!—for he hath ascended to the Supreme Companion and hath attained unto the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great.

Behold them that have disbelieved this Day and their paucity of understanding. By My life! They are among the ignorant ones. They slay My loved ones that they may thereby extinguish the light of God in His lands. Vain indeed is that which they have imagined. From every drop of their blood God will raise up a light whereby the horizons shall be illumined. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

And thereby will He assist such servants as have believed and turned towards His shining and luminous countenance. And from their spirits He will raise up spirits that will soar in the atmosphere of the mercy of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and will speak forth this Name which God hath made the Sovereign of all names. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

No command precedeth the command of thy Lord. That which hath been inscribed by the Pen of the Ancient of Days from the presence of the Lord of all nations shall be manifested, but the people are wrapped in a manifest veil.

Put thy trust in God and say: O Lord! Praise be unto Thee for all that hath befallen us in Thy path. Would that Thou hadst ordained for all who desire Thee the station of them who have been martyred in Thy love! Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

BH04983: O Mahmud, hear the call of thy Lord…

He is the Most Great, the Most Great

O Mahmud, hear the call of thy Lord from this praiseworthy station. Blessed is he who hath heard the call from the Most Glorious Horizon and hath answered his Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

Verily, those who have disbelieved—today they have no mention. We testify that they are counted among the dead. Among them is he who said the verses are fabrications. Say: Perdition betide thee, O thou rejected idolator! This is the same word thy father spoke before when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came with the verses of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

And among them is he who said that He hath denied the Unseen. Say: Perdition betide thee, O thou Nimrod! He hath sacrificed His soul and His spirit and all He possessed to establish the decree of the Unseen, while ye deny it in your homes and perceive it not. In the path of the Unseen He hath dwelt in the most desolate of lands while ye dwell in palaces and know it not.

And among you is he who said He hath fabricated lies about God, after all atoms cry out "The Self-Subsisting hath come with manifest sovereignty!" Leave them and their remembrances and their names, and hold fast to this extended cord.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy Cause, the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy inspiration. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in what I am in of Thy love, then make me detached from all else save Thee. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH05098: Vain imaginings have seized all peoples except those whom…

He is the Most Great, the Most Great

Vain imaginings have seized all peoples except those whom God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting, has willed. All were promised this Revelation, yet when it appeared in truth they turned away and clung to idle fancies. Say: Idle fancy will not suffice you today. The Dayspring of certitude has dawned through My Name, the One Who rules over what was and what shall be. They have lost who followed vain imaginings and were debarred from this visible Ocean.

O people! Follow not your desires nor your divines and what you have taken from their idle fancies. Thus does He Who came with His Hidden Name inform you. This is He through Whom religions were established throughout the ages and verses were sent down from the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Through Him every Cause was established and every balance set up, did you but know. He appears not by the will of men but by His Own all-pervading and compelling Will, could you but understand. Look unto Him and what has appeared from Him, not to that around which you revolve. Say: What you possess shall perish, but what has been ordained in the Preserved Tablet shall endure. Hasten with your hearts to the court of the Beloved—this is better for you, would you but hearken. Blessed art thou, O servant, for having turned to the Face and attained unto God while every idolatrous transgressor turned away. Remain steadfast in the Cause, then make mention of thy Lord at eventide and dawn.

BH04984: O Mihdi! Hearken to the call of Him Who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Mihdi! Hearken to the call of Him Who guideth thee to God, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, through Whom the Sun of Guidance hath shone forth amidst all creatures and through Whom the power and dominion of God were made manifest throughout the worlds—He through the movement of Whose finger the veils of glory were rent asunder. Exalted be our Lord Who hath appeared with majesty on this Day whereon the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, proclaimeth: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!

Observe thou the people and what they have committed in the days of God. They have imprisoned such a Beloved One in the land of exile and have taken for themselves vain imaginings as lords besides God. They are indeed among the most abject. Among them is he who hath laid claim to divine authority of his own accord and hath objected to Him Whom they call upon morning and evening. And behind them are servants whom none knoweth save thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Say: By God! Through My leave is every name fulfilled for him who hath turned to his Lord, the All-Forgiving, in this Revelation; and whoso turneth away, no name of anything can be applied to him—he is among the dead.

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Wronged One hath turned toward thee from this remote Prison and mentioneth thee in truth and biddeth thee to manifest supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all names. By My life! This is indeed God's gift, beside which all else is as naught. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto and is among the steadfast. Verily, upon thee be glory, and upon those who have turned to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH05164: This is an epistle from Us to him who…

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is an epistle from Us to him who hath rent asunder the veils and turned towards the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, that he may hear the Call from the direction of Supreme Glory and arise and say: "O concourse of possibility! Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Gracious!" Can anyone be sorrowful after We have sent unto him the Salsabil of utterance from the Kawthar of the mouth of the All-Merciful? Nay, by the Lord of all religions, except him who hath yielded to desire and cast behind him the Lord of all names, through Whom all existence hath been stirred and the hearts of the righteous taken flight. Is this a day for standing still? Nay, by Him Who causeth the winds to blow!

Say: Soar in the atmosphere of knowledge on the wings of certitude that ye may behold the Sun of Power from the horizon of horizons. Cast aside what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by Him Who giveth life to all possibility. Blessed art thou for having been given to drink the most pure wine from this Pen which God hath made the Dawning-place of Revelation for all who are in the heavens and on earth. By My life! Whosoever hath found the fragrance of the garment of his Lord, the All-Merciful's utterance, shall soar in the atmosphere of nearness, detached from all directions. Gather ye together, O My loved ones, in support of the Cause, and when a crier crieth out, say: "Fear God and commit not that whereby His honor would be violated in the land.

Beware lest thou spread corruption in the earth after it hath been set in order." If he desisteth and repenteth, verily He is the Mighty, the Forgiving. And if he turneth away from counsel, We beseech God to set over him one who shall curb his mischief. He, verily, is the Powerful, the All-Compelling.

BH04941: In the Name of the Near One! Thy name…

In the Name of the Near One! Thy name is mentioned before the Divine Throne, therefore the Most Exalted Pen floweth and moveth with thy name. This is a great bounty if thou knowest its worth. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast turned toward the Friend and art adorned with the garment

of His recognition. Verily He is with whosoever desireth Him and seeketh Him. Beseech God that thou mayest ever be enabled to recognize Him and remember Him.

The Pen of Command counseleth Its loved ones to the Most Great Steadfastness, for this hath been and shall ever be among the most mighty matters. None attaineth this station save those souls who efface from their hearts whatsoever they have heard and hearkened unto, and turn unto that which the Beloved uttereth. As thou observest, most souls have been debarred from the shore of the Most Great Unity by stories and tales that have been related, whereas it is evident that what they possessed and heard was either not authentic in origin or they failed to comprehend its meaning.

Under all conditions thou must be engaged in the remembrance of the True One, the Exalted, detached from all else besides Him. Be not saddened by prevention. Arise to assist the Cause to the extent of thy capacity. We beseech God to sanctify thy heart from the mention of aught else save Him, to cause thy tongue to speak His praise, and to exalt thy station through His Name. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH05214: O Khalil! This is not the day of quietude…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

O Khalil! This is not the day of quietude and silence. Arise from the horizon of utterance with the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then summon all creation unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Know thou that We have secluded Ourself in prison alone and have closed the gates of meeting for a number of days. Should We desire, We would open them in truth. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Beware lest thou withhold thyself from that which We have ordained for thee. Be thou among the people a herald of thy Lord's Cause and a bearer of that which thou art commanded in the Book.

O My Khalil, My Khalil! Grieve not for what hath befallen thee in My path. Thy reward is with Him Who created thee and caused thee to know that which most of the servants have failed to know. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord at all times and glorify His praise amidst the followers of all religions.

Arise to serve the Cause as befitteth thee, then follow this Wronged One Who, from the horizon of the prison, summoneth the servants unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. We beseech God to attract thee through the fragrances of the garment of Revelation in such wise that thou shalt arise to serve Him with power and sovereignty.

Thus did We command thee before when We sent down unto thee a Tablet from whose horizon shone forth the sun of wisdom and utterance. This is yet another token of Our grace unto thee that thy heart may rejoice thereby and eyes be consoled. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of the Countenance when the Promised One appeared and the veils were rent asunder.

BH05095: The Desired One has come, and the tongue…

In His Name which is mentioned by the tongue of the invisible and visible realms

The Desired One has come, and the tongue of existence speaks and says:

> "Praise be to Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and earths."

The Word has encompassed all who are in the realm of possibility, and by it were drawn the hearts of those who have turned toward the Manifestation of God, the Mighty, the Generous. This is the day in which all things have been adorned with the garment of names, save those who have denied this grace that has encompassed the worlds.

Your letter has been read before the Throne, and We have become aware of its contents. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And We recognized what has been sprinkled upon you from the ocean of divine decree from the presence of One powerful and mighty. Truly destiny is held within the grasp of power and might. He ordains for whomsoever He wishes whatsoever He desires. Verily He is the Praised One in all conditions. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God willing, throughout the duration of God you shall dwell and find rest beneath the Sadrat of the All-Merciful. In all conditions the glance of divine favor has been and God willing shall be with you. Be not grieved by what has befallen you. In truth, the most great calamity has befallen all. Soon will descend regarding that which shall establish its remembrance throughout the duration of the kingdom and the realm of might. Verily your Lord is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Convey to all the Supreme Greeting from the Wronged One. God willing, Tablets will be specifically revealed and sent to all. The glory be upon you all.

BH05165: This is a letter from Us to him who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

This is a letter from Us to him who hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, that he may be assured that He remembereth whom He willeth—verily He is the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. We have shone forth upon thee from this horizon with the lights that have dawned from the dawning-place of the will of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Turn unto them with thy heart, detached from those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all beings. Leave the ungodly to their vain desires and the doubters to their imaginings, then soar on the wing of detachment in the atmosphere of thy Lord's love, the All-Merciful. Then shalt thou see the ungodly in the abyss of divine wrath and the believers upon the Lote-Tree of glory and majesty. Shun those who have disbelieved and draw nigh unto Him Who calleth thee to God, the One, the Mighty, the Chosen.

The smoke hath seized the dwellers of the heavens and earth save those who have come unto the All-Merciful with humility and turned unto Him. Verily, he who desireth to attain the presence is present before the Throne. Thus have We sent down the Command in the Tablets.

Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord in such wise that the winds of trials move thee not. This behooveth him who hath turned unto God, the Creator of all things. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the days of his Lord and hath uttered His remembrance amongst the servants. Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's mercy.

Say: O my God and my Beloved! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued all in the lands to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, firm in Thy love and immovable in that whereunto I have attained in Thy days. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH05148: We hear the voice of the doubtful from all…

He is the Most Great, the Most Ancient

We hear the voice of the doubtful from all regions and the call of those possessed of certitude from every quarter. Those who have doubted are among the most ignorant of creatures—their names are not mentioned before the Throne except as being among the dead. And those who have attained are among the choicest of creatures before God, the Most High.

Among the deniers are those who cling to the Bayan and turn away from the All-Merciful. Say: The Bayan is but My remembrance and My praise—read it, O people of understanding! Say: Were they to cling to the books of the first and the last, these would not suffice you today except through acknowledging what the Tongue of Grandeur has acknowledged from the most exalted station. All things are established through My Will, as they were established before, and none comprehend this save those possessed of insight.

Whoso worships God through the drops of the sea and the sands of the desert and the leaves of the trees and their fruits, while remaining heedless of this Cause—such a one is among the idolaters, for his deeds have veiled him from Him through Whom all things were established in the Book. Say: The foundation of all deeds is your recognition of this Revelation, through which, when it appeared, all things proclaimed:

> "The Kingdom is God's, the One, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Choice!"

And all else is but a branch of this root—know this, O people of vision!

Grieve not over those who are heedless. Turn with your heart to God, the Lord of all religions. Place your trust in Him in all matters—verily He is with His chosen servants.

BH05087: Blessed art thou, O ʿAbdu'r-Rahim, for having attained unto…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

Blessed art thou, O ʿAbdu'r-Rahim, for having attained unto a glorious Tablet which We sent aforetime. This is yet another token of grace from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Ye are under the glances of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Rejoice and magnify, for God hath singled you out for His love, caused you to know His Self, and hath sent down for you that which shall establish your remembrance amongst the worlds.

Aid ye the Cause of your Lord amidst all creation through wisdom and utterance, then make mention of Him in such wise that the sincere ones may find in your countenances the radiance of the All-Merciful. This beseemeth you on this glorious and wondrous Day. Say: O people, ye shall find this vision in none save this glorious Scene. Among the people are those who claim they would cast themselves into the fire. Say: Cast thyself into the light, if thou be of them that know. We have servants throughout the world who perform greater deeds than they claim. We have left them to their vain imaginings—they are indeed of the distracted ones.

Say: All things have been subdued through this Most Great Name. This is the glory of man which the All-Merciful hath sent down in this luminous Tablet. Protect ye the weak lest they follow every remote clamourer. From their outward appearance thou hearest the voice of men, but from their inward reality We hear the croaking of ravens. Thus have We informed thee and made clear the matter unto thee that thou mayest be among the [steadfast] ones. The Glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee among the loved ones of thy Lord, the [Forgiving,] the Merciful.

BH05188: O My Name! We have heard what thou didst…

O My Name! We have heard what thou didst call out to God, thy Lord, and the sighing of thy heart and the yearning of thy soul. He is, verily, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. Thou didst say at that time: ‘Then make me to be gathered together in my remoteness with scorpions and serpents.’ We confirm thee in the first instance, for thou art indeed among scorpions who have remained heedless of the remembrance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. And in the second instance, I swear by My life, I am He Who is among serpents, nay, even in their mouths. Say: Thou art the Protector, O Protector of the worlds! We bear witness that thou hast returned through the love of God and His leave. This sufficeth thee. By My resplendent Beauty! Wert thou to become truly aware of what hath befallen Us, thou wouldst cut thyself off from all who are in the heavens and on earth, crying out in My Name, the Wronged One amongst the worlds. We have withheld the Pen in most matters, having regard to My Name, the Concealer. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Merciful. Grieve thou not at calamities, for they have befallen Us in the path of God. By thy life, this is a great bounty.

Convey My greetings to the Most Exalted and give him the glad-tidings of My remembrance of him. He is assuredly among the triumphant. Then make mention of those who are there, on behalf of this imprisoned Stranger. We beseech God to aid all to serve Him and obey Him. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Trustworthy. And We beseech Him to cause to flow from thy pen and tongue that which will illumine breasts and open the cities of the hearts of those who have turned towards Him.

BH04975: The Most Glorious, the Most Holy, the Most Resplendent!

The Most Glorious, the Most Holy, the Most Resplendent!

O ʻAbdu’l-Karim! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He calleth thee from the direction of His luminous horizon and saith: Blessed art thou, for thy face hath been illumined by the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Remember when thou didst enter the seat of the Throne and didst

drink the choice wine of utterance from the Kawthar of thy Lord's lips, the All-Merciful, and didst attain unto the Beloved of the worlds. Efface not from thy heart what thou didst hear from the tongue of Revelation when thou wert standing before the Presence—exalted be this mighty, sublime station. Remind My loved ones in thy land and convey My glorification unto each one of them from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

By My life! Their names have been inscribed in a Tablet sealed with the seal of glory. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. After thee two souls from thy land attained unto the presence of the Throne and were blessed with meeting the All-Merciful. When thou seest them, glorify them. This is a command from One Who is knowing and wise. When God willeth, He shall send down for them that which shall gladden the hearts of them that are nigh, and He shall send down for those whom thou didst desire to be remembered. Verily thy Lord fulfilleth the reward of the doers of good. Give glad tidings to My loved ones of My remembrance of them.

Say: Remember the Lord in such wise that every slumberer may be awakened thereby and the hearts of those who have turned to the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth may rejoice. Erelong the tongues of all who are on earth shall be loosened in their praise. They are assuredly among those who have preceded all others.

BH05057: The Most Great, the Most Glorious. My remembrance…

The Most Great, the Most Glorious. My remembrance is for him who has turned to God, the Mighty, the Wise, that the attraction of the verses may seize him and cause him to speak in praise of his Lord, the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou for having turned thy face toward the Countenance and attained the lights that have shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Most Merciful, on this wondrous Day.

Grieve not for thy brother. He hath been immersed in the ocean of thy Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Merciful, and then ascended unto the Most Glorious Horizon—a station beyond the remembrance of all who remember. Give thanks unto God for this bounty which hath been sent down for him in the Tablet from the Supreme Pen. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We behold him and have sent down each year what We sent down for him during his outward life. In this there is wisdom from Our presence. Thy Lord's knowledge encompasses all the worlds. My mercy preceded him and ascended with him. By My life! It hath encompassed him from all directions. Rejoice thou in this and be of the thankful.

Blessed is he who visiteth him according to what hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen and turneth toward his resting place with an illumined heart. Be thou as thy brother was in the Cause of his Lord, such that the cawing of the ungodly shall not keep thee from God. We have found from thee acceptance and have sent down for thee from the heaven of bounty that which gladdens the hearts of those near unto God. Be thou at peace through thy Lord's grace and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the heavens and earths.

BH05046: The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Exalted. A remembrance…

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Exalted. A remembrance from Us unto him who hath hearkened unto the Call and desired to attain unto a sublime station, that the fragrances of the remembrance of the Lord of Destiny, which have been wafted from the Most Great Scene, may attract him and cause him to arise to remember his Lord Who is imprisoned through tyranny.

Arise with supreme steadfastness in thy Lord's Cause, the Creator of heaven, then remind the people of this Cause which hath appeared from the horizon of glory. Beware lest vain imaginings disturb thee. Leave the people and what they possess. Take what hath been given thee from the presence of Him Who causeth the dawn to break. Thus hath the matter been decreed and the command hath come from the Sovereign Who encompasseth all worlds.

Verily he who hesitates in this Cause hath not attained unto maturity and is recorded in the Mother Book as a suckling babe, feeding on the milk of heedlessness from the breast of vain imaginings. He is indeed veiled by a veil which is great in the sight of the Truth. Cast aside doubts and hold fast unto the cord of certitude. Thus doth the Ancient One command thee with a tongue wondrous in truth.

Those who deny on this Day are assuredly the people of the fire, and thy Lord is witness unto what I say. Those who cast away vain desire and follow guidance—these are the people of the Ridvan, and their names are inscribed by the Pen of God upon the Tablet.

Blessed is the man who hath arisen to remember his Lord, detached from those who are confined within the boundaries of the earth. Glorify thou thy Lord with praise, then give thanks unto Him for this Tablet which hath shone forth from a horizon illumined by the light of His countenance.

BH05166: The Most Great, the Most Holy. This…

The Most Great, the Most Holy. This is a Book from Us to those who are in the heavens and on earth, that they may cast away what they possess and turn with their hearts to the Qiblih of all the worlds.

O people of the earth! Hearken unto the call from the direction of the Prison. He, verily, is none other than God, the Mighty, the Wise. Beware lest ye deny Him through Whom faith itself was established in all creation and through Whom the eyes of them that are nigh unto God were solaced. By My life! Nothing shall profit you this day save turning unto the countenance of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. He hath accepted abasement for your glory, and hardship for your comfort. Fear ye God and follow not every remote misbeliever. Follow him who calleth you unto the truth and guideth you unto His straight path.

O servant! Turn thy face toward the Most Sublime Vision with thy most pure countenance and say: I have turned unto Thee, O Lord of the sincere ones! I beseech Thee not to drive me from Thy door nor withhold from me the outpourings from the heaven of Thy bounty. I testify that Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and that Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou desirest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

If thou findest one on whose countenance thou beholdest the radiance of the All-Merciful, inform him of what hath appeared in creation, that he may turn with a luminous face toward the Dayspring of the Dawn. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto the lights of the countenance, and woe unto the heedless ones.

The glory from God rest upon those who have drunk the choice wine of life from the hands of assurance and have turned unto the All-Merciful. They are, verily, of those who have attained.

BH05019: When your letter was presented before the Countenace, therefore…

When your letter was presented before the Countenace, therefore, purely out of grace and favor, resplendent, exalted and luminous verses were revealed and sent down from the heaven of oneness regarding what was mentioned therein. Read them to everyone. God willing, all must conduct themselves with perfect wisdom so that nothing may arise that would cause the weak to be shaken.

Consider the interests of the Cause from all directions. It is necessary to prevent people from turning towards this direction, for this land is secretly in great turmoil, and that which is concealed therein shall ere long be made manifest, as hath been revealed in the Tablets of previous years. All must be content with God's good-pleasure and be submissive to His Cause. He is the One who has power over all things. Should He so will, He can establish for one who is remote the decree of nearness. Verily, He has power over all things.

Not every one who is near has a share in the grace of the Cause. The Command is in God's hands. Verily, He is the All-Knowing.

Convey My greetings to thy brother and to those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Wise. Then mention on My behalf thy other brother who was named after the Sacrifice, and this is what was revealed for him. Say: Read and be of those who are thankful.

BH05004: O Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! God willing, through…

In the Name of Him Who is sanctified from all mention

O Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness and the rain-showers of the All-Glorious One's bounty, thou shalt ever cling to the Divine Lote-Tree, forever moving and resting through Him. Be not disheartened, for the manifestation of every matter hath been ordained according to the exigencies of its time. Thus hath it been decreed by the All-Powerful, the Ancient of Days. Thou hast ever been and art still before Our gaze. The gates of the All-Bountiful's grace are open wide, and the breezes of the All-Merciful's mercy are blowing and passing by. Praise be to God that thou art reckoned as His own and art related unto Him. This is an enduring sovereignty and an everlasting paradise that endureth and shall not pass away, that remaineth and shall not perish.

I swear by the Most Great Name that all infinite exalted stations lie hidden and concealed within this rank, even as the fruits and wondrous manifestations thereof lie concealed within seeds, being veiled and hidden due to the earth's lack of capacity. And assuredly this concealment shall have its manifestation in

the worlds of divine decree and other realms. Though the sun's rays be veiled by dense clouds, they shall not cease to exist but remain present and visible in their own station. Be not saddened by certain unseemly utterances. The acceptance of truth hath never been contingent upon conditions—its cause and reason have been His grace alone. Thou art the recipient of this most great grace. Say: My soul be a sacrifice for Thy grace, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the worlds!

BH04997: O handmaiden of God! Your letter reached the Most…

He is the Most Great, The Most Holy

O handmaiden of God! Your letter reached the Most Holy Court and was favored with the glance of God's loving-kindness. As for what you mentioned regarding your solitude and estrangement—this station deserves gratitude, for the True One Himself chose solitude and estrangement and made His dwelling in the Most Great Prison.

And concerning what you mentioned about your kindnesses to this handmaiden—His favors have preceded and will continue. Among these was that He assisted you to recognize the Dawning Place of His Cause, while most men remained heedless and deprived. This is a station that cannot be equaled by anything that exists. Be grateful to your Lord for this great bounty. The breezes of divine favors have encompassed all—whoever turned to them completely, from their tongue and pen flowed rivers of knowledge and wisdom. We beseech God to enable all to achieve this.

As for what you asked about your parents—they are adorned with the robe of forgiveness. This is from His bounty toward you, as your letter was present before the Throne and you supplicated God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Remain firm in the Cause, then preserve what We gave you in your vision. Say:

> "O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Overshadowing One above all names, to make me steadfast in Thy love and Thy remembrance, and ordain for me what befits Thy mercy that hath preceded all worlds."

BH05150: This is a mention from Us unto him who…

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath turned unto the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, on a Day whereon the earthquakes have seized the tribes of the earth and the pillars of the transgressors have been shaken, that the intoxication of what hath flowed from the mouth of the All-Merciful may so transport him that he shall behold all who are in the contingent world as but a handful of dust, and their clamor as but the buzzing of a gnat in a vast valley. When thou hast attained and drunk, say: O peoples of the earth! The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bestowing hath come with manifest sovereignty. Say: This is not a day for tarrying; turn with your hearts, O ye heedless ones!

The fire of longing hath been kindled in all regions—hasten, O ye lovers! Beware lest the veils of learning hold you back from Him Who is the Known, or the illusory prevent you from the Self-Subsisting. Shatter the idols of vain imaginings through the power of the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. How

many are the servants who journey from the remotest lands to circumambulate the House which hath been raised up in My name, while the Lord of the House languisheth in prison—they pass Him by and are not among those who perceive. Give thanks unto God for having made known unto thee the Manifestation of His Self and caused thee to speak His praise, after most of His servants have turned away from Him.

Preserve God's trust within thy heart and be thou of the thankful ones. All things shall perish save that which hath been ordained for him who hath turned unto the Face with a luminous heart. Upon thee be glory, and upon whosoever hath held fast unto this mighty cord.

BH05035: A mention from Us to him who hath drunk…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to him who hath drunk the choice wine that hath been sealed, at the advent of the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, that the verses of his Lord might attract him and bring him to such a station wherein he seeth dominion beneath his shadow. Thus hath the matter been decreed by God, the Mighty, the Beloved. O thou servant who gazest upon the Countenance, cast away the world and take what thou art commanded by God, the Lord of all men. Then turn with thy radiant heart toward this Most Great Scene. Say: Here am I, O Lord of the invisible and the visible! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and made me turn toward the sanctuary of Thy Cause. I testify that Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

We have lit the lamp of knowledge in the niche of utterance, but the people do not understand. We have forbidden the concourse of creation from indecency—some have arisen, while others have wandered, being indeed among the people of idle fancies in a preserved tablet. Leave aside all created things and hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's favor, the Revealer of verses. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from this Prison whereon hath been established the throne of the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath turned toward My direction, soared in My atmosphere, heard My call and said: "Yea, verily, O Thou Who art imprisoned!" Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee as a grace from Our presence, that through them may be illumined the faces of those who have turned toward the Countenance on a Day wherein feet have slipped save those whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, hath willed.

BH05075: Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is one…

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glorified art Thou, O my God! This is one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto Thee, acknowledged Thy oneness and confessed Thy singleness, and whom sorrows have overtaken in Thy path. I beseech Thee, O our Lord, the All-Merciful, by Thy Name which dominateth over the worlds and transcendeth all possibility, to draw her near unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds and to ordain for her that which shall solace her eyes and tranquilize her soul. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous.

I moreover beseech Thee, O God of heaven and Creator of names, to make her content in all conditions with Thy decree, and assured that Thou doest naught unto anyone save that which is best for him in Thy Tablets. O Lord! Illumine her heart with the light of Thy knowledge, then deliver her from the sea of sorrow by the hands of Thy grace. Grant her the sweetness of Thy utterance that she may find in it that which will gladden her amid the surging waves of the ocean of Thy mercy and the outpourings of the deep sea of Thy bounty and grace.

Moreover, ordain for her what Thou hast ordained for the choicest among Thy handmaidens, and aid her to remain steadfast in Thy love and to gaze toward the horizon of Thy gifts. Then send down upon her and her daughter from every glory its most glorious, and from every radiance its most radiant. Verily, Thou art He from Whose grasp nothing can escape. Thou givest unto those who come unto Thee and forgivest those who commune with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH05059: The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Ancient. A remembrance…

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Ancient. A remembrance unto him who hath heard My call, turned to My countenance, spoken My praise and acknowledged that which hath been commanded by God, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Let him rejoice in My remembrance of him and stand firm in his station. Thus hath God desired for him whom He desireth. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O My loved ones! Arise to carry out the bounds of God which have been sent down in a preserved Tablet. Say: Every tablet sent down from Him is indeed the preserved one, did ye but know. And beyond it is a Tablet which none hath known save His Own Self, the Truth. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

Say: Consider ye the oppressed, the distressed, the hungry, the naked, the weak and the poor. Thus doth your Lord, the All-Merciful, command you, as a grace from Him unto His servants, did ye but know.

O My loved ones! Prefer the love of God to the love of your own selves, and obedience to disobedience. This is what ye have been commanded in the Tablets, would ye but understand. Pride not yourselves over those whom We have sanctified from earthly adornments, and humble yourselves before those who have turned unto the Intended One.

Blessed is he who hath held fast unto the Most Great Handle and done that which he hath been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Loving. Rejoice ye in the remembrance of God in His days, then follow that which profiteth you in this world and the next, and follow not every idolatrous rejecter. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest be of them who give thanks.

BH05067: In the Name of Him Who hath appeared…

In the Name of Him Who hath appeared with supreme greatness and power! Glorified is He Who hath shed His splendor upon all created things through His Name that He hath made the Sovereign of Names when He established Himself upon the throne with manifest sovereignty. They who have quaffed the

wine of reunion from the hand of bounty, these are numbered among the sincere ones. And whosoever hath lingered by the pond, turning away from the Most Great Ocean, is accounted among the abased.

Say: Have not the verses been sent down, and have not the evidences shone forth, and hath not the proof been perfected, and hath not the Resurrection come to pass? By My life! That which ye were promised in the Tablets hath been fulfilled, while ye remain behind veils, and be not of them that know. He that was far off hath entered the Realm of Glory, while he that thought himself near hath been kept back. Thus hath God made your high ones low and your low ones high. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Say: The Ancient Beauty hath appeared with His Most Great Name, and yet ye remain veiled. Come ye forth from the habitations of heedlessness and blindness, turning unto God, the Lord of the Kingdom of Eternity. This is better for you, if ye be of them that perceive. Cast aside idle sayings—this is the Day of deeds. Hold fast unto that which ye are commanded by One mighty and great.

O thou who hast turned to God! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having turned unto thee when He was in the hands of the idolaters, and for having called thee through His grace and revealed unto thee clear verses that thou mayest be among the triumphant. When thou hast attained unto them, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the worlds!

BH05117: Say: I am He Who was mentioned…

Say: I am He Who was mentioned in the Bayan and was inscribed by God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. He said that He speaketh in all things: 'Verily I am God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.' This is a matter none hath known save His own Self, the True One. To this do testify such servants as are endowed with knowledge.

All things were revealed in the Book except this promised Hour. The Books have announced My Revelation and the Bayan hath testified to this hidden Name. In one place He said He would appear at the time of Mustaghath, and in another He mentioned that should He appear at any time, none should object. Thus was the matter decreed, if ye be of them that understand.

The time of Revelation was not mentioned in previous Books, nor shall it be mentioned hereafter. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. He revealeth what He willeth and concealeth what He pleaseth. All that hath been was manifested by His command, and all that shall be cometh to pass by His sovereignty.

Blessed is the one possessed of such strength as to rend asunder the veils of idle fancies and acknowledge God when He appeareth with manifest sovereignty. Should anyone read what was revealed in the Bayan, he would recognize the station of this Revelation and would bewail what hath befallen Him at the hands of such as have denied God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

Verily, His station is as it is—none knoweth it save His own Self. He hath ever been sanctified above all thoughts and exalted above what they say. Hold fast unto the root of the Cause and be severed from that which they speak.

BH05162: In the Name of God, the Most Holy…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Book from Us to him whom the tender mercy of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise, hath adorned, and whom the attraction of the All-Merciful hath caused to speak forth His praise amidst all created things, praise of His Self that dominateth all worlds.

Whoso heareth with the ear of innate nature that which hath been sent down from the direction of the Throne, verily he soareth in the atmosphere of nearness and is numbered among the sincere ones. And whoso remaineth heedless wandereth in the wilderness of error and is among the lost.

Verily those who have forsaken their homes for the purpose of teaching the Cause—these shall the Faithful Spirit strengthen through its power, and a company of His chosen angels shall go forth with them, as bidden by Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Wise.

How great the blessedness that awaiteth him who hath attained the honor of serving God! By My life! No act, however great, can compare with it, except such deeds as have been ordained by thy Lord, the All-Powerful, the Most Mighty. Such a service is indeed the prince of all goodly deeds, and the ornament of every goodly act. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Ancient of Days.

Whoso desireth to teach must needs detach himself from the world and make his supreme effort the promotion of the Cause in all conditions. This is what hath been decreed in a preserved Tablet. And when he determineth to leave his home, for the sake of the Cause of his Lord, let him put his whole trust in God, as the best provision for his journey, and array himself with the robe of virtue. Thus hath it been decreed by God, the Mighty, the Praised.

When he is enkindled with the fire of His love and adorned with the ornament of detachment, his words shall set ablaze those that hear him. Thy Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and answered it. He is indeed among those who are brought near. The glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned to the Goal with an illumined heart.

BH05174: In the Name of God, the Most Holy…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great! This is a Tablet from Us to him who hath followed guidance and believed in God, the Lord of Names, when the Herald proclaimed betwixt earth and heaven:

> “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Great!”

Arise to serve thy Lord. Say: O people, fear ye God and follow not those who have opposed the Dawning-Place of Revelation when He came with manifest sovereignty. Say: Do ye imagine that He desireth aught from you? By My life! His Cause standeth before His face and it is His desire, were ye but to know.

Draw nigh with your hearts unto the direction of the Beloved and immerse yourselves in the streams that branch forth from the Most Great Ocean, streams that lead to My Most Great Name. Follow ye the religion of God and His command. He desireth to lead you to the flowing springs issuing from the

Fountain of the letter Ha, manifest in His Name whereby God hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Rely not upon those who have taken their own desires as a god besides God. Hold fast unto this Cause through which the tongues of all things have proclaimed: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Wise.” Blessed is he who hath attained unto hearing on this Day whereon the Call hath been raised betwixt earth and heaven: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy!”

Be thou as a bird soaring in the atmosphere of thy Lord’s love and gazing toward that which He hath ordained in His sovereign, inaccessible and mighty Kingdom. Then remember Him with spirit and sweet fragrance even as He remembereth thee in the most exalted station. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH05193: O my God, Most Great, Most Great! This…

O my God, Most Great, Most Great! This is Thy handmaiden who hath emigrated in Thy path and sought the direction of the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Source of Thy Revelation, until she entered the precincts of Thy glory and attained unto the presence of Thy mighty throne, and was illumined by the lights of Thy countenance, and visited the Kaaba of Thy oneness and the Temple of Thy singleness, and attained Thy presence which Thou hast made the supreme triumph for all who dwell on earth. She hath fulfilled what she pledged in Thy path and kept her vow regarding Thy Most Great Branch and another Branch among Thy Branches.

O my Lord! Having confirmed her in all this, do Thou confirm her in faithfulness to Thy Covenant and steadfastness in Thy love and attachment to the cord of Thy favors. Thou art her Creator and her Sustainer. Within Thy grasp is the command of all creation. Thou art, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having directed toward her the glances of Thy mercy and for having accepted from her what she pledged and vowed in Thy path. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the Dominator of all names and the Ruler over all who are in earth and heaven, to ordain for her her reward in this world and the world to come.

Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to assist those who are around Thee to champion Thy Cause and arise to serve Thee and stand firm in Thy religion, in such wise that the allusions of the ungodly may not prevent them from turning to Thee, nor the words of the misguided from beholding the horizon of Thy grace. Verily, Thou art the All-Forgiving, the Merciful, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH05248: The Most Pure, the Most Glorious! The Pen calleth…

The Most Pure, the Most Glorious! The Pen calleth out to all peoples: “He Who is the Ancient King hath come! The Kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the Unconstrained!” The Bird of Utterance warbleth upon the branches of the Tree of Man: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Mighty, the Compelling!” Blessed is the ear that hath heard and the tongue that hath responded. By My life! Such a one is of them whose light hath illumined all lights. Can any bounty in creation equal this? Nay, by the Lord of the Day of Judgment!

The Kingdom hath been adorned with My Most Glorious Name, and the Realm of Power with this Countenance whereby earth and heavens were illumined. The gates have been opened and the verses sent down. Thereupon every rebellious infidel was thunderstruck.

Among the people are they who have drawn nigh unto the Dayspring of Revelation, and among them are they who have waxed proud before God, the Revealer of verses, and among them are they who have said: "These were not revealed according to nature," after which nature itself would be ashamed to be associated therewith. Thus hath proceeded from their mouths that whereby every atom doth curse them. When the Gospel was sent down they said: "This was not revealed from the Glorious One," and when Muhammad came with clear signs they said: "These are but fabrications." Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: O people! In this Revelation there hath appeared what hath never appeared in creation, if ye be fair-minded, O people of understanding. Say: Have ye seen the like of what hath appeared? Nay, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Luminous! Their wretchedness hath so overtaken them that they behold power and yet deny it. Lo! They are indeed the companions of the fire.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and turned away from those who have disbelieved in the Lord of lords.

BH05504: This is a Book from Us to him who…

In the Name of God, Who hath power over all who are in earth and heaven

This is a Book from Us to him who hath turned unto the Countenance and was numbered among the successful ones, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and stand firm in the Cause in such wise that the intimations of the heedless shall not deter him. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto the mention of this Most Great Remembrance and for having thy name inscribed in the Book by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Thy letter hath come before the Throne, and the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward it from this glorious horizon. We have taken note of its contents and have answered thee with this wondrous Tablet. We counsel thee with that wherewith We have counseled Our chosen servants in most of Our Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the Almighty, the Powerful. Desire thou from thy Lord naught save what He hath desired for thee. By My life! This mention is a bounty from Us unto thee, didst thou but know. All things lie within the grasp of His might and in His right hand, before whose power all who are in the heavens and on earth have been brought low. When He willeth a thing to appear in the realm of being, He but speaketh the word, even as the entire creation was brought back into being through the Word that proceeded from His sanctified and exalted mouth, the Mighty, the Impregnable. We love for thee to be content with God's good-pleasure and to be self-effacing in His Will that hath encompassed the worlds. He hath ordained for thee that which is best for thee—thou shalt soon behold it. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH05533: The Most Holy, Most Glorious

The Most Holy, Most Glorious

This is a remembrance from Us to those who are in the heavens and on earth. Whenever a word proceedeth from the mouth of the Will, verily it encompasseth all created things. Thus hath the Command been, but the people are in manifest obscurity. Blessed is the learned one who hath recognized the purpose of God, and the strong one who hath arisen to serve the Cause through this Great Name. Verily, those who are deprived this day of the Kawthar of My knowledge—these are the blind ones, by the Lord of the Throne and the exalted Seat. And those who have attained—these are the people of guidance, by the Lord of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath cast behind him that which the idolaters have taken, and hath turned toward the Sovereign of Names, detached from all else. He is of the people of Baha in the Book of God, and all things bear witness that he is among the successful ones.

O Pen of Baha! Make mention of the handmaidens of God, that the remembrance may draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. O My handmaidens! Give thanks unto God for having enabled you to recognize the Manifestation of His Self, when He appeared in truth from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Ye are the daysprings of contentment in the realm of possibility—the All-Merciful beareth witness to this, exalted be this glorious and sublime station. Praise ye God, then prostrate yourselves before His Face which shineth between the heavens and earth. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath turned unto Him, and hath heard, and hath said:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of all things! I testify that Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.”

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BH05292: He is the One Who has dominion over…

He is the One Who has dominion over the worlds! O Ahmad! Hearken unto the call of Him Who is mentioned. He makes mention of thee through His grace. He is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Remember when thou wert present before the Countenance and the Wronged One turned toward thee from this manifest horizon. Thou didst migrate unto God and visit His House which was raised up in His Name, the Mighty, the All-Wise. And thou didst return therefrom and enter the place wherein the stones proclaimed: “The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful!”

O Ahmad! The idolaters of the land became obstacles and barriers, yet praise be to the Absolute Truth that despite the greatest hindrance, you attained unto the Most Luminous Horizon.

Observe the divine Manifestations throughout the ages and reflect: what was the cause that all, despite their seeking, were deprived and forbidden, save those whom thy Lord wished? Forever have the veils of idle fancies prevented people from the Dayspring of the lights of divine unity. And after the elevation and

ascension of the Dawning-Places of revelation, they would arise in lamentation and weeping. Such is their condition and their deeds.

Ask of the Truth for steadfastness that thou mayest remain firm in His Cause. Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name that Thou leave me not to myself. Draw me unto the horizon of Thy favors and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration. Then make me steadfast in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH05532: This is a remembrance from before Us to him…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

This is a remembrance from before Us to him who hath turned and attained unto God, the Lord of the worlds, that he may hear the call of his Lord when it was raised in truth between the heavens and the earth. The call hath been raised in such wise as to encompass all names, yet the people are in strange heedlessness. He who hath arisen at the call of his Lord is of those who have attained, and he who hath turned away is of the perishing ones.

O servant! When the attraction of thy Lord's call taketh hold of thee, arise to serve and obey Him. Thus doth command thee He Who dwelleth alone in the land of exile through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Rejoice thou in the remembrance of the Wronged One of thee, then turn with thy heart to the Kaaba of the yearning ones.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name that dominateth all names to inscribe me among those who have circled round Thee in Thy days and have attained that which Thou didst desire for them through Thy bounty and favor. Then aid me to be steadfast in Thy love and to turn away from those who have opposed Thy Self after Thou didst come to them with the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Dayspring of Thy signs. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are there in My name—verily it is for Kamali and those with him from among My loved ones. By My life! The Most Exalted Pen moveth to make mention of him and his kindred. Thy Lord is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH05455: The breezes of grace have wafted from the direction…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

The breezes of grace have wafted from the direction of God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who hath turned unto them and perceived the fragrances of the garment of the Beloved. He is, verily, among those who are brought nigh.

How many servants there were unto whom We revealed that which all who are in the heavens and on earth were powerless to produce, yet when they beheld the signs of their Lord they cast them behind their backs and followed what their idols commanded them. They are indeed a people who deny. And how many servants there were who appeared before the Throne, and when We manifested Ourselves

unto them they bowed down and prostrated themselves and said: “We believe in Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!”

Blessed is the servant whom the world hath not kept back from turning toward God, the Lord of all names, and who hath turned unto Him with a luminous heart. Soon shall that which is seen be rolled up; then shall the sincere ones find what they were promised in a glorious Book.

Take hold of the Book of God with the power bestowed by Us, then stand firm in His love and good-pleasure.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all creation! I testify that Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful. And praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and sent unto me that which hath diffused the fragrance of grace amongst the worlds. Verily thy Lord giveth whom He willeth what He willeth and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth that which causeth him to soar in the atmosphere of the mercy of His name, the All-Merciful. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

BH05472: The Most Exalted Pen declares: This is the Day…

In the name of the Beloved of all worlds

The Most Exalted Pen declares: This is the Day of hearkening—hear ye the call of the All-Merciful that is raised at the midmost heart of creation, and hold fast to the cord of His love in such wise that neither the hints of the deniers nor the words of the infidels shall hold you back. Praise be to God that you are numbered among the believing women in the presence of the Divine Countenance, and counted among those who have turned towards Him. The heart is the mirror of Truth—keep it sanctified from the dust of the vain imaginings of the people. The eye is for beholding the Most Great Scene—keep it pure from the ophthalmia of idle fancies. This is God’s counsel to His handmaidens, and His remembrance to His loved ones.

O handmaiden of God! Convey My greetings to the handmaidens of God. Say: You are all remembered in the Most Great Scene and have been adorned with the ornament of the bounty of the Lord of Destiny. Strive ye, and beseech God that ye be not deprived of this wondrous and sublime ornament, and that ye may circle round in all the worlds. Be not saddened by the sorrows of the world, nor gladdened by its joy. Neither sorrow nor joy is beloved in the Cause of the Beloved. Joy befitteth him who hath recognized this Revelation, and sorrow him who hath heard of its tribulations. Whatsoever occurreth in the path of God returneth unto Him. Blessed art thou and thy daughter who hath turned unto God and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05315: O my leaf, upon whom be the splendor…

O my leaf, upon whom be the splendor of God! In the name of the Beloved of the worlds! God willing, thou hast ever drunk and wilt continue to drink of the sealed wine which hath been opened by the finger of the Beloved’s bounty, and thou hast at all times partaken of the Kawthar of the Merciful’s utterance.

The glance of His favor hath been and will be upon thee. This is a bounty with which nothing that hath been created or will be created can compare.

Be not grieved at the tribulations that have befallen thee. The cup of trials hath ever been reserved for the chosen ones and near ones. Had the world been worthy, the Ancient Beauty would never have allowed Himself to fall into the hands of the idolaters. That which perisheth hath been ordained for the people of the world, and that which endureth for the people of Baha.

Hold fast unto God's grace and be confident in His bounty. Despite the successive trials and calamities that have befallen Us, We are at all times occupied with the remembrance of the All-Merciful and are pleased with whatsoever hath come to pass. The leaves of the divine Tree must likewise follow His example—they must be joyous in His remembrance and transported by His praise.

Behold the grace of God—those who counted themselves among His near ones and intimates are today deprived of the Euphrates of the All-Merciful's mercy, while thou art turned unto it and hast attained. This bounty sufficeth thee. God willing, thou shalt at all times be engaged in His remembrance and be turned toward His direction. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

BH05332: O leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! May you be…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! May you be, through the grace of the King of Oneness, joyous and glad, and in all conditions occupied with the wondrous praise of the Lord, the Most High.

If you ask about the condition of this Prisoner, He is afflicted with trials beyond counting, yet despite this, His tongue speaks the praise of God, His heart is occupied with His remembrance, and His eyes are fixed upon His horizon. We are immersed in an ocean of sorrows, yet We drink from the cup of joy—joy upon joy upon joy—for whatever befalls Us occurs in the path of God and is therefore beloved and shall ever be so.

You too must not, God willing, be saddened by the various incidents that occur, but in all conditions hold fast to the hem of God's grace and cling to the cord of His love. The glance of God's grace has ever been fixed upon that leaf—this is that bounty which endures throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven, which shall never perish nor be altered. That which is visible shall soon vanish, but that which is with thy Lord shall endure and remain, for He is the Rain of Generosity and the Succorer of those who seek succor.

Praise be to God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Lauded. May the glory rest upon you, upon your son, and upon all who are with you, male and female. A Tablet has been specially revealed for Umm-i-Shams—forward it to her.

BH05553: This is what hath been sent down aforetime. Verily…

He is Most Holy, Most Inaccessible, Most Mighty, Most Exalted!

This is what hath been sent down aforetime. Verily it is a mighty revelation. The ocean of tribulation hath surged, and its waves have encompassed the Ark of God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. O Mariner! Be not dismayed by the winds, for the One Who causeth the dawn to break is with thee in this darkness that hath enveloped the worlds.

Whoso pondereth upon these two verses will discover what hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors. Tribulation hath reached such a state that the Pen of Creation is powerless to describe it. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We make mention of Him in all conditions in such wise that neither the veils of glory nor the might of the oppressors can hinder Us.

It behooveth every soul to follow his Lord and to be among the steadfast. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the lights of faith and recognized the All-Merciful in this wondrous garment. They who have cast the Command of God behind their backs, these are among the abased. These have followed their passions and turned away from guidance. God will soon seize them with His wrath. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Be thou steadfast in the service of thy Lord and be among those who remember Him, that through thy remembrance perchance may be attracted the hearts of those who have forgotten their Lord and are among the distracted ones. Thus doth command thee the Pen of the Divine Command, at the time when the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of His Most Great Name. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05523: Among the people are those who have turned away…

In His Name, the One Who has dominion over all things

Among the people are those who have turned away from the Truth by following the vain imaginings of those whom knowledge has deluded, and thus they have been prevented from hearkening to the call of the Lord of Names, which has been raised in truth: “There is no God but Me, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting.” Among them are those who have clung to the vain imaginings of the people of the Bayan, and thus have been kept back from the All-Merciful.

Say: By God! What was revealed aforetime will profit you not today, except through your recognition of this Book which has been inscribed by the Pen of Revelation from God, the Mighty, the Beloved. There is no escape for anyone today, nor refuge for any soul—thus has it been ordained in the Tablet, did ye but know.

The Bayan had foretold what later came to pass, saying:

> “When the Call is raised, let not yourselves be veiled by the Bayan and what was revealed therein. Hasten ye unto the All-Merciful and follow not every heedless, limited one.”

Beware lest the world beguile you, or the veils of names keep you back from Him through Whom every decreed matter has been established. Yet when the Call was raised and the Hidden was revealed, they turned away from it, unaware.

Those who have attained to recognition—these are the manifestations of the Countenance amidst creation, upon whom the near-stationed angels shower their prayers. Hold fast to that which ye have been commanded by God, and grieve not for what has befallen you at the hands of the oppressors.

BH05428: The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!…

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Well is it with thee, O Trustee, for thou hast drunk from the cup of certitude and turned unto God, the True Sovereign Who maketh all things manifest. Thou hast cast aside vain imaginings from among the people, turning unto God, the Lord of all mankind. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. He is indeed the Lord of knowledge and its sovereign. He heareth and seeth. He is in truth the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

There hath been mentioned before the Throne, time and again, that which thou hast spoken in remembrance of thy Lord's love, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. We have sent down unto thee, in every instance, verses clear and decisive, as a bounty from the presence of One mighty and praiseworthy.

Know thou that they who claim to be enraptured by any name save this Name are among the heedless ones. Say: O people, be ye drawn by this Remembrance, whereby the backs of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, were broken, and through whose sovereign and all-pervading power We have subdued all created things. We have forbidden the people vain imaginings. Among them are those who worship idle fancies and perceive it not, imagining themselves to be among those who have attained the light of certitude. Say: All things are dependent upon the testimony of God, the King, the Single, the All-Informed.

Well is it with thee and with thy sister and with whosoever hath turned unto you both, purely for the sake of God. He is assuredly among the sincere ones. Rejoice thou in God's remembrance of thee. He remembereth whosoever hath turned unto Him and loveth whosoever hath set his face toward His shining and luminous countenance.

BH05364: In all times We have been and are afflicted…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

In all times We have been and are afflicted with successive and continuous tribulations. Nevertheless, through God's grace, mercy, power and sovereignty, We are engaged in His remembrance and in teaching His Most Great Cause. Whatever has been and is being endured has but one purpose: that hearts and souls may be sanctified from selfish and passionate inclinations and turn toward the Most Holy Horizon, so that through divine favor they may, in this transient world, attain unto eternal stations. The rain of the mercy of the All-Merciful is at all times descending from the clouds of grace, that perchance withered souls may be adorned with the ornament of a wondrous life. Verily the Cause is in His hands—He doeth whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. Blessed art thou for having attained unto that which God desired and for having arisen to serve Him on a day wherein most of the people were veiled.

There hath befallen Our loved ones in that place what hath befallen Us in this exalted station. Although what hath come to pass hath outwardly been most bitter and unpalatable, yet inwardly, since it hath

occurred in the path of God, it is most sweet. Erelong shall the opposers be seen in manifest loss and remorse, and those who have turned toward God shall be observed in the utmost glory and dignity. This is irrevocably decreed with thy Lord. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

BH05254: Thy writing was present before Me, and since it…

Thy writing was present before Me, and since it was adorned with mention of the Beloved One, joy and gladness were attained. Blessed art thou for having remembered thy Lord in thy days and for having been a spreader of His Cause among His creation and one who mentioned His name among His servants. I beseech God to assist thee and confirm thee in all conditions, that thou mayest be content with His good-pleasure and turn away from all else.

Likewise the leaf of His Name Ha, upon him be the Glory of God, which was in thy writing, was present before Me. We testify that he hath outstripped most of the servants in service to his Lord, the Possessor of all existence. He is among those whom We have accepted for My remembrance and chosen for My service amongst My creatures, and We have sent down for him in My Tablets that which will establish his spirit in the kingdoms of My eternity and his remembrance among My creation through the duration of My heavenly kingdom and My celestial dominion. O Mihdi! We love to mention him for having turned with his whole being to his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. God sends His greetings from this direction upon him and upon those who love him purely for God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Some names were observed in the writing of His Name Ha. Although Sublime and Glorious Tablets were specifically sent to some of those souls, yet God will send down anew whatsoever He willeth since their names were mentioned in his writing, as a grace from His presence upon him and upon them. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH05325: O Ali! Some in certain places have outwardly clung…

O Ali! Some in certain places have outwardly clung to one of the branches of this Tree, thereby drawing weak souls from the shore of divine unity into the wasteland of misbelief and error. In truth, these souls' secret purpose was never and is not the branch of the Tree, but rather their own selfish desires. God will reveal what lies in their hearts and the hidden things of their souls. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

It is necessary to prevent people from entering such places and to make every possible effort to protect the Cause from all directions, lest the satans make a breach.

O Ali! Strange are the people who each day soar with a different desire and wander in a wilderness. Never was their purpose the branch, nor is it now. Rather, they have made him a means for attracting people to their own causes. God protect us and you from the evil of these people.

Out of regard for previous mercy, We have not torn away the veil from these souls in this instance—perhaps they will become aware and conscious. They have also deceived some village people with their

vain imaginings. If someone could wisely and kindly draw these weak ones to the shore of divine unity's glory, it would be praiseworthy.

The Glory be upon you and upon those with you.

BH05285: Hearken unto the call of thy Most Glorious Lord…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Hearken unto the call of thy Most Glorious Lord from the direction of destiny. Verily there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Grieve not at anything, but in all matters put thy trust in God, the Protector, the Almighty. Soon shall pass away all thou beholdest, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Know thou that when We reached the prison, We purposed to convey unto the kings the Message of God. Therefore was there revealed unto each one of them a Tablet wherein We proclaimed the Cause with power and sovereignty. Because of this were We surrounded by trials from every direction, to such extent that We were prevented from beholding those who desired to visit the Sacred House.

By My life! These trials have not prevented thy Most Glorious Lord from summoning the people at all times unto God, the Powerful, the Gracious. Be thou even as thy Lord hath been, that no thing may prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter hath reached the Most Great Prison and attained the glance of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days, through which were darkened the faces of those who turned away and were illumined the faces of the righteous. Stand thou firm in the Cause of thy Lord. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me while I was in the hands of the wicked. The glory from Us be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among those who have shattered the idol of fancy and turned towards the Dayspring of divine inspiration.

BH05293: O Asad! Greetings unto thee from the Single…

He is the most Exalted

O Asad! Greetings unto thee from the Single, the One, Who is established upon the throne of Revelation and at Whose advent the hearts of the wicked were sorely troubled. Ponder thy name and arise to that which behoveth it through the power of thy Lord, the Master of all men. This is the Day wherein the Dove warbleth upon the twigs of the Ultimate Tree. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

Adorn thy tongue with the mention of thy Lord in such wise that whoso is heedless and veiled may be stirred thereby. Be thou as a lion in thy Lord's Cause, in such wise that the howling of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all men, may not deter thee. Draw forth the sword of utterance in My name, then with My leave unlock therewith the cities of men's hearts. Thus doth command thee He Who dwelleth in the most desolate of lands.

Take thou the choice wine of life with power and tranquility. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath sent it down through might and sovereignty at all times. Follow thou thy Lord in such wise that tribulation may not withhold thee from His mention betwixt earth and heaven. Perchance through thy remembrance the fragrance of My bountiful robe may be wafted abroad throughout all regions.

By My life! Shouldst thou taste the sweetness of My remembrance of thee, thou wouldst assuredly forsake the world entirely and cry out My Name with wisdom and utterance. Make mention of thy Lord with a fire that shall cause the trees of existence to blaze. Thus doth command thee the Lord of creation.

Grieve not at aught. Put thy trust in God. He will verily protect thee through the truth, for He is indeed powerful over whatsoever He willeth.

BH05453: We have lit the lamp while people are…

He is the Most Holy

We have lit the lamp while people are in astounding darkness. Have they become distant because they were prevented? Nay, but because of what they have earned. O people of understanding! Baha doth summon them unto guidance, but desire hath prevented them from turning to the Mighty, the Bestower. We have forbidden the people of creation from indecency—among them are those who heard and arose, and among them are those who wandered in the wilderness of error. Say: Choose not for yourselves that which the Chosen One hath not chosen for you. He desireth for you that which will guide you to the path of right guidance. Say: Destroy not the pillars of righteousness with the hands of transgression. Fear God, O people of insight!

Blessed art thou and those who have turned to the horizon of the Cause on this Day wherein the Tongue of the Ancient of Days proclaimeth: The Cause hath appeared and the appointed time hath come. O Hasan! Write the name of thy Lord in the most excellent handwriting. We have manifested it for that purpose. Verily thy Lord is He Who ruleth over what He willeth. Through His mention the writings have been adorned and the Tablets embellished. Blessed are the fingers that moved in remembrance of their Lord and blessed is the pen that flowed with His Name whereby the horizons were illumined. When thou dost find the fragrance of the verses sent down from the presence of the Lord of Names and Attributes, turn with thy pure heart to the Most Great Scene. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to hear Thy call and to know Thy Self. I testify that Thou art the Illuminator of the realms and the Educator of the servants.

BH05509: The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great Book, sent…

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great Book, sent down in truth from God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, unto him who hath been imprisoned with his Lord through what the hands of those who cast guidance behind them and followed their desires have wrought—they are indeed among the idolaters.

Days have passed during which the Supreme Pen hath not outwardly turned toward you, though inwardly ye remain beneath the glances of your Ancient Lord’s loving-kindness. We desired to send word to you after the arrival of him who turned toward the Ancient Beauty, but when this was delayed, We sent him

who was named ʿAli after Nabil. He traveled through the lands by Our leave, journeying as was ordained in the Tablet from thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He hath returned in these days from the land of Kha, and We have sent him to thee with this clear Tablet that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and give thanks to thy Lord at all times.

O Husayn! Be not grieved at anything, for He is with thee and maketh mention of thee in the place wherein naught is seen save the effulgences of the lights of His mighty Throne. Soon shall earthly dominion pass away, while that which ye possess in God's kingdom, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, shall endure. Thus have We sent down the Tablet unto thee and adorned thy temple with the ornament of thy Lord's remembrance, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Convey My greetings unto My handmaidens and then unto the leaves of the Tree which was planted by the hand of My bounty in the paradise of My loving providence. Thus doth the Lord of all worlds command thee.

BH05294: O Imam! Your letter hath come into the presence…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

O Imam! Your letter hath come into the presence of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and hath been honored by God's glance on this Day which God hath made the Dawning-Place of all days.

Soar in the atmosphere of thy Lord's love and remind the servants, from the All-Merciful, with wisdom and utterance. Thus hast thou been commanded from God, the Lord of all creation.

As to what thou hast asked regarding what We have revealed before, know that We have explained and detailed all that hath been and will be mentioned. Search and thou wilt find it in the Tablets.

By My life, O Imam! This is not the Day for questions. It behooveth every soul, when hearing the Call from the Dawning-Place of My Most Glorious Name, to say:

> "Here am I, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

Stand firm, through God's power and might.

Say: O people! Doth it befit you to tarry when the very rock crieth out with the loudest voice:

> "Hasten with your hearts unto the Beloved, through Whose remembrance all creation hath been adorned!"

Grieve not over those who have disbelieved. Soon shall they find themselves in abasement and loss.

When thou hast received the Tablet and found from it the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful, turn with thy heart to the Dawning-Place of Revelation. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose Supreme Pen my name hath flowed, and Whose mention my tongue hath uttered while I was in the midst of the wicked ones.

BH05302: O servant! Have you hesitated in the Cause after…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O servant! Have you hesitated in the Cause after all things cry out: "Hasten with your hearts to the Beloved"? Turn your face toward God and say: "I have turned to You, O Qiblih of the heavens and earth! Blessed is he who has returned, repented, and held fast to the Name of his Lord, the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful."

Demolish the standards of idle fancy through the sovereignty of your Lord, the Possessor of all names. Then arise from the horizon of acceptance with this Name through which God has broken the might of the aggressors. Leave those who call the servants to what their own selves command them, and turn to the Lord of all worlds.

Say: "O my God! I have turned to You, detached from all else but You. Strengthen me through Your sovereignty to serve Your Cause and aid Your Faith. Verily, You are the All-Powerful, the Almighty."

I testify that this Tablet is a gift from You that has shone forth from the horizon of Your bounty as a favor to Your creation. O my Lord! Aid me to take hold of it through a power from You. Verily, You are He Who does what He pleases through His Will and decrees what He desires through His Purpose. None can resist Your Command or prevent what You have ordained in Your days.

I beseech You by Him Who summons the nations in the Most Great Prison to the horizon of Your gifts and favors, that You write down for me what I have missed in Your days, and rend asunder the veils that have come between me and You. Verily, You are the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH05452: The Most Great, the Most Holy. We have manifested…

The Most Great, the Most Holy. We have manifested unto thee that for which thou wast created. Hold thou fast unto it and say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds! It is the knowledge of thy Lord, and it is greater than the creation of the heavens and earth.

Every fire hath been extinguished, but the Fire in this Tree speaketh at all times, saying:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous."

Should anyone be enkindled by this Fire, those who dwell in the world shall be enkindled by him. Thus doth the Lord of Pre-existence instruct thee whilst He was imprisoned by the opposers.

Remember thy Lord on this Day whereon the gates of heaven were opened and the Lord of Names came with manifest sovereignty. O Friend! Shatter the idols of vain imaginings in the name of thy Lord. Beware lest the veils of those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, hold thee back.

Say: O people! The breeze of the All-Merciful hath wafted through all contingent beings, and the fragrance of the Garment hath been diffused throughout creation. Turn ye unto it and follow not those who followed their desires—they are truly among the wrongdoers.

Blessed is he who hath turned with his heart unto the Worshipped One and answered His call after the Supreme Horizon had sent forth its cry—he is truly among the sincere ones. Woe unto those who are veiled by what they possess from what God possesseth—they are truly among the perishing ones.

Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, inasmuch as the Sun of Remembrance hath shone forth upon thee from this manifest and gleaming horizon.

BH05530: Blessed art thou, O Mihdi, in that thou guidest…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Blessed art thou, O Mihdi, in that thou guidest the people to the path of righteousness and rememberest thy Lord in days wherein the dust of atheism hath seized the servants, save those whom thy Lord, the Lord of creation, hath willed. We were with thee in the days when thou didst make mention of this Name through which the dawn of inner meanings hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Stand thou firm in the Cause through the power and might of God. Say: O people! Ye have no protector from God this day save through casting aside what ye possess and turning unto the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Be thou enkindled with the heat of the love of God, then light the lamp of the hearts of others through the sovereignty of the Names on this Day which God hath made the Sun of all days. Let not the clamor of the deniers frighten thee, nor the might of any oppressor or tyrant disturb thee. Arise to serve the Cause by My command and remind the people through this Remembrance which God hath made the source of all remembrance.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have believed in that place, then illumine their faces with this Tablet from whose horizon the lights have shone forth. Say: O My loved ones! By My life, We hear your call and behold your turning unto Us. Be not grieved at anything. Rather, rejoice in what hath been ordained for you in the most exalted station. Blessed are ye, inasmuch as the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken your names on this Night which God hath made the Dawning-Place of all days.

BH05392: Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses…

In His Name, the Eternal, the Everlasting

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and made them a mercy to all the worlds. Nothing whatsoever can prevent Him from that which He desireth. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth. The idolaters imagined that tribulation would prevent Baha from that which God, the Lord of Names, desired. Say: Nay, by Him Who created the heaven! Nothing can prevent Him from the remembrance of His Lord, the Mighty, the Praised One.

When We arrived at the prison, We desired to convey unto the kings the message of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. One of the servants appeared before Our presence, and We cast upon him a word from Us, whereupon his limbs trembled. We held him back through a power from Us—verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. Then We cast another word, whereupon he was filled with joy within

himself. We breathed into him the spirit of might and power and sent him with a Tablet from thy Lord, the Chosen One, unto him whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise, desired, that all may know that tribulation preventeth Him not from that which He desireth in the path of God, the Creator of all things. He summoneth the peoples unto the Lord of Eternity, and the might of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, preventeth Him not.

Thus have We recounted unto thee that which came to pass aforetime, that thou mayest become aware of the sovereignty of thy Lord and be of the thankful ones. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of thy Lord say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, in that Thou hast caused my name to flow from the Pen of Thy Command while I was imprisoned by the hands of the idolaters.

BH05346: Thou seest me, O my God, in prison between…

Thou seest me, O my God, in prison between two factions, and Thou hearest my sighing and the lamentation of my heart at what hath befallen Thy Cause from the enemies of Thy Self. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which hath conquered all things and encompassed earth and heaven, to raise up one who will aid Thee amongst Thy creatures and exalt Thy Cause in Thy lands.

Then I beseech Thee, O my God, to assist me in all conditions to manifest Thy Cause in such wise that the winds of trials shall not prevent me, nor the opposition of the followers of religions, and that I may be speaking Thy Name in Thy land and making mention of Thy remembrance among Thy creatures. O Lord! Aid me and my loved ones who have arisen to serve Thee and to help Thy Cause, then strengthen them with the hosts of the names. Verily Thou art the Creator of heaven and the Ruler over what Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

Thou knowest, O my God, that in this most great tribulation and darkest ordeal, I make mention of him who hath turned unto Thee with pure heart, that the attraction of Thy verses may seize him unto a station wherein he may be wholly detached from all else save Thee, and may make mention to the people of Thy bounties which have been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and inscribed by the Pen of Thy decree. Then enable him, O my God, to do what Thou lovest and art pleased with, and ordain for him what will profit him in the world to come and in this world. Verily Thou art the Judge, the Doer, the Willer, the Powerful, the Mighty.

BH05308: O handmaidens of God, the Most Holy, the Most…

O handmaidens of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

We have heard the call of My servants and My handmaidens from all directions. Blessed is the handmaiden who has turned to Me and said:

> “I believe in Thee, O Sovereign of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen! Praise be to Thee for having made Thyself known unto me, and for having cast upon me Thy remembrance, and caused me to hear Thy call when Thou didst come with Thy name, the Self-Subsisting.”

O My handmaidens! Hearken unto the call of God. Verily it has been raised from the direction of the Prison, and summoneth all unto the Manifestation of His Self, yet the people hear not. All things have heard it, save those who wander in the wilderness of self and desire—these are a people who perceive not. The very rock crieth out in My Name, yet most among creation understand not. Give thanks unto God for having found the fragrance of holiness from this Garment, through which the fragrance of God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the Beloved, hath been diffused. Hold fast unto this Cord whereby have held fast honored servants whom neither the tyranny of the oppressor nor the ascendancy of the deniers of God could frighten when He came with manifest sovereignty. Bear witness even as God hath witnessed that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever been exalted above the comprehension of His creation. He Who speaketh is the Manifestation of His Self, the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Dayspring of His Revelation. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Praise be unto God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

BH05336: As to what his honor Ha', upon him be…

As to what his honor Ha', upon him be all the Most Glorious and Most Resplendent Glory, had requested regarding permission for his brother to attain the presence—at present this land is in utmost turmoil and soon that which is hidden shall be made manifest in it. Were We to desire its tranquility and stability and My establishment therein, We would decree whatsoever We wish. Verily thy Lord is the One Who decrees whatsoever He willeth. As to what was mentioned regarding certain ones—special bounty has been manifested and sent for all. If one bearing the name of Ha' desires divine favors for all things, all this bounty shall descend upon him—the Glory of God and His praise and the remembrance of God and His mercy and His forgiveness.

Convey greetings to his honor Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, and likewise to his honor Khalil and Ustad and the others. The grace and favor of God has encompassed and will continue to encompass all. Let Khalil not be saddened—God shall soon open before his face the gates of mercy. Verily He is the Guardian of all creation. Regarding his honor Aqa Shaykh ʿAli—with his illness, travel is not permitted. God willing, after partaking of the Kawthar of health and well-being, may they arise to fulfill that which they have been commanded. We beseech God to make them among those for whom He has ordained the meeting in this world and the next and in all the worlds of His worlds. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH05341: In the Name of God, the Most Mighty…

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! Through My remembrance have the veils been rent asunder, through My Name hath the land been illumined, and through My sovereignty have the foundations of them that denied God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, been made to tremble. Through My imprisonment hath the Sun of Power shone forth, and through My tribulation hath My Cause been exalted and My Beauty appeared, would ye but know it. When We reached the abode of tribulation, We delivered unto all the Message of God, the Lord of Names, and now We sit upon the throne and summon all unto God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O people! Answer Him Who calleth you unto God, then cast away what ye possess of idle fancies. The Sun of Certitude hath dawned with a radiance that no veils of the world can withhold. Arise in My Name, then speak forth My praise amidst them that are heedless in these days wherein God calleth aloud with the most exalted call: “Unto Me, unto Me, O concourse of the heedless ones!”

By My life! I have desired naught for Myself, but rather your nearness unto the station which, were ye to behold it, would cause you to swoon forthwith, and upon arising [ye would say]: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!”

Draw nigh with your hearts unto the direction of the Beloved. Cast away the allusions of them who have denied God after He came from the Dayspring of the Cause with manifest sovereignty. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses that thine eyes may be consoled. Then, when thou hast attained, turn toward the direction of the Intended One and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the heavens and the earth!”

BH05399: Glorified art Thou, O my God, O God…

In His Name, the One Who rules over all names!

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O God of all names and Creator of the heavens! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast made it to rule over all things, that Thou ordain for Thy servants and creatures that which will lead them to the shade of the Tree of Thy Oneness and cause them to hear the cooing of the Dove of Thy transcendent Unity. O Lord! Deprive them not of the outpourings of the ocean of Thy bounty, nor keep them far from the horizon whence the sun of Thy favors hath shone forth. O Lord! Thou knowest that in this Cause I have desired naught but what Thou didst desire, and therefore there hath befallen me that which none knoweth save Thy Self, Who ruleth over all created things.

By Thy glory, O Thou Who art the Desire of the worlds and the Beloved of the sincere ones! The harm inflicted by Thy servants in Thy path cannot deter me from Thy love, nor can the might of Thy creatures frighten me. I call upon Thee at all times that verily Thou art the All-Merciful—there is no God but Thee, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised. O Lord! Thou seest that one of Thy servants hath turned to a place concerning which Thy creatures and people have differed, seeking from it the wondrous gifts of Thy bounty and the manifestations of Thy grace. O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy hidden Name, which none hath known whether past or future, that Thou send down upon him from the heaven of Thy grace that which will make him rich through Thy riches and strengthened through Thy confirmations. Verily, Thou hast power over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Forgiver, the Generous.

BH05508: The Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious Book hath…

The Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious Book hath been sent down in truth from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the Most High, the Great. Through it laws have been ordained and paths made manifest for all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O people! Act in accordance with what ye have been commanded in the Tablets, and follow not the ways of the ignorant ones who have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs and followed the ways of the fabricators—they who have taken a word from the Book and interpreted it according to their desires. These, verily, are among the perverters. They have perverted the Most Exalted Word which speaketh in the heaven of immortality: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful."

Say: O people! Fear God and follow not those who have disbelieved after the clear proofs came unto them from every direction and the horizon of Revelation shone forth with this Great Name. Would ye deny God after He hath appeared with His sovereignty, or would ye deny what hath appeared from Him after it hath encompassed the worlds? Beware lest desire deprive you of equity or prejudice cause you to rise up against God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Powerful. Fear God and dispute not with Him through Whom the horizon of utterance hath dawned and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Thus have We strengthened thee with this Tablet from which shine forth the lights of wisdom and utterance from the presence of One Mighty, Praiseworthy. And We have wafted unto thee the fragrance of the Ridvan from this exalted and inaccessible Station.

BH05534: This is a mention from the Prisoner unto him…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

This is a mention from the Prisoner unto him who, when he heard the call from the direction of grandeur, turned with his heart and was numbered among the successful ones. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call of its Lord, and the hand that hath taken hold of the Tablet of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. Hearts have been created to turn towards the Kaaba of the Desired One, faces to be directed to this noble prospect, breasts to safeguard their Lord's trust, and the tongue for this exalted remembrance.

Blessed is the heart that hath soared on the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of the All-Merciful, and the cheek that hath reddened from the heat of its Lord's love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. O loved ones of God! Be steadfast in the Cause of God, then speak unto the servants that which will draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Every Tablet that hath been sent down in truth is a proof for all who are in the heavens and on earth. The unity-professing ones behold from its horizon the sun of grandeur and power, while those who are heedless are numbered among the dead. We have set forth the verses in every manner and manifested power through My mighty and powerful sovereignty. Among the people are those who have recognized and prostrated themselves before their Lord's face, and among them are those who have seen and turned away from God, the Lord of the mighty throne. Grieve not at anything. Put thy trust in God. Verily, He protecteth whom He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth that which draweth him nigh unto Him. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH05536: This is the Book of God, revealed for all…

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy

This is the Book of God, revealed for all else besides Him, that the servants might hearken to the call of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, and read it and ponder what hath been revealed therein of the mysteries of God, the Powerful, the Unconstrained. O My loved ones! Be not perturbed by the onslaught of them that have denied the All-Merciful, nor follow every idolatrous deceiver. Leave what the people possess and take what ye have been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Compelling. Verily, they that are heedless this day are in doubt and schism, and they that have turned towards Him are of the people of Baha, whose names have been set down by the Pen of Revelation in the Scriptures and Tablets. When thou drinkest the choice wine of utterance from the cups of the words of thy Lord, the Revealer of verses, arise with supreme steadfastness, then make mention of thy Lord amongst the servants.

Thus have We caused to shine upon thee from the horizon of grace the sun of wisdom and utterance. Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of earth and heaven. They that were prevented from attaining unto the presence in those days have no cause for grief, for the oppressors have come between Us and those who turned towards the dawning-place of the bounty of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. He that hath turned with his heart towards the direction of God, there hath been written down for him the reward of one who hath drawn nigh and attained. Thus doth God single out for His grace whomsoever He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Protector of whoso befriendeth Him, and He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH05538: The Most Holy, the Most Glorious. This…

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious. This is a Book for him who hath heard the Call and responded thereunto. By virtue of this his name hath been recorded before the Throne and there hath been sent down for him that which shall solace the eyes of them that have recognized.

Hearken unto the Call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Blessed is he that heareth and seeth, and turneth toward the Most Luminous Horizon. Blessed is the learned one who hath cast away idle fancy and laid hold on certitude when the Self-Subsisting appeared with clear sovereignty.

Say: O concourse of divines! Rend ye asunder the greatest veil, then hasten with your hearts unto the Most Luminous Horizon wherein the Lord of Destiny hath manifested Himself through His Most Great Name. Thou hast indeed held fast unto the cord of the Command and clung to the hem of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Ponder thou upon the days of God and His power and what hath appeared from Him when He was imprisoned, that thou mayest be assured of the sovereignty of thy Ancient Lord. The fragrances of that which hath streamed from the Most Exalted Pen have encompassed all things, yet the people are in strange heedlessness. The Cry hath been raised, yet they slumber; nay, they are as the dead, save him whom the breeze of reunion hath stirred and whom the hand of grace hath admitted into an exalted station.

Arise in My Name and remind the people of this mighty Cause, that perchance they may arise from the slumber of vain desire, turning toward My Kingdom, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The glory be upon thee

and upon them who have cast away the world in the name of their Lord, the Most Glorious, and have turned with their hearts toward the Beloved of the worlds.

BH05577: O people of insight! Where are your bygone days…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O people of insight! Where are your bygone days and where is what has passed? Seize ye this Day wherein the Face hath shone forth before all eyes. Will man or aught else in creation endure? By thy Lord, the Merciful! All that is thereon shall pass away, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Gracious. Where are the tyrants and the pharaohs? We have returned them to the abyss. Verily thy Lord is severe in punishment. Would any person of understanding cling to that which perisheth? Nay, by Him Who revealeth the mysteries! How many servants have been beguiled by the world to such extent that they denied God and opposed His Messengers! We granted them a fixed term as a wisdom from Us, until their appointed time had come. Then did We seize them and leave them in the fires. They that hasten unto the idol, turning away from the Divine Realm—these shall find no protector with Us. They have lost who have changed God's command according to their own desires and denied God's truth after He came with sovereignty, grandeur and power.

Say: O people! Would ye reject the truth through your own devices? Consider, then, those parties that came before you. We sent unto them Messengers, but they denied Our Cause. Then did We seize them and make them a lesson for those possessed of insight. Thus have We caused to shine forth for thee from the horizon of utterance the Sun of remembrance and explanation, that thou mayest rejoice and arise to praise thy Lord amongst His servants.

BH05767: O Thou Handmaiden of God, O Most Exalted, Most…

O Thou Handmaiden of God, O Most Exalted, Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Peacock of Divine Unity! Glory be unto Thee, O my God!

Thou seest how Thy servants have turned toward the direction of Thy nearness and Thy presence, after Thou didst call them with Thy call and command them to appear before the throne of Thy grandeur. When their hearts were attracted by the wonders of Thy verses and they hastened to the Dayspring of Thy oneness, the oppressors prevented them from entering the City wherein Thy call was raised and the throne of Thy mercy was established.

O Lord! Send down from the heaven of Thy power that which will draw them nigh unto Thy presence and cause them to partake of the Salsabil of Thy favors from the hands of Thy grace and bounty.

O Lord! They are the poor, and Thou art the Strong, the Trustworthy. They are the weak, and Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Take their hands with the hands of Thy power, then cause them to enter the pavilion of Thy grandeur—the place round which circle the people of the Supreme Concourse and the dwellers of the cities of Names—that they may hear Thy call and behold Thy beauty. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and Thou art the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O Lord! Assist Thy loved ones to remember and praise Thee, then ordain for them what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over what Thou willest and shalt ever remain sovereign over what Thou desirest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH05696: O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! God willing, may you be joyous…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

O Ali-Qabli-Akbar! God willing, may you be joyous and successful through the favors of the Lord of Lords, and may you drink at all times from the wine of the mercy of the All-Merciful. Most of the petitions from the people have not reached the Presence due to the obstruction and interception by the highwaymen who block the path of the All-Merciful. However, your petition arrived at the Seat of Divine Unity and was grasped by the hand of grace, and the glance of favor beheld it. Blessed are you and blessed is he who has attained to this mighty grace. For you is written the reward of one who has attained His presence. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. For in these days the path is blocked by reason of that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Be content with that which God has been content with—this is better for you, were you of those who know.

O Yahya! Your mention was in the letter, and you had asked for eternal life. The Kawthar of divine grace flows in the chalices of words—take and drink, and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds!” Since harm in coming and going has befallen the very root of the Tree of the Cause, We have therefore forbidden the friends from attaining the presence—otherwise We would have commanded all to attend, for We have come especially for this grace—to give all to drink from the Kawthar of life, the mention of the All-Merciful. The Glory be upon you.

BH05660: In the name of God, the Most Holy! I…

In the name of God, the Most Holy! I bear witness to that which God hath testified—that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh today is indeed the Manifestation of His Cause unto all who dwell in the realms of being. They who have turned away this day are sunk in heedlessness and error.

Beware, O peoples of the earth, lest ye deprive yourselves of this bounty which hath appeared in human form. Cast away what ye possess and turn unto God, the Lord of creation. We desire naught but what God hath desired, and because of this there hath befallen Us that which hath caused all atoms to lament.

Say: O people! This is He Who was promised unto you in the Books and Tablets. By my Lord, the Most Merciful! Were it not for Him, neither would the Bayan have been revealed nor would that which was sent down upon the Dawning-Places of Revelation throughout the ages. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and desired the desire of all who are in earth and heaven.

Among the people are those who remain veiled and those who have rent asunder the veils through this Name before which all necks have bowed low. Unite, O My loved ones, in this Cause, for by it are the

hearts of the wicked thrown into turmoil. Make mention of your Lord amongst His servants, that the fragrance of remembrance may embrace all lands.

Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

BH05900: In the Name that is sanctified above all names…

In the Name that is sanctified above all names and designations! Your letter was presented before the Most Holy Court and the eye of divine favor was directed towards it. Praise be to the Beloved of all creation, that thou hast attained unto His recognition and turned thyself unto the Dawning-Place of His Cause. This is among the great bounties of the Lord.

That which is incumbent upon the loved ones of God today is to conduct themselves in such wise among the people that all beings may inhale from those souls the divine fragrance. The guidance of creatures hath ever been through the character and deeds of souls who have turned unto Him. Divine confirmations do at all times assist such souls.

Be not saddened by certain worldly conditions, but arise to serve the Cause. With wondrous and sublime utterances and goodly remembrances, remind the people, that perchance dead souls may attain unto eternal life through the divine breath. Today all must arise to that which hath been mentioned.

By Him Who holdeth my soul in His hand! Whoso acteth according to that which hath been commanded, in His love and good-pleasure, God will assist him in all conditions and will open before his face the doors of goodness. Verily, He is the Guardian of good deeds.

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter hath been presented before the Throne and there hath been sent down for thee from the Source of verses that which shall eternalize thy mention, through God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH05944: O My handmaiden! Hearken unto the call of thy…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from this Tree which hath been raised up in truth—verily there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne and there have been sent down for thee clear verses which neither the realities of creation nor whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and earths can equal.

When thou hast attained unto them, hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The Tongue of Grandeur calleth out to all who are in the kingdom of creation, morning and evening, yet the people remain in manifest remoteness. The horizon of possibility hath been illumined by the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, yet the people remain behind a mighty veil. Hold fast unto the Ultimate Tree, then detach thyself from all else—thus doth thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, command thee.

We counsel Our male and female servants to show forth the utmost steadfastness in the Cause of their Lord, the Possessor of Names. We beseech God to protect them from the schemes of those who have denied God's proof and His evidence, God's power and His sovereignty, and who wander through homes and marketplaces seeking to lead people astray from the straight path of God, the Truth. Be thankful for having attained unto the remembrance of thy Lord, then remain steadfast in the Cause. Thus have We counseled the handmaidens before, and in this luminous Tablet.

BH05818: The contingent world hath been adorned with the appearance…

He is the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious

The contingent world hath been adorned with the appearance of the All-Merciful, yet the people remain in heedlessness and behind a veil. They have clung to their desires and turned away from guidance. Verily they are among the people of the fire.

Among them are those who cling to idle fancies, turning away from Him through Whom the horizon of certitude hath shone forth. And among them are those who cling to what their leaders possess, heedless of Him through Whom the religions were established.

Say: O peoples of the worlds! How long will ye slumber upon the couch of heedlessness and desire? Lift up your heads—the Truth hath come with power and sovereignty. The tales of the ancients profit you not this Day, nor what ye possess of the interpretations of the misguided.

Open your eyes—this is the sealed wine. Drink ye from the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the Master of the Day of Mutual Calling. Doth what ye possess profit you? Nay, by the Cleaver of the Dawn!

Leave what the people possess and hold fast unto this Cord which hath appeared in truth from your Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Beware lest ye follow those who have denied the signs of God and have spoken what they possess of conjectures and idle fancies.

Break the chains of blind imitation through My Name, the All-Powerful over creation. Thus have We moved the Pen of Command that those who have come before the Face on this Day might rejoice—a Day wherein feet have slipped.

BH05828: The Most Great, the Most Holy. There has come…

The Most Great, the Most Holy. There has come before the Face a seal ring whereon thy name is inscribed; therefore hath the Tongue of Him Whom God hath made the Dawning-Place of His signs and the Source of His mighty and impregnable Command spoken in thy remembrance. Blessed is the name unto which the gaze of God hath been directed, and the soul that hath been mentioned by the Pen of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Know thou that We have borne in God's path what no one among His servants hath borne. To this testifieth every fair-minded and well-informed one. While in Ta (Tehran) We were in chains and fetters, and in Iraq We were in the midst of the idolaters. We manifested might when We were in the depths of abasement, and appeared with power and evident sovereignty. We departed from Iraq in such wise that

necks were bowed before the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, until the heedless ones brought Us to the Most Great Prison. Then We rent asunder the veils and manifested the Cause openly, whereupon the fire of hatred blazed in the breasts of them that disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds. Then they removed Us from there and brought Us to this Great Prison. Yet in all circumstances We summoned the people unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and answered his Ancient Lord. Rejoice thou in thy soul for that thou hast been mentioned before the Face and wert among those who remember. By My life, through the presence of thy name before the Throne, an exalted station hath been ordained for thee.

BH05710: Hearken to the call of the sorrowful Prisoner, Who…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and Power!

Hearken to the call of the sorrowful Prisoner, Who summons thee from the horizon of the manifest Prison and calls thee to the truth. Praise be to the Beloved of the world Who enabled and assisted thee in that whose effects shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Though today ye yourselves perceive it not, yet days shall come forth from the treasuries of divine purpose and the horizon of the merciful Will when your deed shall become manifest among all creatures and be mentioned by every tongue. We beseech God to grant you such success that ye may partake of the Kawthar of the All-Merciful, which floweth from the right hand of divine Will, detached from all else save Him. We have summoned thee for the sake of God and desire naught for thee save good. We hope that henceforth, turning thy gaze unto God, thou wilt occupy thyself in service to the Manifestation of His Cause. The reward of no one hath been or shall be lost. Every deed performed for God—its fragrance shall never be cut off and its fruits shall return to the doer in this world and the next. His knowledge encompasseth all things. He is indeed the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH05718: Ponder, O My loved ones, upon this wondrous One…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Ancient

Ponder, O My loved ones, upon this wondrous One through Whom hath appeared the decree of creation. Blessed is he who hath recognized and hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!” This is the Originator of the heavens and the earth, Who hath no likeness among similitudes and no peer from aforetime. Ponder that ye may know what your All-Knowing, All-Wise Lord hath intended.

By God! Through Him hath shone forth the Luminary of creation and every wondrous command hath been established. Pay no heed to those who speak according to their desires—they are indeed among the heedless. Verily, he who speaketh the truth desireth naught but your own good, as every truthful and trustworthy one doth testify. He hath borne what no one before Him hath borne, and hath seen what the eyes of the Messengers have not seen. Blessed is he who pondereth upon this Revelation and what hath appeared in its days—We testify that he is among those endowed with discernment. We beseech God to assist the people of Baha to remain steadfast in His Cause and to act in accordance with what they have been commanded in a perspicuous Tablet. Well is it with thee for having attained unto the days of thy

Lord and for having turned unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou steadfast through the power and might of God—verily He is with His steadfast servants. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

BH05701: O leaf! God willing, mayest thou be detached…

He is the Most Holy, Most Glorious!

O leaf! God willing, mayest thou be detached from creation and hold fast unto the Truth. Today all relationships are severed, for the Truth exists and relationship to Him is the essential purpose. Hold fast unto the relationship of thy Lord, the Most High, the Great. Be not grieved by events that have transpired. Strive that thy relationship with the Truth become firm. This is the foundation of deeds and the sovereign of relationships.

If thou desirest a helper, verily He is thy helper. If thou desirest a supporter, verily He is thy supporter. If thou desirest a father, by My life He is more compassionate than one. If thou desirest brothers, verily He is more merciful than they unto thee. Hold fast unto this All-Merciful, All-Affectionate, All-Forgiving, Mighty, Generous One.

That which hath flowed from the Most Ancient Pen—thou shalt behold its effect, were the relationship to these ones, their deeds, and the fabrications of their tongues not to prevent thee. Leave them to their vain imaginings and hold fast unto this firm and mighty cord.

Thou hast been and, God willing, shall remain accounted of God. Make thy heart a place for the love of thy One, Mighty, Peerless Lord. Thus doth the Supreme Pen command thee, as a grace from His presence unto thee. Read thou what hath been revealed for thee, then act upon that which thou hast been commanded with clear certitude. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon those with thee from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH05881: A Book which hath been sent down in truth…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

A Book which hath been sent down in truth from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. It biddeth all to observe that which is best for them. Blessed is he who followeth that which hath been ordained by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Beware lest what is in the Books prevent you from this Perspicuous Book.

Beware lest that which ye possess bar you from that which hath been manifested in truth from this luminous Horizon. All Books are dependent upon My Cause and all Remembrances upon My wondrous Remembrance. Should anyone come with the worship of both worlds, it would profit him not so much as a grain of mustard seed except through a word of acceptance sent down from this ancient Station. Nothing will suffice them today, nor will the tales of those gone before profit them. Cast away vain desire, for guidance standeth before your faces. Hold fast unto it and be not of the heedless ones. He calleth you for the sake of God—verily He is independent of all worlds. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance

of reunion and attained unto the knowledge of God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Woe unto him who hath turned away from the Truth and followed every heedless and remote one.

Hold thou fast unto the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and be thou of those who are detached. Grieve not over anything, and despair not of the Spirit of God. Verily He is the protector of those who turn unto Him. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH05733: Give praise to the peerless Lord that thou hast…

Give praise to the peerless Lord that thou hast drunk from the cup of bounty from the hands of divine favors and hast attained thereunto. Blessed art thou that thou art engaged in His remembrance among the handmaidens and art turned toward the direction of His grace. This is the Day when the soul-entrancing call of the Lord of Names is raised from the right side of the luminous Spot.

Acceptable is the soul that hath hearkened with the ear of the spirit to the call of the All-Merciful and hath attained unto its sweetness. After the completion of creation, between the right and the left in the Most Holy and Exalted Court, there was outwardly no distinction. After the utterance of the Word that both united and separated, addressing the Hands We said: "Take hold of whichever hand is first raised and turns in acceptance." That hand was honored with the robe of acceptance and was designated as "the right." Observe this same principle throughout all creation.

Blessed is the hand that today hath attained unto the Tablet of God, detached from all else save Him, and through the power of the Most Great Name hath taken hold of it and hath drunk and given to drink the Water of Life that lay hidden within the chalices of the words of the All-Merciful. Draw thou My handmaidens through My remembrance, then recite unto them that which hath been sent down from the Pen of My Command, that they may soar in the atmosphere of the love of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH05889: The Leaf of Paradise hath been presented before…

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy

The Leaf of Paradise hath been presented before the Countenance and is illumined by the light of presence. That which was mentioned therein hath been noted. Praise be to the Beloved of the world, that thou art attracted to His love, art gazing toward His horizon, art steadfast in His Cause and mindful of His remembrance.

Thou must needs be so steadfast that if from the horizon of the Cause there should appear a decree contrary to the desire of all who are on earth, thou wouldst say in utmost steadfastness: "This indeed is the truth." The mightiest of all things is steadfastness, and the greater the Cause, the more numerous its trials. If souls truly knew God doeth whatsoever He willeth, and were in truth assured of this blessed word, no one would ever object to the Truth. The Beloved said to His loved one: "Be thou steadfast as thou hast been commanded." From this pure and blessed word the station of steadfastness and its greatness is evident and clear. God willing, mayest thou ever drink from this cup and attain unto this station.

Thy mention hath been and is before the Throne. Be not saddened by conflicting matters. God willing, all shall be set aright. Complete what thou hast in hand. Verily He will assist thee that there may remain from thee that which shall be adorned with the ornament of thy Lord's remembrance, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from One mighty and great.

BH05874: A Book from Us to him who hath attained…

He is the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Wondrous

A Book from Us to him who hath attained unto the Most Great Ocean when he turned towards the Dawning-Place of eternity, Who hath come from the heaven of God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the Most Great.

The world hath been honored by the appearance of God, the Lord of all nations, yet most of the people remain heedless. The Dawning-Place of Names hath appeared from the horizon of eternity, yet every doubting idolater hath veiled himself therefrom.

Say: O people, open your eyes! This is your Lord, the Chosen One, Who calleth you from the most exalted station with a wondrous tongue saying: Abandon the people and what they possess. They have clung to the idols of their own selves and are not among those who perceive.

O ʿAli! Blessed art thou for having attained unto His presence, visited Him and dwelt in the vicinity of thy Lord. Thus did God single thee out for His love and preferred thee above most of the people. Be thou thankful and be of those who give thanks.

We have become aware of what befell thy father at the hands of the oppressors. Previously there was sent down for him a Tablet the like of which all that is on earth cannot equal. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Blessed is he for having borne afflictions even as his Lord did bear them. He is indeed among the sincere ones.

We beseech God to aid him and thee to serve Him under all conditions. Verily He is the Truth, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05692: O Dhabih, thou didst write about Shah-Mirza. It…

O Dhabih, thou didst write about Shah-Mirza. It is known to that being that from the Divine Source hath been revealed a binding decree whereby We have forbidden all peoples from strife and contention, from the shedding of blood, and from matters that are prohibited and that their minds abhor, to such an extent that it hath been explicitly revealed in most Tablets.

Nevertheless, the heedless souls have not awakened, and at all times have been and are opposed to the Tree of the All-Merciful and its branches, twigs, leaves and fruits. In such circumstances, the very deeds of these people have been and will be the cause for the appearance of the small Shah-Mirza and the very great Shah-Mirza and similar servants, that perchance they may become a balm for the wounds in the hearts of the oppressed.

O Dhabih, oppression itself giveth rise to the manifestation of might and wrath. If thou wouldst observe with the eye of truth, all people deserve punishment, for they are engaged in oppression, save those whom thy Lord willeth. Nevertheless, God, in His name the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful, doth observe, and therefore hath not desired and doth not desire that anyone should oppose another.

Let them leave the oppressor to God and be patient in adversities. This is the truth and the station of the people of truth, and beyond truth there is naught but error.

BH05915: This is a Tablet from Us to the one…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Great

This is a Tablet from Us to the one who has turned to the Sea and attained the triumph of God, the Mighty, the Generous. the ungodly prevented Us from mentioning God, but We make mention of God in spite of them, for He is the Powerful, the Mighty. In the evening We show them one judgment and at daybreak another judgment, for thy Lord is indeed the All-Patient, the All-Forbearing. The ocean of patience hath encompassed all lands after His knowledge encompassed all the worlds.

O Leaf! By My life, ʿAli hath attained the presence of God, and there hath been ordained for him before the Throne a station that the hands of those who dwell on earth and its dependencies cannot attain, save whom thy Lord willeth, the Mighty, the Generous. Blessed is he who visiteth him in this world, by virtue of what hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning him.

Verily the Light shining forth from the horizon of eternity is upon thee, O essence of the peoples and he who hath turned to the Most Great Sea. I bear witness that thou hast fulfilled the Covenant of God and His Testament when thou didst break the covenant of the ungodly. Thou art the luminary of faithfulness in this heaven. Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Lord of Names.

God's curse be upon him who wronged thee and slew thee without clear proof and evidence, and God's mercy be upon him who visiteth thee with pure intention for the sake of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

BH05730: O Hasan! The glance of loving-kindness hath ever been…

He is the Most Holy, The Most Great

O Hasan! The glance of loving-kindness hath ever been directed towards thee, and the Pen of the Ancient beareth witness to that which hath been mentioned. Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy. The foundation of the Cause is to arise to serve God. Thou must arise to serve this Cause with the utmost kindliness, mercy and spiritual qualities. Be not grieved by differences in outward matters. God willing, all shall be set right through divine favor. Be thou confident in thy Lord's grace and be steadfast in an exalted manner. Whoso ariseth to serve Him, verily He will arise to assist him in all things. By My life, this is a truth like unto His very existence. Rejoice thou in this word which hath issued forth from the horizon of thy Lord's Will, and be of the thankful ones. The affairs of this land are greatly disturbed. None should

journey to this region. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Convey My greetings to the friends of God, and whenever thou beholdest in any soul the fire of search, mention unto him the Desired One. We beseech God to assist all to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. Convey My greetings to those who are with thee and to thy family, and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05912: This is Our Book unto one who strove until…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

This is Our Book unto one who strove until he beheld the Dayspring of his Lord's Cause, the Mighty, the All-Wise, and won through to the Source of the Cause when he entered God's holy and luminous court. Blessed art thou for having desired what the worlds have desired and sought the One Who is the Goal, until thou didst attain the presence of God, Lord of the mighty Throne. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to attain His presence and hear His melodies, and for having enabled thee to win the prize of His shining and glorious beauty. Know thou the station of this rank and glorify thy Lord with praise at all times.

O Khalil! Be thou steadfast in God's Cause in such wise that neither the veils of the heedless nor the opposition of them that have denied the Day of Judgment shall deter thee. Be thou a friend to those who love the Beloved One and an enemy to those who oppose Him. Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen inscribed in a preserved Tablet. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and to make thee a champion of His Cause and one who commemorates His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have turned towards God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Those who have taken partners with God this day are in manifest error. Shun them and put thy trust in God. Verily, He is with His servants who trust in Him.

BH05699: O Majid! We have all come into being…

O Majid! We have all come into being for the victory of God, which is the exaltation of His Word amongst His servants. The Beloved says: "Remember Me, I will remember you." And it is evident that whoever has turned to the Countenance of the All-Glorious has never been, and shall never be, deprived of the outpourings of His mercy. God willing, we must all remain steadfast on the path of His love and detached from aught else.

You have always been before Our gaze and are mentioned in the Most Great Scene. This is that which has endured and shall endure, and all else shall perish—and thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. All that hath befallen you in the path of God is known in His presence. We beseech Him to assist you in all conditions to remember and praise Him and follow His Cause. Verily He is powerful over all things. O Majid! There is no greater thing than steadfastness. We must ask of God to make us firm and steadfast in this Most Great Cause. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who attains unto it. Convey My greetings to the guests and her sisters and her daughter and her daughter's children and her daughter's daughter. All are

mentioned in the Most Great Scene and are reckoned before God. God willing, may you be engaged in the remembrance of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and delight.

BH05697: O youth! The Eye of God is gazing upon…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

O youth! The Eye of God is gazing upon thee from the horizon of the Prison. Strive thou in thy youth to become illumined with divine attributes and the Most Glorious Lights. These are days the like of which have never been witnessed. Alas for those souls who in such days have clung to the cord of vain imaginings and remained deprived of the Lord of all beings.

The life of the soul hath ever depended upon the waters of the remembrance of the All-Merciful. Should the heart of man be quickened by these subtle spiritual waters, it will abide and endure forever. The lamp of the heart is the love of God—kindle it with the oil of remembrance, that through the assistance of this remembrance, the lamp of love may shine forth with perfect light and radiance, and through that light the inner world may illumine the outer. This is the counsel of truth that hath flowed from the Pen of Command. Blessed art thou and blessed is every hearing and discerning one.

Verily thy father is before the Throne—be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. Convey My greetings to thy mother and brother, then to those who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have turned to this shining Countenance.

BH05790: Blessed art thou, O my handmaiden, in that thou…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Blessed art thou, O my handmaiden, in that thou hast rent asunder the veils and recognized thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, Who hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of lands by reason of that which the hands of the servants have wrought—they whom the world hath deluded in such wise that they turned away from the Word of God and opposed him who bore it in truth from the presence of the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

Verily, she who hath believed is assuredly numbered with the denizens of the All-Glorious Paradise in the sight of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy brother whom We have related to the Tree. By My life! He is among those who have attained unto the lights of guidance—to this doth the Tongue of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, bear witness.

Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in Him at all times. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Helper. God will soon make manifest the excellence of those who have believed in Him and turned away from every doubting misbeliever. Glorify thy Lord with praise, then prostrate thyself in His days. Thus doth the Pen of God, the Originator of creation, command thee.

We beseech God to ordain for you that which is best with Him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Unconstrained. Blessed is the woman who hath heard and turned towards God; woe unto him who hath denied God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned in the

Supreme Concourse by the Most Glorious Pen. This is from the grace of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

The glory from God, the One Who causeth the rivers to flow, be upon you all.

BH05850: Say: O people of the Throne! Hearken unto…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Say: O people of the Throne! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the Chosen One, from around the Fire which hath appeared through the heat of the Word: Verily there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Compelling. Worship ye none but God alone—this is a word whereby the eyes of the people of Baha have been gladdened and the hearts of those who disbelieved were troubled when the Lord came with power and authority.

We have heard thy call when thou didst call upon God, the Creator of all possibilities, and We have answered thee through this Tablet from which the believers perceive the fragrance of the garment of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Those who rely upon their own vain imaginings are indeed wrapped in heedlessness and error.

Blessed is he who hath relied upon this Most Great Proof whereby the Most Straight Path hath been made manifest, and woe unto him who hath turned away and followed every doubting idolater.

Arise in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that neither the oppression of the oppressors nor the turning away of the people of the lands shall deter thee. God will soon aid those who have turned to the Countenance and will make their names a remembrance unto those in all regions.

It behooveth everyone who hath turned today to make mention of his Lord with wisdom and utterance, that perchance the people may become aware through His remembrance and hearken unto the decisive Word.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this bounty which hath encompassed the horizons.

BH05668: O servant! Burn away desires with the fire…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O servant! Burn away desires with the fire of the love of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Then reflect upon the final outcome. Thus doth the All-Glorious command thee. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Make His Cause thy desire and thy deeds what thou art commanded by the Mighty, the Powerful. Verily, whoso is not attracted today by the Call of God is accounted among the heedless.

Thy letter hath come before the Countenance. We took it and read it and have answered thee with this perspicuous Book. Thus hath been ordained for thee a noble station, if thou remainest steadfast in the love of thy Lord and utterest His praise amongst His servants. This behooveth thee, if thou be of them

that know. Hearken unto the Call from the direction of grandeur and power—verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. Rend asunder the veils through the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Master of all necks, then turn thy face toward the Cause and say:

> "O my God! I have come unto Thee, detached from all else save Thee and turning away from those who disputed with Thee and denied Thy proof. O Lord! Ordain for me what is best for me. Verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

Give thanks unto God for having sent down unto thee this Tablet wherein God hath taught thee what He desired. Be thou of the thankful ones. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05685: The Most Great, the Most Holy

The Most Great, the Most Holy

O handmaiden of God! God willing, mayest thou be gladdened by the fragrances of the grace of the Revealer of Verses, and be occupied at all times with the mention and praise of the Beloved of all creation. Praise be to the Ancient Beauty that ye are reckoned as His own and are attributed unto Him. This is a bounty which, were ye to offer thanks throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven, ye would never be able to adequately acknowledge. Know ye the value of this most great favor and supreme gift, which is accounted as the most great grace before God. Be ye uttering His praise with the utmost joy and exultation, and be ye acting according to His command.

Mirza Aqa has traversed land and sea, arrived at the shore of the Most Great Ocean, attained that which was destined for him, and was given permission to return. He will recount the details of this land and whatever has transpired. Ye must never be saddened, for whatever has occurred has been in the path of God. Blessed are those souls who have been patient and grateful in times of tribulation. Divine tests have ever been and will ever be, through which the good became distinguished from the evil, and the righteous separated from the wicked. Convey My sublime greetings to all the handmaidens of God. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you.

BH05769: The All-Glorious, the Most Holy

The All-Glorious, the Most Holy

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O Possessor of eternity! I have taken up the Pen to make mention of him who loved Thee on a day when most of Thy servants had turned away from Thy Kingdom and were estranged from the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Source of Thy Cause, and the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, that thereby his remembrance may endure among Thy creatures throughout the perpetuity of Thy Kingdom and dominion. O my Lord! Having singled him out among the nations and associated him with Thy Most Great Remembrance, do Thou illumine his eyes by beholding the horizon whence the Sun of Thy Will hath shone forth with the lights of the glory of Thy oneness, and illumine his heart with the light of Thy countenance.

O my Lord! He hath turned unto Thee and held fast unto the cord of Thy love and favors. Ordain for him in every world of Thy worlds that which befitteth the loftiness of Thy sovereignty and the sublimity of Thy grandeur and power. I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, by Thy Most Glorious Name through which the standards of Thy Cause were raised up in Thy lands and the banners of Thy dominion were planted in Thy realm, to make him turn his gaze toward Thee, to speak forth Thy praise, and to be directed in all conditions toward the court of Thy grace and bounties. Then ordain for him the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. Thou givest unto whomsoever Thou willest whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorified, the All-Wise.

BH05811: In the name of God, the Everlasting, the All-Powerful…

In the name of God, the Everlasting, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting! We had previously sent thee a Tablet which beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Choosing. Thou didst turn to it and didst accept it with a spirit of submission. Therefore hath this Tablet been sent down once again that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord at eventide and at dawn.

Whoso turneth today is accounted among those who have turned in all the Tablets. Whoso turneth away hath no portion of that which hath been ordained in the highest Paradise by God, the Lord of Names.

Arise to serve thy Lord, the All-Merciful, with spirit and fragrance. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to show thee what thou didst behold in thy dream. He, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And may He make thee among those who have aided His Cause and have turned unto Him with radiant faces. Thus hath the decree been ordained from thy Lord, the Lord of all men.

Aid thou His Cause with wisdom—He will aid thee through the truth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Compelling. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then make mention of thy Lord in such wise that the veils of glory will not prevent thee.

Thus hath the Most Great Ocean surged and there hath flowed from it that whereby thy name shall be established in the Kingdom and thy remembrance in the realm of possibility. Verily, glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the living waters in the days of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and who have rent asunder the veils through power and sovereignty.

BH05877: In the Name of God, the Eternal, Who perisheth…

In the Name of God, the Eternal, Who perisheth not! From the Wronged One unto one of the believers, that the call of this evanescent one may draw him unto God, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God Himself hath borne witness concerning His Own Self, before the creation of His heavens and His earth, and before the “K” was joined with its “N”: that there is none other God but Him, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

Prefer thou obedience unto God above obedience unto any other, and His good pleasure above the pleasure of aught else, that thou mayest be as a crown of piety upon the brow of creation and as the light of guidance unto the eyes of them that have donned the garment of existence.

Let not the world and all that is therein prevent thee from turning toward God, the Lord of all names. Cast aside that which thou art forbidden in the Book, and take hold of that which thou art commanded in a Preserved Tablet.

Say not unto anyone that which thou wouldst not wish to hear from another, and desire not for any soul that which thou wouldst not desire for thyself. Be thou the manifestation of goodly character amidst all creation, that the sincere ones may inhale from thee the fragrance of certitude and the sweet scents of faith in God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen.

Praise thou God, and remember Him at eventide and at dawn, and in every declining and rising of the day. Thus have We made mention of thee and counseled thee purely for the sake of thy Lord, Who overshadoweth all that witnesseth and is witnessed.

BH05910: In the Name of God, the Most Holy…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted! This is a Book from Us to him who answered his Lord when the Call was raised from the right side of the Mount through this Revelation whereby the All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty, that he may hear the Call once again and stand firm in the Cause in such wise that the cawing of those who have denied God, the Lord of all worlds, shall not cause him to slip.

When thou hast been illumined by the splendors of the Tablet and hast recognized what hath been revealed therein, arise and say: O people! The proof hath been perfected, the evidence hath appeared, and the Cry hath been raised between the worlds.

We raised it through a human temple and sent him with a Tablet from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, unto the chief of the oppressors. He lifted up the Tablet with such steadfastness that the denizens of the Concourse on high were amazed, then the dwellers of Paradise and the angels who are nigh unto God. Through this We manifested the power of thy Lord that they might know that neither prison nor tribulation hath prevented the Ancient Beauty from making mention of His Most Great Name.

He speaketh at all times: This is your Lord, the All-Merciful, Who hath come with the truth. Turn unto Him with your hearts and be not of the heedless ones. Through Him the proof of thy Lord hath been completed. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thou art to make mention of him in whose countenance thou findest the radiance of the All-Merciful, on behalf of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses and dispatched them unto thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH05957: O Leaf! Hearken unto the Call from the Tongue…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O Leaf! Hearken unto the Call from the Tongue of Oneness, from the presence of the Lord of creation. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto Him, until thou didst migrate with Him and arrive at this exalted station. Rejoice in Him Who is more merciful to thee than thou art to thine own self, and through Whom thy remembrance shall endure amongst the worlds.

Grieve not for her who hath ascended; verily, she hath soared to the horizon of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. We brought her forth from him who was named Mahmud and returned her to a praiseworthy station. Thus was the matter decreed in a preserved Tablet. We shall, in time, raise up from you both one who shall call out amongst the servants in My Name. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He giveth what He willeth to whomsoever He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Ruler over what He desireth. Nothing is required of you save steadfastness in My Cause and My love, and whatsoever is besides this resteth with God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Ye are beneath the canopy of His grace and your affairs are in the grasp of His power. Place your trust in Him under all conditions. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of them that know, for having singled us out among Thy handmaidens through visitation of Thy presence and for having made us among those who circle round Thy Cause. We testify that Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH06181: Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and created through them whatsoever He hath willed. He is verily the Powerful, the Unconstrained. All things have submitted to His sovereignty, and through it the mountain of idle fancies hath crumbled. Those who have hesitated are they whom the dust of vain imaginings hath overtaken, whereby they were prevented from the Dayspring of inspiration.

This is the Day wherein the eye of doubt hath been blinded and the vision of certitude hath been gladdened by this Sun which hath shone forth from the horizon of assurance. Are they who have disbelieved possessed of insight? Nay, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing! The denizens of the highest paradise and they who soar in this atmosphere wherein wafteth the sweet-scented breezes of revelation with joy and fragrance are amazed at them. Is this Light a veil? Nay, by My Self, rather it is your own eyes that are veiled, O people of the Book! He hath appeared in such wise as hath never appeared its like in all creation, as witnesseth he who hath opened his eyes through the light of recognition. Blessed art thou, O servant, in that thou hast rent asunder the veils and believed in Him through Whom eyes are gladdened and spirits have taken flight. Verily, the Glory from before the Glory be upon him who hath turned unto the Qiblih of existence after all the malicious and the doubtful turned away from it.

BH11912: This is a Book from God, the Mighty…

In the name of Him Who ruleth over whatsoever He pleaseth.

This is a Book from God, the Mighty, the All-Wise, unto him who, when the Call was raised, turned and said: “Yea, O Lord of the worlds!” Blessed is he who hath borne hardships in the love of God and tasted the iron’s taste. He is among the kings of the kingdoms of the Kingdom before his Lord, the Mighty, the Generous.

God shall soon make manifest their worth in the realm of creation, and the tongues of all peoples shall move in their remembrance. Say: O people! Follow not those who follow their idle fancies and spread corruption in the earth—they are indeed among the heedless. Adorn yourselves with the attributes of God—thus have ye been commanded in the Tablets from the presence of One mighty and powerful. Say: Beware lest ye follow those who claim that which God hath not permitted them. By My life! They are among the most lost.

O thou who hast turned to God! Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then remind those in whom thou findest the fragrance of the love of thy Lord. This is what thou hast been commanded by this wondrous Pen. Proclaim from Me unto the faces of those who have turned to the Countenance. Say: Blessed are ye for having attained unto Him Who is the Beloved of the sincere ones. And concerning thy wife—verily she hath an honored station in the Kingdom of her Lord, the Mighty, the Praised.

BH06073: God willing, may you ever drink from the hand…

He is God, exalted be His glory and greatness!

God willing, may you ever drink from the hand of grace and generosity the eternal Kawthar of divine knowledge of the Everlasting Lord. And may you become so intoxicated from this true wine and spiritual nectar that you hear and comprehend the call of “Am I not?” at all times from the dawning-places of names and manifestations of divine attributes of the Divine Being. The divine outpourings are never cut off—at all times the Kawthar of knowledge of the All-Merciful flows and spreads forth from the fountainhead of will, and its bestower is the hands of grace of the Lord. But people, due to heedlessness, have become deprived and forbidden. We beseech God to rend asunder the veil of idle fancies and not deprive any soul of the wondrous favors of His grace. Verily, He has power over all things.

Your mention was mentioned before the One Who is mentioned. If there is outward delay in sending letters, there is no harm, for praise be to God, the inner doors are open and spiritual missives are in circulation. We beseech God to assist you in His love and draw you near to Him in all conditions. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Bestower, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

BH06029: In My Name, the Self-Subsisting, over what was…

In My Name, the Self-Subsisting, over what was and what shall be!

Sublime Tablets have been sent down and dispatched from the Most Holy Court specifically for you. Watch over the Cause in all conditions. Today is the day when all must arise to aid the Cause and, with wondrous wisdom, draw heedless souls to the realm of divine unity—especially you who from the beginning have been charged with this service by the Lord of Power. Verily, We remember you at all

times and exalt you in truth. He is, truly, the Protector of those who have turned to Him in this world and the next. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Be not grieved by certain events that have occurred. Soon will the effulgences of the divine Word encompass all lands. Command the people with wisdom, lest something occur that would distress their souls. Thus does the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, command you. Be not silent regarding the Cause of your Lord. Speak forth what God has taught you, that the hearts of the servants may find assurance thereby. He is the Best of Teachers.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones in whose faces you see the radiance of bliss. Glory be upon you and upon those with you among God's sincere servants.

BH06081: O handmaid of God! God willing, may you hold…

He is the most Holy, the Most Exalted

O handmaid of God! God willing, may you hold fast to the truth and be free and detached from all else. These are the days of steadfastness. Beseech and implore God, glorified and exalted be He, that you may remain firm in His love and steadfast in His Cause.

How many strong souls have been seen to waver and become agitated when the winds of tests blew, and how many weak ones who, through divine favor, were adorned with the ornament of supreme steadfastness. He is the Ruler over all, He is the Protector, and He is the Bestower. None is aware of His hidden wisdom save His own Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Praise be to the Ancient Beauty Who hath made mention of thee in the Most Great Prison and revealed these sublime and wondrous words especially for thee. Therefore, arise to render thanks unto Him and celebrate His remembrance.

We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions to love Him and remember Him, and to make thee among those women who have detached themselves from all else save Him, who circle round His Cause and that which He hath ordained in His Tablets. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH06391: The Most Ancient, the Most Noble, the Most Great

The Most Ancient, the Most Noble, the Most Great

The Pen hastens forth from the presence of the Ancient King at all times in the arena of wisdom and utterance, as a bounty from God, the Lord of the worlds. He seeks out whoever seeks Him and remembers whoever turns to Him with a repentant heart. Nothing escapes His knowledge—He sees whoever hastens to the ultimate goal and beholds whoever turns toward His manifest horizon.

Blessed is he who takes his portion from the Most Great Ocean and arises amidst the peoples with this Name which God has made the Sovereign of names in the kingdom of creation, and through which He has attracted the hearts of those who believe in His unity. Verily, those who are deprived of this bounty wander lost in the wilderness of ignorance. Say: O people! Draw near to the Dawning-Place of revelation

and follow not every far-removed idolater. The world has been adorned with the lights of the Ancient One, and all things proclaim: The appointed time has come, and the Revealer of verses has arrived with a Cause before which none in the heavens and earth can stand. Be thankful to thy Lord that thou hast been mentioned before the Face and this exalted Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Take hold of it with the hand of power, detached from all else. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH06074: May you ever drink from the Kawthar of divine…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

May you ever drink from the Kawthar of divine bounty and dwell in repose within His sheltering mercy. Be not grieved at what hath befallen you. I swear by the Dawning-Place of eternity that your mention is recorded throughout all worlds. That which was manifested by you in the path of Truth was not manifested by most men, for steadfastness hath been among the most exalted stations, and the greatness of this station hath been revealed in the divine Tablets both past and future. Praise ye the Beloved of the worlds that ye have attained unto this most great, most exalted station and this sublime rank.

All this is through God's grace—He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth. How many learned men of the world have remained deprived of this station! All command is in His hands—He giveth and withholdeth. Verily He hath power over all things. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all steadfast believing women. We beseech God to aid all to remain firm in His love and to act according to His good-pleasure. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06321: This is a Tablet that shineth between the heavens…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a Tablet that shineth between the heavens and the earth. Blessed is the one who is illumined thereby on this Day whereon the Spirit warbleth with most wondrous melodies at the heart of creation: "There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Gracious." From it every person of keen sense perceiveth the fragrance of the All-Merciful. Blessed are they that have turned towards Him.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of those handmaidens who have believed in God on a Day wherein men were prevented from turning to God, the Most High, the Most Great. How many were the servants who traveled throughout the lands for My remembrance and visited the spots associated with the Names for My good-pleasure. Yet when I revealed Myself, they turned away and disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Blessed are ye, O handmaids of God, for having turned towards the Kaaba of existence and for having been wafted upon by the fragrances of the Robe from this luminous Quarter. Be ye steadfast in the love of God and His Cause, then make mention of that which hath been sent down in the Tablets from the presence of One mighty and wise. Gather ye together and make mention with joy and radiance, despite those who have adorned their heads with turbans as a display of learning, yet when the Known One appeared, recognized Him not. By My life! They are accounted as dead. The splendor of God rest upon you, O My handmaidens, from God the Almighty, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH06096: O servant of the Lord of all beings…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O servant of the Lord of all beings and Sovereign of days! He saith: Blessed is the soul that today maketh mention of God and turneth toward His direction. Today it is incumbent upon all to serve the Cause of the Lord of the seen and unseen. How excellent is the state of that soul who hath arisen to serve Him and through His love hath become renowned among the dwellers of the Supreme Concourse and the inhabitants of the cities of creation.

O ye who are intoxicated with the wine of divine knowledge! In this spiritual morn, drink ye a true morning draught from the chalice of the All-Merciful's favors. This Wine of unity hath another Wine-Giver, and its intoxication another quality. That diminisheth consciousness, while this increaseth it. That bringeth extinction, while this bestoweth existence. That is followed by headache, while this is accompanied by love for the Lord of creation. Say: O veiled people! God is the Cup-Bearer, and He bestoweth the immortal Kawthar. Hasten ye to what He desireth for you, turning away from what ye desire. This is better for you, and I am the All-Compelling Witness over the worlds. Remember thy brother on behalf of thy Lord, and thy mother, and those who have believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH06273: This is a Book from Us to him who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a Book from Us to him who has turned to the Countenance and attained the lights of divine unity when the Sun of detachment shone forth from the horizon of his Lord's will, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy—that his eyes may be consoled by his Lord's Book and that he may stand firm in the love of his Ancient Lord.

O Mihdi! We had previously sent thee a Tablet, and this is yet another time, as a token of Our grace. Take it, then read it and be of them that remember. Look not upon the world and whatsoever is therein. Rather, look to the Scene wherein was raised the call of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Whosoever today hath heard God's call, he is indeed among the most exalted of people before the Self-Subsisting. Exalted is this resplendent and wondrous grace! Be thou known for thy love of thy Lord and for giving voice to this Great Name.

Convey My remembrance unto thy brother, saying: Turn with thy most pure heart to the Most Great Scene and say:

> "O Lord of mankind! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name not to leave me to myself, and to make me ever-mindful of Thee, detached from all creation. Verily, Thou art the Helper."

Then remember all who are with thee, every man and woman who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

BH06192: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be to Thee for having revealed unto Thy chosen ones that which was hidden from Thy servants and Thy creatures, and for having made known to them those who warred against Thy Self, disputed Thy proof, contended against Thy sovereignty, denied Thy signs, joined partners with Thy Being, and rejected Thy Revelation.

I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all things and establish it as a sovereign over all who are in earth and heaven, to rend asunder the veils from the faces of all created things, that they may recognize those who denied Thee even as Thy servants have recognized them—those who have drunk the wine of assurance from the hands of Thy grace and bounty and have turned wholly toward the lights of Thy countenance. O Lord! Make them known as Thou hast made them known, then cause them to witness what Thou hast caused others to witness, that they may testify to that whereunto We have testified in the Tablets, and to that which was attested by honored servants who left their homes, having turned toward the court of Thy bounty, O Thou the Chosen One! Thou art, verily, the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise. O Lord! Behold Thy chosen ones with the glances of Thy loving-kindness, then deliver them, O my God, through Thy power and might, and gather them together in Thy dwelling-place that they may behold Thy beauty and hearken unto Thy call. Thou art, verily, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH06195: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest one…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest one imprisoned for Thy name and afflicted in Thy path. By Thy glory, O Beloved of the worlds and Goal of them that know Thee! He was imprisoned only because he turned toward the sanctuary of Thy grace and bounty and faced the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy proof. O Lord! Thou seest how he hath been tried in Thy path. Deprive him not of that which Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones among Thy chosen ones and for them that are nigh unto Thee among Thy loved ones. Aid him in all conditions to remain steadfast in Thy remembrance and praise, and to speak forth among Thy servants, detached from all else besides Thee.

Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and supreme over whatsoever Thou desirest. O Lord! Send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty that which befitteth Thy sovereignty, that he may rejoice in Thy remembrance of him in the kingdom of Thy creation. Then ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for them that soared in Thine atmosphere until they were martyred in Thy path. Thou art He in Whose grasp are held captive all things. Thou ordainest for whomsoever Thou willest whatsoever Thou desirest, and decreest for whomsoever Thou pleasest that which is better for him than all that is in the heavens and on earth. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing.

BH06247: The Book hath been sent down and the All-Bountiful…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Book hath been sent down and the All-Bountiful hath come. Thereupon We beheld the people of the veil in confusion and disturbance. They hastened unto the Evil One saying “Is there any way of escape for us?” He said: “No refuge have we this Day.” They said: “Thou hast led us astray.” He said: “I am quit of you.” Take ye heed, O ye possessed of insight! Then was fulfilled that which was revealed in the Qur’an from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

Say: O people! The Day hath come, and upon its throne is established the Self-Subsisting. Did ye but know what He desireth for you, ye would hasten unto Him with your very eyes. But ye are held back through following vain imaginings. Break ye the idols in the name of your Lord, the Lord of all men, then turn with your hearts unto the Dawning-Place of inspiration. They that follow their lusts and corrupt inclinations have erred and dissipated their efforts. In this world and the next they shall have grievous chastisement.

Grieve thou not over the world and what hath occurred therein. In all matters place thy trust in thy Forgiving Lord, then remember Him at eventide and at dawn. For them that have turned unto Him He hath ordained that which shall gladden their hearts, and for them that have turned away, the wrath of thy Lord—verily His punishment is severe. The glory be upon thee and upon every steadfast believer.

BH06055: He is the Mighty! O ʿAli! Hearken unto…

He is the Mighty! O ʿAli! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord from this far-distant horizon. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Ocean, whereof every drop proclaimeth: “Dominion belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praised!”

Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation while the Dayspring of thy Lord’s verses was in the hands of the oppressors. We make mention of thee because thou hast made mention of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless. Blessed be the face that hath turned unto the Face, and the ear that hath heard the call of the Beloved of the worlds.

By My life! The heart of the world hath been gladdened by the breaths of the Ancient of Days, yet the people are in manifest error. Rend asunder the veils by the power of thy Lord, then turn with thy heart unto Him and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the Day of Judgment, for having enabled me to recognize Thee, to behold Thy direction, and to speak Thy praise, after every idolater remote had opposed Thee.

Thus have We inspired thee and revealed unto thee that which rejoiceth the hearts of them that know. Praise beseemeth Him Who remembereth His loved ones after having been forbidden remembrance through the doings of the transgressors. Rejoice thou in My Tablet, then inhale therefrom the sweet savors of the mercy of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH06141: The All-Knowing, the All-Wise

The All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The remembrance of God upon the temple of fire and the form of light from the horizon of manifestation hath verily been witnessed in truth. He hath appeared in such wise that neither the clouds nor the veils of

them that disbelieved could prevent Him, when the Youth came in the shadows of the clouds with a sovereignty that encompassed all the worlds.

Do they imagine themselves to be the people of guidance? Nay, by thy Lord, the Most Glorious! Soon shall they behold themselves in the abyss of divine wrath and shall find for themselves no helper. We summoned them unto that which profiteth them, yet they pant after Me, and God is well aware of what I say. How many nights did the people slumber while the Name of the Self-Subsisting was bound in chains and fetters through what the hands of the unbelievers had wrought, and they were far removed from the precincts of justice. By My life! Tribulation hath become the companion of Baha in the path of God, the Creator of earth and heaven. Thus was the matter decreed in a Tablet that was preserved before the Throne. Blessed is he who hath turned his gaze toward the Most Great Vision and hath been illumined by this Dawn that hath been made visible from the horizon of the Command. Leave the people of allusions in their vain imaginings and take what hath been sent down unto thee of verses whereby the sincere ones shall soar unto a station that hath been praised in the name of God.

BH06312: This is a Book from God unto him who…

He is Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious

This is a Book from God unto him who hath believed in God on the Day of Return. O Sulayman! If thou dost catch the fragrance of the All-Merciful from the direction of Sheba, leave Bilqis and her throne behind thee, then turn with thy heart toward the Qiblih of all horizons. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of utterance from the fingers of the mercy of his Lord, the All-Merciful, on this Day whereon the All-Glorious hath revealed Himself unto all who are in the realms of being. Beware lest anything hold thee back from God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Verily, they who have cast behind their backs their vain imaginings and taken what was commanded unto them by God, the Lord of all men—upon them shall the denizens of the Concourse on High pray at eventide and at dawn.

Beware lest the world and what occurreth therein sadden thee. By My life! It shall pass away, and might and power shall remain with thy Lord, the Possessor of Names and Attributes. Make My remembrance thy paradise, My love thy heart's sanctuary, My Name thy lamp, and thy turning unto Me thy turning unto the Dawning-Place of Lights. Thus doth the Pen of Command counsel thee from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. When thou attainest unto this Tablet, place it upon thine eyes and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast sent down unto me that which illumineth the eyes.

BH06127: Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds…

Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds, for thou hast quaffed from the most pure wine and gazed upon the Most Great Scene. This is a station that hath ever been mighty in the sight of God. Although this earthly realm of dust is incapable of bearing the radiance of the revelation of this station, yet soon shall its effects become manifest throughout all regions, that all may testify that glory belongeth unto God and unto His loved ones. Thy letter was present before the Face, and the eyes of God were fixed upon it. Blessed art thou for having been confirmed in this in these days wherein feet did slip and eyes were startled, save those whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, did choose. God willing, thou shalt

become intoxicated with the Kawthar of “Am I not?” and shall become free and detached from all else save the remembrance of thy Friend. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thee and set his face toward the paradise of Thy gifts and favors. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue all creation and didst quicken all beings, to ordain for me that which beseemeth Thy generosity and grace. Then make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the opposition of the world shall not prevent me. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou pleasest.

BH06303: This is a mention from Us unto him who…

He is the All-Glorious, the Almighty

This is a mention from Us unto him who desires to follow his Ancient Lord, that what hath been sent down from before the Throne may strengthen him according to what God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, hath willed.

Say: O people! Follow not your passions, nor walk in the footsteps of them who have denied God, the Lord of the mighty Throne. Beware lest the world beguile you from God, the Creator of earth and heaven. Cast away what ye possess in your search for that which is with your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Verily, they who are heedless this day are in manifest error. Soon shall they behold themselves in the abyss of divine wrath. Thy Lord is, in truth, the most severe in punishment. And they who have believed shall soon find themselves in an exalted station. Thus have We inspired thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and be among those who are firm in His love.

Say: O my God! Illumine my heart with the light of Thy Most Glorious Name, whereby the foundations of them who denied Thee on the Day of Judgment were shaken, and aid me to remember and praise Thee, and ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy near servants. O Lord! Make me so steadfast in Thy love that the world shall not prevent me from turning to the sanctuary of Thy Most Glorious Name. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH06161: A mention from Us unto him who emigrated unto…

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us unto him who emigrated unto God and drew nigh unto the Most Great Sea when he was in prison at the hands of the idolaters. When he reached the shore of the sea, We commanded him to return with Our servant, the Exalted One, and We prevented him from arriving because of that which the hands of the oppressors had wrought. O servant! Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the command of God and for having attained unto that which thou wast bidden by One Who is mighty and wise. We have ordained for thee the recompense of that which thou didst perform in His path. He is verily the Protector of the doers of good. We have accepted thy migration and thy turning unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

Rejoice thou in these glad-tidings which have shone forth and dawned from the finger of thy Lord's will, the Ancient of Days. Be thou not grieved at thy return, for it is the very essence of return, in that thou didst follow therein the decree of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou and blessed are they who see not their own pleasure but rather the good-pleasure of God and that which He hath desired in a mighty tablet. Thus have We made mention of thee as a grace from Our presence, and I am verily the Mighty, the Bountiful. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon them who have believed in God when He came with the truth with a mighty sovereignty.

BH06234: The Most Great, the Most Great, has made mention…

The Most Great, the Most Great, has made mention of you before His countenance and has turned towards you with the glance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. He remembers you as He walks in the Most Great Prison, due to what the hands of those who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Loving, have wrought. Blessed art thou, O handmaiden of God, for having turned to the Desired One and believed in God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Then know that thy brother attained the presence of the Throne and won the lights of the Countenance in this praiseworthy station. This, verily, is a station unto which all created things through the Word of God have turned, but the people do not understand. By the Lord of Power! This, verily, is the Greatest Vision, but the people do not perceive. Blessed is he who has turned to it with his heart and found that which is diffused from this Blood-stained Shirt.

O My handmaiden! Recognize the value of these days and hold fast to the cord of thy Lord, the Knower of the unseen. Grieve not over anything, trust in God in all conditions. He is with His handmaidens who have believed in this Day wherein eyes have been gladdened. Be thou thankful and praise thy Lord for having been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation in this inscribed Tablet. The glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

BH06272: A book from Us to her who, when she…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

A book from Us to her who, when she heard the Call from the direction of the Throne, turned and said, then proclaimed: "Yea, O Beloved of the mystics!" O My handmaiden! If thou wouldst hear the Call which hath been raised in these days around My Throne, it would cause thee to soar in the atmosphere of My nearness, admit thee into My Kingdom, and enable thee to voice My praise among My handmaidens. Thus have We sent down unto thee that which will gladden thy heart. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Be thou assured through the grace of thy Lord, then remember Him at all times. He, verily, is the Best of rememberers. O my God and my Beloved! I hear Thy call from the direction of the Prison, the place wherein the Throne of Thy grandeur and power hath been established. O Lord! Enable me to remember Thee in Thy days and praise Thee among Thy handmaidens. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast raised the standards of Thy Cause among Thy servants and hoisted the banners of Thy

sovereignty amidst Thy creation, that Thou shut me not out from the door of Thy grace and withhold not from me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who have turned with their whole being to the court of Thy bounty and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation. Verily, Thou art the Giver, the Munificent, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH06046: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto…

In the Name of Him Who is the Ruler over all who are on earth and in heaven!

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto the call from the direction of destiny—verily there is no God but Him, the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious. Follow not the desires of those who have denied God, the Lord of the hereafter and of former times. Beware lest abasement hold you back from God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible, and beware lest poverty veil you from gazing upon the Most Great Scene.

By My life! It shall pass away, while that which hath been ordained for you in the Kingdom of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Exalted, shall endure. The earth hath been shaken in these days and the cry hath been raised between earth and heaven. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of the Lord of the Throne above and of the earth below. The fly hath assailed Us—verily it is of them that have disbelieved and transgressed. At all times there hath befallen Us that which none can reckon save God, with Whom is the knowledge of all things in an unerring and unforgetting Book. And when the appointed time was fulfilled and the Hour had come, the wrath of thy Lord, the Cleaver of the dawn, seized those who had disbelieved. Be thou not disturbed by what thou hast heard and hearest. Turn thou in all conditions unto God, the Creator of all things.

BH06098: O handmaiden of God! May you ever dwell beneath…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power

O handmaiden of God! May you ever dwell beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and partake of its fruits, which are the knowledge of the Ancient Beauty. Give thanks to God that you have attained the most great honor, which is the recognition of the Sun of Truth that today is rising and shining from the horizon of the merciful Will.

O handmaiden of God! Keep your heart and tongue occupied with the love and mention of God. The world is passing, and all that is visible therein is perishable and non-existent. Observe that if it had any worth, the Beauty of the Divine Unity would not have been afflicted at the hands of the basest of creatures. The whole world and whatsoever is therein was, in its primal reality, created for the Dawning-Place of Divine Revelation. Yet now we see that through the tyranny of the corrupt He is imprisoned and wronged in the most ruined of lands. This is naught but the result of humanity's failure to recognize the Truth. Beseech God at all times that He may keep you steadfast in His love. Verily, glory be upon you and upon those who are with you among the ones who have turned to Him.

BH06171: The Most Great, the Most Holy. We have remembered…

The Most Great, the Most Holy. We have remembered one of the servants that he might be drawn to God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling. By My life! Whoso heareth My remembrance with the ear of his native nature shall soar, out of longing, into the atmosphere wherein waft the breezes of sanctity and the fragrances of the Divine Robe. He is, verily, of the people of Baha, whose name hath been inscribed in a Tablet from which the eyes are barred. Blessed is he who hath turned unto God, and woe betide every doubting denier.

Cast away your imaginings; the Lord of all beings hath come with a wondrous Cause. When He entered into prison, He summoned all unto God, the Opener of Gates. Among the people are those who have entered the Kingdom, and others whom veils have barred. Say: Shatter the idols by the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Beware lest allusions hold you back; cast them behind you and hold fast unto this Cord whereby the worlds have been moved.

Thy name hath been mentioned before the Countenance, and there hath been sent down for thee that which shall gladden the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. Turn not unto the world and its people, for it shall perish, and thou shalt behold the kingdom and dominion to be God's, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Thus hath been sent down what thy Lord, the Lord of Names, did purpose, from the Most Exalted Pen. He is, verily, the Ruler in the beginning and in the end. And praise be to God, the Mighty, the Most Exalted.

BH06248: The Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Ancient!…

The Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Ancient! The verses have been sent down in such wise that none can reckon them save God, the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. They have been scattered throughout all lands by the hands of those servants who have sought the Most Great Shrine and who were among the triumphant ones. We beseech God to gather together what hath been scattered. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

In every matter there hath been sent down that which sufficeth all the peoples of the world. There is no command whose decree hath not been revealed in the Tablets, and no word that hath not been expounded in the Manifest Book. Those whose eyes have been opened—these are they who recognize therein what their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, intended thereby.

Blessed is he who hath turned today and hath spoken among the people of this wondrous Name. Say: O people! Answer him who calleth you unto the pure Truth, and follow not every heedless remote one. We make mention of you for the sake of God and impart unto you that which will draw you nigh unto Him, if ye be of them that know.

Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of that which your Ancient Lord desireth for you. Pay no heed to those from whom ye perceive the stench of turning away. Leave them to themselves and put your trust in God. Thus have the verses been sent down unto thee and dispatched to thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

BH06276: This is a Book from Us to one who…

In the Name of the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a Book from Us to one who hath been drawn by the breeze of longing unto the Daystar of the horizons and hath turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds, that the fragrances of reunion may once again take hold of him through this Tablet whereby all tablets have been adorned. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Rejoice thou that the Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee from this Most Great Prison and remembereth thee with tenderness. When the denizens of the immortal Realm heard this, the King proclaimed:

> "May I be a sacrifice for Thee, O Lord of the worlds!"

Grieve thou not over anything, but place thy trust in God in all matters. He will verily aid thee through the truth. He is the Guardian of them that place their trust in Him. Recite thou what hath been sent down unto thee from the heaven of Revelation. It will draw thee unto a station wherein thou shalt regard the world and all that is therein, whether hardship or comfort, wealth or affluence, as the most insignificant thing before thee. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this Tablet while the Best-Beloved was in the hands of the oppressors. Thus have the breezes of favors wafted from the right hand of the paradise of thy Lord's grace, out of His love for thee. He is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among My loved ones who have turned unto this resplendent Countenance.

BH06291: In the name of the Lord! This is not…

In the name of the Lord! This is not the day of questions. When thou hearest the call of thy Lord, say: "Here am I, O Beloved of the worlds!" Behold Peter, how he responded to his Master before being asking questions, and followed the Spirit with clear certitude. The sun of idle fancies hath been eclipsed and the orb of assurance hath dawned, for the All-Merciful hath come with His great glory.

Then remember when the Spirit came, how the learned ones turned away from Him while he who was a fisher of fish turned toward Him. Thus doth the servant remind thee, purely for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Cast aside vain imaginings—this is the day of divine disclosure and witnessing. Turn thy vision to the Most Great Scene, that thou mayest behold the light dawning from this luminous horizon. The Word that was hidden before hath now appeared. Reflect and be among those possessed of insight.

The stars of fancy have fallen when He Who is Known came with His Name, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is he who hath found the breeze of God and turned to Him, detached from all created things.

Ponder what We have imparted unto thee, that thou mayest understand what was concealed in the depths of these allusions. When thou findest the Kawthar of life in the Ridvan of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, drink thereof and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of all who are in the heavens and on earth!"

We beseech God to assist His servants unto what He desireth. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH06293: The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! There…

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! There is nothing whatsoever but it hath been mentioned in the Book of Wisdom, and there is no matter but it hath been expounded in detail in the Scriptures of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The verses have been sent down in such wise that none can deny them save him whom the wrath of his Lord hath overtaken by reason of that which his hands have wrought aforetime. He, verily, is the Just, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

And power hath been manifested in such wise as to encompass all who are in the worlds. The seeing one is he who hath beheld the proof of his Lord, and the knowing one is he who hath recognized his Bountiful Lord, and the speaking one is he who hath uttered His praise, and the hearing one is he who hath hearkened unto the call of God, the Lord of the worlds. He who hath been heedless in the days of God is assuredly among the lost.

O servants of God! Arise to serve the Cause, then assist it through that which ye have been commanded in the Tablets, and be not of them that sit still. Ye were created for this Day which hath been mentioned in the Scriptures of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Vie ye with each other in good deeds. Thus doth He Who revealeth the verses command you, if ye be of them who understand.

When thou attainest unto a Tablet of thy Lord, read what is therein with the most melodious voice. It will attract thee to an exalted station. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

BH06350: O thou holy and resplendent leaf! Sing forth upon…

He is the Almighty

O thou holy and resplendent leaf! Sing forth upon the boughs of the Lote-Tree of Bahá this Most Exalted Word:

> "Verily no God is there but Him, the Lord of this world and of the next!"

Verily, We have elevated thee to the rank of one of the most distinguished among the handmaidens, and granted thee, in My court, a station such as none other woman hath surpassed. Thus have We preferred thee and raised thee above the rest, as a sign of grace from Him Who is the Lord of the throne on high and earth below. We have created thine eyes to behold the light of My countenance, thine ears to hearken unto the melody of My words, thy body to pay homage before My throne. Do thou render thanks unto God, thy Lord, the Lord of the worlds.

How high is the testimony of the Sadratu'l-Muntaha for its leaf; how exalted the witness of the Tree of Life unto its fruit! Through My remembrance of her a fragrance laden with the perfume of musk hath been diffused; well is it with him that hath inhaled it and exclaimed:

> "All praise be to Thee, O God, my Lord the most glorious!"

And how sweet is thy presence before Me, and My gaze upon thee, and My solicitude for thee, and My bounty bestowed upon thee, and My mention of thee in this Tablet which We have ordained to be a token of My hidden and manifest grace unto thee.

BH06463: O handmaiden of God! While thou art…

In the name of the Best-Beloved of the worlds

O handmaiden of God! While thou art in the House, and the Sovereign of the House is in the hands of the oppressors, He riseth from the horizon of the Prison and calleth out to thee, summoning thee to the truth. This is naught but from His grace which hath encompassed all created things. Were We not mindful of this station, no word would ever have shone forth from the Dayspring of the Will of the All-Merciful.

Therefore must all recognize the worth of this station and count this bounty as a precious gift, and act in ways befitting this station. With perfect gentleness, truthfulness and purity of heart must they pass these fleeting days. Know ye the value of these times and occupy yourselves with the remembrance of God, for His remembrance is the companion of hearts and the quickener of souls. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained and who hath been mentioned before the Throne, and whose name hath been inscribed in the Tablet of her Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou and blessed is she who serveth thee. Convey My glorification to her countenance, for We have found in her the love of the Best-Beloved of the worlds.

BH06612: Blessed is the heart that hath been connected…

He is the Most Great, the Most Wondrous, the Most Exalted

Blessed is the heart that hath been connected with the Most Great Sea and the eye that hath beheld the proof of its Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed is the heart that hath been attracted by the breezes of Revelation and hath detached itself from all else save Him. Blessed is the breast that hath been illumined by the lights of dawn and whereon hath been imprinted the revelation of this radiant and luminous Beauty.

Say: O people! Ponder upon that which hath appeared in truth, and follow not every denier and doubter. Verily the Tree by its very essence proclaimeth: There is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the Generous. It behooveth every soul to turn unto it and to abandon whatsoever tales of old he possesseth. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken when the Ancient Beauty was in the hands of the oppressors. Those who speak according to their own desires—these have no portion in this wondrous Cause. Be thou thankful for having drunk the choice wine of life and for having been immersed in the ocean of thy Lord's love, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH06481: O leaf! Thy lamentations have been heard, and thine…

In the name of the Friend, the One Who is present and watchful!

O leaf! Thy lamentations have been heard, and thine anguish at separation from the Day-Star of the horizons hath been witnessed. By My life! My remembrance preceded thy remembrance, and My love preceded thy love. Were it not for My love, thy love would not have appeared, and were it not for the stirring of the fragrances of My robe, thy stirring in separation from Me would not have been manifest. May God curse those who have oppressed and caused separation between Me and My loved ones.

This is most evident and clear that the Truth, exalted be His grandeur, hath ever loved and will forever love His sincere lovers, and His gaze of favor hath at all times been fixed upon them. This outward separation and division hath been caused by the rebellion and heedlessness of the people. Therefore that leaf must not be sorrowful, but rather content and grateful for what hath been ordained for her. Know thou this much: thy heartfelt lamentations have been and continue to be heard, and all have been accepted in the presence of the Truth. In such case, thou must not be sorrowful, but rather patient and thankful. Verily, He is with thee and heareth thy call and seeth thy condition. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

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BH06464: O handmaid of God! Praise be to the Lord…

He is the Most Bountiful, the Most Great

O handmaid of God! Praise be to the Lord of eternity that thou hast attained unto the most great honor and hast turned from the realm of darkness unto the sanctified realm of light. Well is it with thee! Every doubter hath turned away from the ocean, while every assured one hath drunk, praising his Lord, the Bestower, the Bountiful.

I swear by the Sun of sanctified glory that the veiled souls have been and are unaware, and through the utterances of the most wicked souls have turned away from the Dawning-Place of oneness, and this was purely out of desire, for none had any knowledge whatsoever of the root of the Cause. The light hath returned unto its likeness, and the fire unto its kind. For all there is a portion in the Book of thy Lord.

Praise be to God that thy name hath flowed from the Pen of the Ancient of Days and thy mention hath been made before the Throne. Blessed art thou, O My handmaid, in that thou hast turned unto God and the doubts of the skeptical did not withhold thee. Grieve thou not over anything, but rejoice in the bounty of thy Lord. He is with thee at all times. It behooveth thee to remain steadfast in this mighty Cause. And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06722: A Book written by the Pen of God…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A Book written by the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it is the Most Great Mystery among the nations and the Breath of Life among all that was and will be. O people! Turn ye unto God. Verily He hath come with the truth with manifest sovereignty. That which hath been created in the world will profit you not. Hasten ye to the grace and mercy of God—this is what will profit you, did ye but know. All things were created for My Day, yet when it came, they who disbelieved said:

> "This is not what was promised to you in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Loving."

Say: By what proof do ye uphold what ye possess, and by what evidence do ye argue for that which ye believe? Bring it forth, and follow not every vainglorious pretender. The atoms have testified to the Revealer of verses, yet ye hear not. All things have acknowledged the Lord of Names, yet ye understand not. Grieve not thou because of those who have turned away. Put thy trust in God. Say: O my Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy love, then enable me to serve Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH06501: The Ancient Beauty speaks in the name…

In the Name of the One True Beloved

The Ancient Beauty speaks in the name of the Peerless Beloved: O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! Listen with thy spiritual ear to the divine call from the Immortal Pen in this radiant dawn.

Every soul who, with pure and attentive ears, has hearkened to the Call of God, has turned away from all else and directed themselves to the Qiblih of all horizons. The divine melody has ever been and shall ever be the quickener of decomposed bones. That melody at times appears in the form of water, speaking "Verily, I am the Quickener of the world," and at times is manifest as the fire of attraction, uttering "Verily, I am the Attracter of hearts." Blessed are the illumined hearts that have been quickened by the water of divine bounty and attracted by the fire of His love.

O handmaiden! Strive that thou mayest not be deprived of the lights of the manifestations of the countenance of the Beloved, and that thou mayest shine bright as a luminous star from the horizon of the heaven of inner meanings.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made Thyself known unto me in Thy Days. Thou art He Who brings forth the living from the dead and light from fire. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH06729: A Book revealed in truth from the presence…

He is the Most Holy, the most Great, the Most Glorious

A Book revealed in truth from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise to Mihdi, son of Muhammad-ʿAli, the Most Ancient, Most Great, Most Glorious. Verily it hath been detailed from the Most Great Book which speaketh among the nations: "There is no God but Me, the All-Powerful, the Almighty." Follow not your passions, but follow guidance—this is better for you, if ye be of those who know.

From him who betrayeth God, nothing is acceptable, for thereby is the hem of sanctity sullied, and this indeed is a manifest wrong—unless he repenteth and returneth unto God, the Forgiving, the Merciful. We have pardoned those who betrayed in the past, but whosoever committeth it hereafter, We shall seize him with might from Our presence, and verily I am the Strong, the Severe. Say: It behooveth you to adorn yourselves with My attributes, that My qualities may be manifested through you among My servants. Thus have ye been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Informed.

Adorn yourselves with the ornament of trustworthiness among all people, that through it God's sanctification may be made manifest in all else. Act according to that which ye have been commanded by an Ancient Commander. Remind thou the people of what hath been ordained in this Tablet, and be not of them that keep silent, that perchance they may cast away their passions and follow the Lord of all worlds.

BH06563: Praise be unto Him Who hath revealed laws…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praise be unto Him Who hath revealed laws in accordance with His good-pleasure. Verily, He is sovereign over whatsoever He wisheth. O My friends! Act ye in accordance with what ye have been commanded in the Book. Fasting hath been decreed for you in the month of ʿAla. Fast ye for the sake of your Lord, the Mighty, the Most High. Restrain yourselves from sunrise to sunset. Thus doth the Beloved of mankind instruct you as bidden by God, the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained. It is not for anyone to exceed the limits laid down by God and His law, nor should anyone follow his own idle imaginings. Well is it with the one who fulfilleth My decrees for the love of My Beauty, and woe to the one who neglecteth the Dayspring of Command in the days of his Lord, the Almighty, the Omnipotent.

They who circle round the Throne have fasted for numbered yearsâ€"thus doth your Lord, the Ancient of Days, inform youâ€"that ye may arise to fulfil the deeds enjoined upon you. No burden is laid upon the traveller or the sick. This is of My grace unto the servants. Hold fast, O people, to that which shall profit you in this world and in the world to come, and follow not them that have wandered in the wilderness of error. Give thanks unto thy Lord that thou hast been remembered in the presence of the Throne, and that the gaze of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful, hath been turned toward thee.

BH06565: In His Name, Who hath power over all who…

In His Name, Who hath power over all who are in the realm of possibilities! Glorified be He Who maketh Himself known at all times and sendeth down verses at morn and eventide. He that hath heard hath turned unto Him and attained unto the Day of Return, and he that hath turned away hath been prevented by his own self from his Lord—he is assuredly among those who have gone astray.

Say: O people! Cast aside whatsoever ye possess, for the Ancient Beauty hath appeared with majesty and glory. Turn ye unto Him with radiant faces and illumined hearts. Thus doth command you He Who hath dawned from the horizon of Beauty. They who have deprived themselves of the Living Waters in the days of the All-Merciful are indeed the lost, while they who have turned unto the Truth and quaffed the choice wine of reunion are the triumphant ones. All things have been attracted by the effulgence of His

countenance, and yet most men remain fettered and bound. Blessed is he who hath broken the chains of idle fancy with the hands of certitude and turned unto God, the Self-Subsisting, the Most High. When thou didst discover the fragrance of His verses and wert attracted by the words of thy Lord, the Lord of all attributes, arise and say: O people! The Promised One hath come, and in His grasp are the reins of all destinies.

BH06479: The All-Highest, the Most Holy

The All-Highest, the Most Holy

O Nasir! The All-Knowing Lord says: When thou hast My love, thou hast all; naught else is needed. Strive that the pearls of divine love remain protected from thieves. By My life! This endures as long as the Kingdom and the realm above endure, while all else perishes. Verily thy Lord is cognizant of all things. The most enriched of servants is the one who has attained to this most glorious and most exalted station.

Blessed art thou for having recognized thy Lord and for not being held back from Him by the veils of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds. Be not distressed by matters that may arise. Verily He is with thee and ordaineth for thee that which profiteth thee. He is indeed the Almighty, the All-Powerful. With the ear of thy soul, hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest become so intoxicated and overjoyed by the choice wine of divine utterance that the sorrow of the world and its peoples may not sadden thee. Having attached thyself to the Truth, commit all matters unto Him. He is the Trustworthy, the Compassionate. Thus have We revealed unto thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord and be of them that are assured. And glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee and upon those who have rent asunder the veils through this Most Great Name.

BH06895: Today it behooveth every soul to reflect upon…

He is the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great

Today it behooveth every soul to reflect upon the Cause of God and His sovereignty, and to be of the fair-minded. How many a servant acknowledged God and professed His Cause, yet when the breezes of trials blew, turned away and became of the veiled ones. Blessed is the soul that beholdeth the Most Sublime Vision with illumined vision. Hath any fair-minded one ever lost, or any who drew nigh been prevented, or any who sought nearness been kept distant? Nay, by His own Self! Verily His mercy hath preceded all creation.

Those who have doubted are wandering in the wilderness of idle fancies—they are indeed of the heedless ones. O thou servant! Hearken unto the call of Him Who remembereth thee for the sake of God and summoneth thee unto Him, even while He was in the hands of the oppressors. Think not that those who are heedless of God's Cause, nor those who have acted unjustly, shall gain any profit. These are they who have lost in this world and the next. Soon shall they witness that which We have promised them in a mighty Tablet. Place thy trust in God, then remember Him at eventide and at dawn. Verily He is with His remembering servants. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06637: Your letter hath been illumined by the lights…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Your letter hath been illumined by the lights of the horizon of Revelation and hath been honored by the glance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We make mention of thee in return for thy mention of Him. He, verily, is the Best of Rewarders, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Through his presence before the Throne, God hath forgiven thy sins and made thee to be numbered with them that have attained. He, verily, forgiveth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Forgiver, the Mighty, the Merciful.

Despair not of the Spirit of God and His breath, but rather rejoice in this Perspicuous Tablet. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then strive that there may appear from thee that which beseemeth this supreme triumph.

As to what was mentioned concerning him who hath paused—verily he shall accept. Thus was it ordained in Iraq for whomsoever was related to this mighty Root. The branch moveth with the root, even though it be heedless. He, verily, is the Quickener, the Mover, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Be thou grateful for having attained unto the mention of thy Lord and for His having turned toward thee the face of the Ancient of Days from this grievous station. Fix thy gaze upon Him under all conditions, and be of them that make mention of Him among the peoples of the world. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds, the Lord of the first ones and the last ones.

BH06423: Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee…

Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to circumambulate the Most Great House and to attain unto the Most Great Pilgrimage. Be thou thankful and among those who render thanks. Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in Him in all matters. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. We beseech God to aid us in obeying Him according to what He hath commanded us in His firm and impregnable Book.

Be not sorrowful in any way. Convey greetings and salutations to the friends in whatsoever lands they may be. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto all good and been honored with complete bounty. A strong prohibition is necessary against the friends turning toward this spot. It is binding and obligatory upon every soul to obey the command of God. All must act according to that which hath been revealed in the divine Book and submit to it with perfect contentment. No one hath the right to transgress that which hath been commanded in the Book. Say: Fear ye God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow that which is better for you. With Him is the knowledge of all things, but the people know not.

BH06678: The Ever-Abiding One, Who perisheth not! The Holy Spirit…

The Ever-Abiding One, Who perisheth not! The Holy Spirit proclaimeth: O concourse of the seen and the unseen! The Promised Day is come and the Intended One hath appeared with the sovereignty of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O My loved ones! Abandon oppression and immerse yourselves in the ocean of the favors of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Whosoever immerseth himself in this ocean is so attracted by the lights of Beauty that he turneth neither to the right nor to the left. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Preserved Tablet. The world hath been moved by the warmth of the Word of the Lord of nations. Blessed are they who recognize!

Blessed art thou for having cast aside the pool and turned to the ocean of My Name, the All-Powerful, and for having responded to thy Lord when the Tongue of thy Lord, the King, spoke for My Own Self, the One that dominateth every witness and witnessed thing.

Say: O My loved ones! Abandon corruption and hold fast unto wisdom, wherewith ye have been commanded by the All-Wise. He is indeed the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Through it the fragrance of the garment is diffused amongst men and the souls of those who are troubled find peace. Associate with all people, keeping your gaze fixed upon the horizon of grace. He is indeed the Mighty, the Forgiving.

Be not grieved. God will soon exalt you through the truth, and the traces of those who have wronged shall be demolished.

BH06551: This is a remembrance unto him who was mentioned…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Ancient

This is a remembrance unto him who was mentioned before the Throne, that he may arise to serve his Lord with the power of his All-Knowing, All-Wise Lord. O servant! Thy Lord hath borne all the tribulations of the earth to manifest the Cause of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Omnipotent, that all may recognize the Lord of the worlds. Among the people are those who have denied the signs and proofs of God, and among them are those who have turned to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily, he who hath turned unto Him is extolled by those in the Kingdom of Command, while he who hath turned away is cursed by the denizens of the realm of Might and those who circle round His glorious Throne.

Give thanks unto God for having attained unto My days and for having recognized that which most of the servants have failed to recognize. This is naught but a manifest grace. Sorrows have encompassed Us in these days to such an extent that none can reckon them save the All-Knowing One. In such a state We have left them and commit all unto God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. It behooveth him who hath believed in God to follow his Lord in this wise Cause in such wise that neither the prevention of any preventer nor the turning away of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the exalted Throne, shall hinder him.

BH06548: Mention was made of thee in the Most Holy…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

Mention was made of thee in the Most Holy Presence. Therefore this most impregnable Tablet hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen especially for that handmaiden of God and is being sent, that thou mayest be assured of His favor and stand firm in His Cause.

Beseech God—exalted be His glory—at all times that He may grant thee success to remain not veiled by the world and whatsoever is therein from His recognition. With heart and soul remain steadfast in His love and engaged in His remembrance.

The ocean of bounty is surging—blessed are they that advance! The chalice of mercy is overflowing—joy and happiness to them that drink! The effulgences of the lights of His countenance are manifest and visible—blessed are they that attain!

Strive thou that through the favors of the Friend thou mayest become detached and freed from all else but Him and mayest gaze with thy entire being toward the Most Great Scene. With complete resolve and utter helplessness, beseech the Sovereign Who doeth what He willeth that He deprive not any from the Kawthar of His knowledge. He is powerful over all things. He is verily the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH06477: O handmaiden of God! God willing, through the grace…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy

O handmaiden of God! God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, may you be engaged at all times in His remembrance and be gladdened by His love. All things have been created for the knowledge of God, yet none have attained to this most exalted, most holy, most glorious station save pure and tranquil souls. Most of the servants who are occupied day and night with the remembrance of God remain deprived, as is evident. This grace is all-encompassing and unlimited, such that some handmaidens have attained this station while most of the learned ones of the age, despite their great knowledge, remain deprived and excluded. Therefore, whosoever attains to this station, be they women or men, must manifest such qualities and character that the fragrance of holiness may be inhaled therefrom. This is the true divine Word that has shone forth from the dawning-place of the celestial Pen:

> "Blessed are the remembering women and the pure women. Woe to the heedless ones."

Therefore praise thy Lord for having remembered thee before the Face and revealed unto thee this Tablet, which God hath made the ornament of His remembrance for all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH06550: This is My remembrance unto him who hath turned…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Ancient

This is My remembrance unto him who hath turned unto Our countenance, and directed himself towards the Point of Adoration of all who are in heaven and on earth, that he may hearken, with the ear of his heart, unto the call of God, and arise to serve the Cause in both the morning and the night-season.

Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the countenance of thy Lord hath turned towards thee from these precincts, which God hath appointed the source of illumination unto all lands. Be thou steadfast in thy love for Him Who is thy Lord, and be not of those who, when the winds of trial pass over them, rise up in protest, and oppose themselves unto God, the Lord of all religions.

Arise thou in such wise that thou shalt not be swayed by the whisperings of the people, nor perturbed by the idle fancies of those who speak as prompted by their own desires, notwithstanding that thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, doth Himself attest unto their ignorance. Beware lest thou be dismayed by all that chanceth on earth. Remain thou steadfast in that which hath been enjoined upon thee by thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

We, truly, have sent down on every matter that which shall impart tranquillity unto the minds of the God-fearing. Blessed are those that read the verses of Our Revelation, and discover from them that which hath been purposed by their Lord, Who ordaineth whatsoever He desireth. Thus have We sent down the verses, and despatched them unto thee, that thou mayest yield thanks unto the Lord thy God, unto Whose command the winds are subject.

BH06656: One night I was present before the Throne. I…

One night I was present before the Throne. I was standing in the presence for about twenty minutes or more when suddenly the Ancient Beauty turned toward me and the Tongue of Grandeur spoke, addressing the Name of God, the Most Truthful, upon him be the Glory of God. His mighty and glorious Word was:

> "O Our Name the Most Truthful! Turn toward the Most Great Scene, detached from the worlds. When thou hearest the Call, leave creation behind thee, turning toward God, the Most High, the Most Great. Hasten and tarry not, that perchance thou mayest see thyself in this glorious Scene. Advance in such wise as befitteth advancing toward the All-Knowing One, and with a heart wherein naught is remembered save My mighty and wondrous remembrance. Thus hast thou been commanded from the presence of a mighty and powerful One. Turn in such wise that through thy turning the realities of all things shall turn. Thus doth the Lord of Names command thee, for He is the Commander over what He willeth. If thou attainest unto the station, it is the essence of attainment. [Otherwise] convey the Command of thy Lord along the way. Leave thy son in the house, then travel the path with a single trustworthy companion. Thus hath My firm and dominant Command been sent down from the heaven of revelation [the Mighty, the Impregnable]."

BH06539: In the Name of Him Who is the Possessor…

In the Name of Him Who is the Possessor of Creation! This is a remembrance from Our presence unto those who have believed in God and have held fast unto His firm and mighty cord, that they may give thanks unto their Creator for His remembrance of them through the tongue of the Dawning-Place of His Revelation when He was in the hands of the oppressors.

Arise, then assist this wronged and lonely One Who hath sacrificed His all for the manifestation of God's Cause and the exaltation of His Word amongst the worlds. Doth this world prevent you from the remembrance of your Lord, the Most Glorious? Reflect upon those who have gone before you, that perchance the might of the heedless may not hold you back from His remembrance. The days shall pass, and ye shall behold your Lord ascendant over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Say: Do ye imagine that We have desired aught for Our Own Self? Nay, by the Self of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful! We have sacrificed Our Self and Our glory in the path of God, as witnessed by all things, yet most of the people are among the deniers. Were they to be fair-minded, they would cry out to this Name through which the Most Great Ocean was set in motion and the Sun of Grace shone forth from the horizon of a luminous dawn.

Thus have We recounted unto thee that which causeth tears to flow from the eyes of them that are nigh unto God. Read thou and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the hearts of them that know!

BH06579: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Exalted!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest that I have desired to make mention of one of Thy servants who is pure in his devotion to Thy face, that the sweet-scented breezes of Thy mercy may draw him to such a station wherein he may arise to praise Thy Self amongst Thy creatures and to exalt Thy Word amidst Thy creation. O Lord! Aid him in Thy service, then make him to be among those who have attained unto the most great steadfastness, O Creator of earth and heaven, and who have stood firm in such wise that neither the opposition of the divines nor the objections of the theologians nor the derision of those who have disbelieved in Thy most exalted, most glorious Self could deter them. O Lord! Ordain for Thy loved ones that which will draw them nigh unto Thee and sanctify them from all else besides Thee. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

O Lord! Thou seest me in prison between the two parties. I beseech Thee by the Lamp of Thy Cause whereby the earth of Thy will and the heaven of Thy purpose were illumined, to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy upon him who hath desired Thee that which shall render him pure from all else save Thee and sanctified from the mention of aught besides Thee. Verily, Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH06446: O Mukhtar! Hear the call of thy Lord…

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy

O Mukhtar! Hear the call of thy Lord, the Almighty, from the Tree of Fire. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. All things bear witness unto God, the Sovereign of all names, but the people hear not. Today the Tree of Sinai calleth out between earth and heaven: “O concourse of creation! The gates of heaven have been opened through this Lamp that hath appeared in human temple. Hasten with your hearts and follow not every rejected idolater.” The trembling of the Divine Meeting hath seized the land of Batha, whereupon it crieth out and saith: “Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord, the Mighty, the Loving!”

And from another direction the Aqsa Mosque speaketh forth: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of Names, for I perceive the fragrance of Thy garment from the direction of Thy imprisoned Name.” Blessed is he who is detached from all else save Him and turneth unto his Lord on this Day wherein the Witness and the

Witnessed have appeared. Remember thy Lord and say: "O my God! Deprive me not of the breezes of Thy revelation and inspiration. Ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word ʿBe' and it is."

BH06564: In His Name, the One Who rules over all…

In His Name, the One Who rules over all names! Glorified is He Who mentions whomsoever He wishes from among His creation. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. He honors whomsoever He pleases with mention from His presence. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. When the Tongue of Grandeur mentions any one of the servants, God ordains for him that which none comprehends save His Own Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Blessed is the soul that hath drunk from the Kawthar of revelation from His mighty, impregnable Pen. Verily the water of life flows in the darkness of the ink. Blessed is he who hath attained unto it. He is indeed among the choicest of creation before God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Isma'il! Hearken unto the call from the Valley of Nabil. Verily there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou steadfast in the love of God and be of them that are firm in His Cause. O Ibrahim! The Wronged One remembereth thee while He is in the land of exile in a mighty prison. Be ye both thankful unto your Lord under all conditions in such wise that the veils of the malicious ones prevent you not. Thus have We adorned you both with the ornament of remembrance from this noble horizon. Verily the glory rest upon you both and upon your mother. Give her the glad-tidings of My remembrance of her from God, the Exalted, the Great.

BH06426: The Pen crieth out and the heart lamenteth…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Pen crieth out and the heart lamenteth—take heed, O ye who are endued with insight! By My life! Were We to loose the reins of the Pen, it would rend asunder the veil of ancient days, and ye would witness that which no eye hath perceived nor any mind conceived. We have delivered unto all the messages of God in such wise as none can reckon save God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We sat in prison, turning unto Him and making mention of Him at all times. Whenever the flames of fire from the wicked encompassed Me, We proclaimed in loudest voice and summoned the servants unto the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling. Among them were such as turned and attained that which their Lord, the All-Knowing, had purposed for them, and among them were such as denied and returned to the nethermost fire. O loved ones of God! Hearken unto the call, then turn unto Him with illumined hearts. Thus hath the command been sent down in the Tablets. Let not distance grieve you, for the path is cut off through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought. Be ye the trusted ones of God amidst His servants and His chosen ones in His kingdom. This beseemeth him who hath acknowledged this Cause, through which the horizons have been illumined. Blessed art thou and blessed is he who hath turned and attained that which his Lord desired.

BH06657: In His Name, He Who is established upon…

In His Name, He Who is established upon the throne of names! Your mention hath been made in the presence of this Prisoner, and there hath been sent down for thee this wondrous Book, that it may cause thee to be mindful of His Cause and to make mention of His Name which hath encompassed the worlds. Various tablets have been sent down for thee for the sake of God, the Lord of Names, even as We summon all unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Turn not thy gaze to the world and whatsoever is therein; soon shalt thou find thyself in a strange place. It behooveth everyone today to arise to celebrate the praise and remembrance of God amidst the concourse of creation. Thus hath it been ordained in a perspicuous Tablet.

Hearken not unto that which is unseemly to hear. Leave the idolaters to their vain imaginings and be thou of them that are firmly established. Be thou so steadfast in the Cause that neither the allusions of the heedless nor the doubts of the suspicious shall deter thee. We beseech God to aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to make thee among the steadfast.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to make me one of those who have attained unto Thy presence and have hearkened unto Thy call and have detached themselves from all else besides Thee. Then ordain for me in Thy Kingdom that which shall cause me to endure through the endurance of Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH06478: O Mustafa! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Mighty

O Mustafa! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord, the Most Glorious, for having caused me to hear Thy call and making me present before the throne of Thy grandeur, and for having conversed with me without veil or barrier.

The grace of Truth seized thee and once again confirmed thee and brought thee to the Most Great Prison. God willing, thou must manifest such enkindlement that through the fire of thy love the hearts and minds of the people and the souls of the servants may turn toward the Beloved. Be not grieved that thou hast returned to thy homeland. Though the true original home is indeed the precincts of the Throne, yet since thou didst return by God’s leave and His good-pleasure, I swear by My life that it is the Kawthar of life. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of the Cause and for having heard that which thou wast bidden by the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Forbid the loved ones of God from turning toward this direction. Say: O friends, harm befalleth the root of the Tree through your coming and going. Beware lest ye transgress the bounds set forth in the Tablets. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Under all conditions place thy trust in God and conduct thyself with the utmost gentleness and forbearance toward thy relatives and others. Forget not the compassionate counsels which thou didst hear face to face from the Dayspring of Divine Unity. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from God, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

BH06434: O Samandar! The Master of Divine Decree calls thee…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Bountiful

O Samandar! The Master of Divine Decree calls thee from this Most Great Horizon, that the breezes of Revelation may repeatedly draw thee unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Were one to collect together all that hath been sent down unto thee of the verses of thy Lord, he would witness a mighty book, greater than other Tablets. This is of the grace of thy Lord. He is sufficient unto thee, by virtue of His truth. No God is there but Him, the Glorious, the Bestower.

Thou hast spent what thou hadst in the path of God—to this the Lord of all being bears witness. God will soon reward thee for what thou hast done in His love. He is verily the Powerful, the Unconstrained. Sorrow not over anything, for He is with thee and He is the Helper of the righteous. Turn all thy affairs, both outward and inward, to the face of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

We have commanded thy brother to return to thee, after he came twice into the presence of the Throne and heard the call of God from this Station. Upon you both be the glory of God and His praise, and the praise of them that circle round the Throne at all times. Then glory be upon those who are with thee, both men and women, who have believed in God, the Revealer of verses.

BH06496: Blessed is He Who hath sent down the verses…

In the Name of God, the Most Wondrous, the Most Exalted

Blessed is He Who hath sent down the verses and made them clear evidences for the followers of all religions. The Fire calleth out from the Mount and the Light appeareth before the Manifestation, and sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Unconstrained. Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and responded; woe unto every heedless doubter. Among the people are those who say He hath fabricated a lie against God—thus did those who disbelieved speak aforetime. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Say: If ye deny this Manifestation, by what proof do ye uphold your faith in God? Bring it forth, O people of error! By My life, there is no escape for anyone today save for him who hath turned towards the Countenance and turned away from every misbeliever and infidel.

Blessed is he who hath attained unto the days of God and found the fragrance of holiness from this Garment, whose sweet-scented perfume hath wafted to all regions. Verily those who are heedless this day—these have cast guidance behind their backs and embraced their own desires. Soon shall punishment descend upon them from every direction. Let not the words of those who have disbelieved in God grieve thee. Glorify the praise of thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast made Thyself known unto me and hast sent unto me that whereby the dead are quickened.

BH06767: This is a mention from Us to her who…

He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious

This is a mention from Us to her who has turned to God on a day wherein the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafted throughout creation, that it might draw her to a station wherein she becomes detached from all who are on earth for the sake of her Lord, the Mighty, the Luminous. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of the Prison, from the glowing, luminous Fire. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. How many a woman has believed, and how many a man has been prevented due to following vain imaginings. Indeed, bounty is in God's hand—He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the One, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Know thou the worth of what God hath ordained for thee, then give thanks to Him at morn and eventide. Be thou content with what God hath decreed. Verily thy Lord is He Who judgeth as He pleaseth. In this Revelation there hath appeared what hath never appeared before. Blessed are they who are endowed with insight. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, for having made known unto me the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy lights. I beseech Thee by Him and by Him Whom Thou hast willed, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH06436: O servant! When thou findest thyself turning unto God…

In the Name of God, the Exalted, the Most Great

O servant! When thou findest thyself turning unto God and detached from all else save Him, turn to Him with thy heart and say: All praise be unto Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, for having aided me to know Thee and to know Thy chosen ones who soared in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and walked the paths of Thy good-pleasure, whom Thou hast described in the decisive verses of Thy Book and in Thy binding utterance as those who "speak not until He hath spoken, and who do His bidding."

I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Self and by them, to make me in all circumstances to turn unto Thee and to gaze toward the horizon of Thy good-pleasure and to act according to what Thou hast commanded me through the tongue of the Manifestation of Thyself and the Dayspring of Thy signs. Then ordain for me, O my God, what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and decree for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next and shall make me steadfast in Thy love and firm in Thy Cause. Verily Thou art He in Whose grasp is the reins of all created things and in Whose right hand is the kingdom of all possibilities. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH06494: Blessed is He Who hath manifested the Glory…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

Blessed is He Who hath manifested the Glory and made it the Dawning-Place of His sovereignty unto all who dwell in the realms of creation. Among the people are those who have recognized and hastened unto the Most Great Horizon, and among them are those who have turned away and followed every disbelieving deceiver. He who hath turned towards it is of them who have attained unto the presence of God, and he who hath turned away is of the companions of the fire in the Book of thy Lord, the Mighty,

the Chosen One. They have lost, those who cast the remembrance of God behind their backs and seized that which hath blackened faces and caused hearts to burn.

Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the direction of eternity. This Most Great Name—glory be to God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Compeller! Look not upon the prison and what I endure of tribulation, but rather upon the light shining forth from the horizon of Glory whereby the regions have been illumined. Glory is not what the people have known, but rather what hath shone forth today from the horizon of Revelation with sovereignty and power. Soon shalt thou behold the Self-Subsisting One ascendant over all who are on earth. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the Pen which God hath made the sovereign of all pens. Remember thy Lord—verily He is with those who have turned unto His Face and fulfilled the Covenant.

BH06619: Upon you be the peace of God and His…

Upon you be the peace of God and His mercy! We have seen your letter and read it. Do not grieve over what was mentioned regarding the pitcher. Verily your Lord is the Great Ocean. Be as your Master was—verily He was of a magnificent character. He walks on the path of reckoning. Thus has it been ordained by Him Who is the Most Excellent of Reckoners.

Through your letter the Cause smiled and the sorrowful heart was made glad. We beseech God to grant you a goodly reward, for He is the Lord of the doers of good.

There is no objection to going to Haifa, as investigation of the letter is outwardly necessary to the extent possible. May you always be joyous and be the cause of happiness and gladness to sorrowing hearts.

That which We told you before has come to pass, and that which remains shall appear. Verily He is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to assist you in all conditions. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

We have sent you bread—take it with the hand of joy, eat and be of the thankful ones. The world is in upheaval while we are occupied with drinking tea. Your place is very empty.

BH06634: The Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

The Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

The melody of God hath been raised from this region wherein the Spirit cried out “Here am I, here am I, O Desire of the worlds!” and wherein God revealed Himself unto Him Who conversed with Him, and the Tree called out “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise!” The warmth of thy Lord’s love, the All-Merciful, hath seized all atoms, whereupon every rock proclaimeth “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know, for having manifested Thy beauty unto Thy servants and revealed Thyself unto all who are in the heavens and on earth!” The rapture of Thy Lord’s remembrance hath seized all things, yet the people remain behind a clear veil. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils through this blessed, mighty and wondrous Name.

Beware lest vain imaginings prevent thee from this straight path. Hold fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness, then immerse thyself in the ocean of My Cause, and draw near with thy heart unto this Scene from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of thy Lord's beauty, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses—by My life, wert thou to taste their sweetness, thou wouldst soar in thy longing toward God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. When the way was barred, We commanded approach through hearts, O ye who have turned towards God! Thus hath the decree been ordained in the Tablet by the Pen of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH06770: This is a Book from Us to him who…

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

This is a Book from Us to him who hath turned his face toward the Countenance and taken unto the All-Merciful a way, that the attraction of the Almighty may seize him in such wise as to detach him from all creation, clinging to the cord through whose movement all worlds have been set in motion. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who hath come with a name whereby the greatest terror appeared and trembling seized every idolator who was far removed from the Truth. Be thou thankful unto God inasmuch as thy remembrance hath come before the Most Great Remembrance, and He hath sent down for thee that which shall gladden the eyes. Place thy trust in all matters in God, thy Lord.

He, verily, aideth whom He willeth and assisteth those who have turned toward Him through a sovereignty that encompasseth all worlds. He ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth whatsoever He willeth and pleaseth. His bounty hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. Blessed is he who hath taken Him as his Guardian. Remember thy Lord by night and by day. Through His remembrance hath the sun shone forth and the horizons been illumined. Say: O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thee. Write down, then, for me that which is best for me. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou pleasest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH06775: The Most Great, the Most High! This…

The Most Great, the Most High! This is a Book from the All-Bestowing to him who hath turned towards the Countenance when every idolater and doubter turned away. Say: The sealed flask hath been unsealed by the fingers of might. Blessed is he who in the days of his Lord, the All-Merciful, hath quaffed therefrom the living waters. Leave him who hath disbelieved; take ye the most pure Kawthar, turning towards the Most Sublime Vision, then drink in My Name, the One Who dominateth all existence. Say: This is the Day of God wherein the Ancient One hath established Himself upon the throne of His Most Great Name. Behold, O ye who are endued with insight! O servant! Know thou that I am even now immersed in an ocean of tribulation in the path of God, the Lord of all names, and yet My tongue speaketh and My Pen writeth that which hath been ordained by Him Who is the Fashioner of earth and heaven.

Arise to aid the Cause of thy Lord. Say: O my God! Enable me to serve Thee in such wise that the veils of the people and the whispers of those in the lands shall not hold me back. Blessed is the heart that hath won My love, and the tongue that hath spoken My praise, and the face that hath turned towards the Lord

of all men. We have ordained that acceptance be through the hearts, because of that which the hands of every idolatrous unbeliever have wrought.

BH06986: O Husayn! Your letter was present before the Throne…

In the Name of the One Friend!

O Husayn! Your letter was present before the Throne and that which was mentioned therein was heard. Concerning the trials and tribulations which thou didst recount, all are known in the presence of the Ancient Beauty. He Himself hath been and will be subject to countless afflictions. Surely His loved ones must also be ordained to receive a portion from this cup.

The essential fruit of existence and that which profiteth it hath been the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory. Praise be to God that ye have attained unto this station. He who hath attained unto this station was and is the most wealthy of all the peoples of the world. Be not grieved by the confusion and differences in outward affairs. That which hath been ordained will appear in its time.

In this Most Great Revelation, engagement in some occupation hath been prescribed for all the loved ones. Be thou occupied with some matter, placing thy trust in God. God willing, His grace will encompass thee. Ye have always been and will continue to be in Our sight. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy family and those who are with thee.

BH06953: O Pen of Eternity! Make mention of the peoples…

He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Exalted

O Pen of Eternity! Make mention of the peoples, that perchance Thy remembrance may draw them unto God, the King, the Mighty, the Bestower. Then make mention of him who turned unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation after all the deceitful and perfidious ones had turned away from it, that he might remember his Lord amongst the servants and arise to serve the Cause at all times.

Know thou that there hath come before the Throne a letter whose beginning We found adorned with the mention of God, the Cleaver of the Dawn, and whose end was embellished with the names of those from whom We perceived the fragrance of the love of their Lord, the All-Merciful. Therefore have We sent down for each one of them that which shall bring solace to their eyes. Verily thy Lord's bounty hath preceded all things and His mercy hath preceded all created things.

We have moved the Pen to make mention of thee first, inasmuch as We found thy name at the beginning of the letter. Blessed are ye for having gathered together and made mention of your Lord, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Blessed is the house wherein the mention of My Name is raised. By My life! It is under the gaze of your Lord, the Lord of all men.

Take ye the cups of felicity in the name of the Cleaver of the Dawn, then drink and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of those who are in the heavens and on earth!"

BH07253: In His Name, the Most Great, the Most Great!…

In His Name, the Most Great, the Most Great! This is a Book sent down in truth from the heaven of the Will of the All-Merciful as a favor unto all created things. Blessed is he who pondereth upon it, and woe unto the heedless. Take hold, O people, of the Book of God with hands of submission and contentment, and be not of them that hesitate. The mountains have hastened unto the All-Possessing, the Most High, and all things have been drawn by the call of the Lord of Names, yet the people remain asleep. The wine of idle fancy hath so seized them that they have become heedless of the Dayspring of Guidance Who hath come with manifest sovereignty.

Every sect rejoiceth in that which it possesseth. By God! Were they to know, they would bewail themselves. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou for having attained and heard the call when thy Ancient Lord appeared. Place thy trust in Him under all conditions, then aid Him through wisdom and utterance. He, verily, aideth whoever aideth Him. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Grieve not on account of them that have denied the right of God and His signs. God shall soon seize them by His command. He, verily, is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07082: Thy mention hath been made before the Throne…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and the glance of loving-kindness is directed towards thee. Be not grieved at the world and its diverse conditions.

The adornment of the people of God hath ever been through their own selves and not through outward things. The luminous countenance hath no need of ornament. Praise be to God that thou art adorned with the ornament of divine love and art illumined by the lights of the Sun of Truth. All the treasures of the heavens and earth cannot equal this station.

Regarding certain servants, whatsoever they desired was granted them, and that very thing became the cause of their being veiled, as ye have witnessed and heard. Therefore, whatsoever cometh to pass hath been and shall be for the best.

Praise the Beloved of the worlds that thy name floweth from the Pen of the Ancient of Days in the Most Great Scene, and thou art mentioned and renowned for thy love of God amongst the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Most Glorious Pavilion. Preserve thou this lofty station. He shall send down for thee whatsoever He willeth. Be thou assured of His grace and be of the thankful ones.

Say: All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07293: This is a Tablet from Us to him who…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Holy

This is a Tablet from Us to him who hath drawn nigh unto God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thou hast inhaled the fragrance of the divine Robe and hast chosen for thyself a station beneath the shade of this praiseworthy Seat.

They who have detached themselves in My love from all else besides Me—these are reckoned among the most excellent of creatures in the sight of God, and these are they who are sincere. As for those who hesitated after the clear proofs came unto them, for them hath been ordained an irrevocable punishment. They who have denied the Unseen—these are a people who deny the truth.

Say: It is through this Tongue that He summoneth the peoples unto His Most Great Name. Blessed are they who recognize Him.

Let not the intimations of men grieve thee, nor the words of those who have disbelieved in the Witness and the Witnessed. Be thou assured through thy Lord's grace and place thy trust in Him in all matters. Verily, He is with whomsoever desireth Him and He aideth those who have cast away their idle fancies and turned towards the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

Thus have We imparted unto thee the word of truth and revealed unto thee in prison that which rejoiceth the hearts.

BH06949: O Ali! Hearken unto the call of what hath…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

O Ali! Hearken unto the call of what hath been and what shall be from this Hidden Name, which crieth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven:

> "Verily, there is none other God but I, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!"

Rejoice thou in My joy in these days wherein tribulations have encompassed Me from every side. To this thy Lord, Who prevaileth over every witness and witnessed thing, doth testify.

Beware lest the affairs of the kingdom sadden thee. Be as thy Lord hath been. Be steadfast in the Cause with wisdom and utterance. Thus have We commanded thee before and in this Preserved Tablet. We have sent Our Name to various lands, wherefore We have revealed unto thee this Tablet that thine eyes may be solaced thereby and that thou mayest read it to those who have turned towards God, the Mighty, the Loving. We have indeed become aware of what thou hast borne in the path of God and have heard what thou hast mentioned amongst His servants. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Make mention of Me to My loved ones, then gather them together upon the Path of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07219: Say: Exalted, exalted be His sovereignty, for He hath…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted, the Ancient of Days

Say: Exalted, exalted be His sovereignty, for He hath appeared with the truth after most of the servants turned away from Him and made Him a prisoner in this remote land. Exalted, exalted be His greatness,

whereby He hath encompassed all who are in the horizons, and the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds, have not prevented it. Exalted, exalted be His generosity, for He hath seen that which no eye of creation hath seen, and hath shown patience despite His power that encompasseth all who are in the realm of invention. Therefore do all things testify that He is indeed the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Exalted, exalted be His dominion that hath encompassed all created things, and His mercy that hath preceded the worlds.

O thou who gazest upon the countenance! When thou hast attained unto the lights of the dawning-place of thy Lord's revelation, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven! I testify that Thou wert powerful over all things through Thy sovereignty that encompasseth all who are in the kingdom. Thus have We caused the choice wine of utterance to flow in the rivers of remembrance and exposition. Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto it and drinketh in the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

BH07037: Praise be unto the Best Beloved of all creation…

In the name of the Peerless Friend

Praise be unto the Best Beloved of all creation, sanctified from all hint of utterance or explanation, Who of His all-encompassing mercy and perfect bounty guided thee to the shore of the Most Great Ocean and led thee into the presence of the Lord of Eternity. Count this favor as a precious gift and with complete detachment and attention speak forth in remembrance of the Creator of all things.

O servant Baqir! All the hardships thou didst endure on land and sea are remembered before the Divine Throne. In truth, whatsoever befalleth the loved ones of God in His path is a mercy from His presence upon those souls. All must be thankful in all conditions.

God willing, be thou content with the good-pleasure of thy Friend and act according to that which exalteth His Cause. This is the counsel of Truth which hath been and shall ever be the cause of the education and salvation of His creation. Blessed is he who hath heard what the Dove hath warbled and acted according to what his Lord, the Compassionate, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath desired.

BH06927: Amin, if you wish details about that land: verily…

He is God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

Amin, if you wish details about that land: verily the fly therein became as an eagle, therefore God cast him into the abyss, and likewise his kind—may God curse them. They corrupted and caused corruption to such a degree that after their destruction the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed: "The All-Forgiving shall not forgive their burial places." Although it is not known whether you will attain unto a Tablet in that land, yet out of pure bounty it is revealed in your name. We beseech God to assist you at all times and to confirm you in that which the Beauty of the All-Merciful has desired. There has befallen Us that which cannot be counted or mentioned. We had abandoned all and closed the door, yet despite this there occurred that which spread among the servants, and all rose up against Us with tyranny. Wherever you may be, be

happy and rely upon God. We too are happy and reliant in all conditions, but if there was some way and hidden means could be arranged, it would be better to travel alone. And upon you be glory.

BH07178: God hath dawned forth from the horizon…

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy

God hath dawned forth from the horizon of the Prison upon thee, O thou who hast turned towards God, the Cleaver of the Dawn! Blessed is the soul that hath turned with his heart to the Dayspring of verses. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and that which draweth thee nigh unto the Mighty, the Bestower hath been revealed unto thee.

Verily they who have turned away, these shall find no guide today. And they who have turned towards Him shall soon behold that which hath been ordained for them from the Revealer of verses.

We have adorned the heaven of utterance with the mention of Our wondrous Name, through which the great terror hath appeared amongst mankind. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Compelling. Through it were shaken the pillars of idols, and the Evil One did lament, and leg was joined unto leg.

When We arrived at the Prison We desired to convey unto the kings the messages of their Lord, the Lord of all men, that they might know that tribulation hath not prevented God from exercising His sovereignty. He ordaineth as He pleaseth. He is verily the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

It behooveth every soul to remain steadfast in the Cause in such wise that affliction shall not hinder him from the remembrance of God, the Lord of all lords.

BH07088: My mention is a fire that ignites the hearts…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

My mention is a fire that ignites the hearts of the sincere ones, and a light that illumines the faces of those drawn nigh. At times thou seest it as the waters of life upon which depends the life of all the worlds, and at times thou seest it in human form. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath sent it down with manifest authority.

Those who have disbelieved wished to extinguish this Light shining from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Most High, the Great. Nay, by My life! None can do this. Soon shalt thou witness its effects from all directions. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

Say: After the ascension of the Point, We raised up the Cause. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Should they attempt to conceal its light on the continent, it will assuredly rear its head in the midmost heart of the ocean, and, raising its voice, proclaim: 'I am the life-giver of the world!' Neither the clouds nor the veils of those who have disbelieved in the Day of Judgment can prevent it.

Blessed is he who hath heard and hastened and found repose and soared. For all there is a portion in a preserved Tablet. Remember thy Lord and say: Praise be unto Thee for having mentioned me, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the hearts of them that know!

BH06992: O Fath-i-A'zam! May you ever be, through the loving-kindness…

In His Name, the Self-Subsisting!

O Fath-i-A'zam! May you ever be, through the loving-kindness of the Lord of nations, joyous and mindful of His remembrance. For some time the gates of utterance were sealed and the pathway cut off, until in these days a path became manifest. Therefore these words have shone forth from the Dayspring of the loving-kindness of the Lord of all beings and are sent forth, that you may discover from them the sweet savors of grace and mercy and be of them that are informed. Illumine the friends of God, both men and women, with the glorification of God, that perchance through the attraction and rapture of the Divine Word they may attain unto wondrous joy and sublime gladness, and, detached from all else, occupy themselves with the remembrance of the All-Merciful.

The letter Sin was for some days caught in the serpent's mouth, but the All-Merciful delivered him through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. We beseech God to assist through you His servants and to unlock before your heart's face that which shall attract the hearts with a power greater than what He unlocked through His sovereignty aforetime. Verily, He is your Protector and Helper in this world and the next. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH07260: This is what hath shone forth from the horizon…

This is what hath shone forth from the horizon of Will. All have been created to hearken unto the Word of God and to follow His Cause. That which the Truth hath commanded and commandeth is and shall be for the good of His servants.

Some among the people of the letter Nun, after hearing the word of prohibition from the Dayspring of Command, returned. Upon them be the glory of God and His praise. Likewise was there one who had been with Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli—after meeting with Amin and hearing the prohibition, he returned. Upon him be the glory of God and His good-pleasure.

O My Name! Convey to him greetings from the Wronged One. We beseech God to forgive him. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Let him turn towards the prison, repentant, remorseful, humble and lowly, and after attaining the presence, let him return. Give him the glad-tidings of this manifest bounty. If he heareth what he hath been commanded, it shall be better for him. But that which was decreed hath been decreed. Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

BH06941: The Most Holy, the Most Glorious. Verily doth…

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious. Verily doth the Noble One make mention of His servant, the noble one, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and be of the thankful.

Gather together thine affairs, then turn toward thy brother who attained unto the days of his Lord and was of those who turned to his Lord in the most ancient Dust. He is indeed in the Most Exalted Horizon. Blessed art thou and he in that ye have attained unto the Dayspring of the Cause. This is indeed a great bounty.

Turn with spirit and fragrance, then make mention of the chosen ones concerning what befell the Chosen One at the hands of His sinful servants. Thou didst enter the precincts of the Throne by permission of thy Lord. When the appointed time was fulfilled, We commanded thee to return that the hearts of those who have turned might be gladdened by thee.

Remind My loved ones on My behalf in such wise as to cause hearts and spirits to soar and to attract the minds of the seekers. Put thy trust in God. He is with thee and maketh mention of thee through His grace. He is verily the Mighty, the Generous.

It is as though thou wert present before the Throne, drinking at all times the choice wine of thy Lord's love, the Most High, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Be thou thankful for this and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Beloved of the mystics.

BH07303: This is a Tablet from Us to him who…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted

This is a Tablet from Us to him who hath believed in God, the Most High, the Most Great, that the attraction of the verses may seize him and render him detached from the allusions of such as have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.

O servant! Hearken unto the Call from the direction of Akka—verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise. He aideth whom He willeth through His sovereignty and chastiseth those who have denied the Day of Separation. Make mention of thy Lord amongst His servants. Beware lest anything prevent thee from God, the Possessor of creation. Verily He maketh mention of His servants and assisteth them in whatsoever He desireth. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that shouldst all who are on earth oppose thee, thou wouldst not turn toward them but say in that state: "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Compelling." Thus have We inspired thee and revealed unto thee that whereby spirits take flight.

Be thou grateful unto thy Lord for having been mentioned by the Pen of the Command. Verily He maketh mention of whomsoever He pleaseth among His servants. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing.

BH07290: This is a Book from Us to the handmaiden…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

This is a Book from Us to the handmaiden of God, the wife of the Most Great Trustee, concerning she who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, and hath sought her Lord when He came with manifest sovereignty. Were thou to gaze upon the Most Great Scene, thou wouldst behold the Lord of Destiny in the hands of those who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Despite all that hath befallen Him, His tongue speaketh in remembrance of God, His feet move toward the Intended One, His Pen moveth to mention Him, and with His finger He moveth the thread of existence. Remember thy Lord, O My handmaiden, with this remembrance that hath been remembered:

> "O my God and my Beloved! I am a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto Thee and believed in Thee after the servants turned away from Thee. O Lord! Inscribe me, then, among the people of the pavilion of Thy glory and the tents of Thy grandeur. Then make me one of those who circle round the throne of Thy majesty and turn with their hearts toward the court of Thy good-pleasure. Verily, Thou art the Self-Sufficient in every condition. Have mercy, then, upon Thy male and female servants and preserve them within the protection of Thy shelter and safekeeping. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise."

BH07289: The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This…

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Book from the presence of One mighty and generous unto him who hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed, that the wine of utterance may so intoxicate him that he will speak in remembrance of his Lord, the All-Merciful, detached from all who dwell on earth.

O ʿInayat! The loving-kindness of God hath embraced thee, inasmuch as thy name hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and this luminous and lofty Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this most great favor and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of all in the heavens and on earth. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Glorious Name, through which the daysprings of self and passion were shaken, to aid me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy servants, and to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy near ones.

Verily, thy letter was present before the Throne in the Most Great Prison. Thus hath been decreed for thee in the Tablet an honorable station. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Countenance. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Whoso desireth Him, verily He remembereth him and calleth him at all times, and summoneth all who are in the worlds unto His straight and manifest path. And glory be upon thee and upon the sincere ones.

BH06987: In the Name of the One Friend! O Khavar!…

In the Name of the One Friend! O Khavar! The wine of divine mercy is flowing from the spring of grace, and He Who bestows and lavishes it is that Countenance of the All-Merciful. Blessed is the soul who has drunk this spiritual wine from the hand of the eternal Cup-bearer. Praise thou the Beloved of the worlds, that thou hast attained to His love and art engaged in His remembrance.

Thy letter was present before Me, and the most luminous eye beheld it, and whatsoever was inscribed therein was noted. Therefore did the Sun of the Most Glorious Horizon shine forth upon thee from behind the clouds of tribulation with these wondrous words and exalted verses. Know thou their value and render thanks for this supreme bounty.

These are the days of steadfastness. All must be so firm that the contingent happenings of the world shall not debar them from the divine sanctuary.

Convey on behalf of the True One My greetings to Ali and his wife. We beseech God to aid him and her to arise to serve His Cause and to remember Him amongst His creatures. Verily He is the Protector of those who love Him and the Lord of the worlds.

May the glory of God rest upon you all from His presence, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

BH07124: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest how…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest how Thy loved ones are consumed in their separation from Thee, and how they wander in the wilderness of remoteness, yearning to attain Thy presence and seeking to draw nigh unto Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which all things have drawn near unto the seat of Thy Command, the Source of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, to write down for them that which will gladden their hearts and tranquilize their souls through Thy grace and Thy favors. O Lord! Thou hearest the sighing of their hearts and the groaning of their souls. Take them by the hands of Thy bounty, then cause them to enter the pavilion of reunion at the shining forth of the lights of Thy countenance.

O Lord! Thou art the Generous One, Whose generosity hath encompassed all things, and Thou art He Whose mercy hath preceded all who are in earth and heaven. Look upon them, then, with the glances of Thy loving-kindness, and make them to be among those who circle round the sanctuary of Thy oneness and who stand before the revelation of the lights of Thy face. Verily, Thou art the Powerful in Thy sovereignty, and the All-Compelling in Thy might. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07407: O Supreme Pen! Make mention of Thy handmaiden who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Supreme Pen! Make mention of Thy handmaiden who hath believed in Thee and turned unto Thee, that she may be drawn by that which hath flowed from Thee from the presence of the Mighty, the Bestower. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned by the Supreme Pen, and We have sent unto thee this Tablet which God hath made the Dayspring of His loving-kindness throughout creation.

Put thy trust in God under all conditions, then make mention of Him with joy and radiance. Say: O my God, my Lord, and my Desire! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which were opened the doors of hearts to the recognition of the Manifestation of Thy Self, the Dawning-Place of Thy verses, and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, that Thou make me among those handmaidens who have believed in Thee and attained unto Thy presence and stood before the effulgences of the lights of Thy beauty and heard Thy most sweet call when Thou wert speaking forth Thy verses in the kingdom of creation.

O Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned toward the court of Thy grace and bounty. Leave me not among those who have turned away from Thy beauty in Thy days. Then send down upon me, O my God, that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Giving, the Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06943: O My handmaidens! Ye were created to show forth…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Ancient

O My handmaidens! Ye were created to show forth purity. Hold fast unto it through My transcendent command over all things, for I am the Forgiving, the Commanding, the Bountiful. Thus shall the sanctity of My Cause be made manifest among My male and female servants. This behooveth you in the days of God, the Mighty, the Praised.

God hath ordained for every handmaiden who hath turned to His countenance that which no mind can conceive, for He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Soar in the atmosphere of the love of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Blessed art thou for having believed in God on a day whereon the hearts of those who hesitated in this Cause were troubled—this Cause through which the Dove warbled and the tongue of all things spoke: “Glory be to God, the Mighty, the Beautiful!”

Grieve not at the world and its hardships. All shall pass away and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Lord of the worlds. Recognize thou the value of these days, then remember thy Lord at all times. Verily, He is with whoso remembereth Him, and He is the Guardian of them that remember. Thus have We addressed thee and sent down unto thee clear verses that they may attract thee to the Kingdom of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH07008: At the time of departure from home and spouse…

At the time of departure from home and spouse, it is incumbent upon every soul to set an appointed time for the journey, and whatever time is set shall be binding and effective. If one returns at the appointed time, then verily he hath fulfilled his promise and followed the command of his Lord. If one does not return at the appointed time due to a specific excuse—that is, if some obstacle prevents return such that one is truly impeded—then one must send word and strive with utmost effort to return. If one does not return at the appointed time and sends no word, then the spouse must wait nine months, after which, if she wishes to take another husband, there is no objection. The maintenance of the spouse during this appointed period must be provided. If a person travels and news of his death or martyrdom arrives, confirmation of this matter depends on widespread report or two just witnesses. After confirmation and the passing of nine months, the spouse may take another husband.

As for the matter of marriage in the Land of Mystery, a detailed explanation hath been revealed. The essence of that pronouncement is that it dependeth firstly on the consent of both parties and secondly on the knowledge of the parents. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Most Exalted Pen. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful….

BH07051: The remembrance of God hath been raised…

In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious

The remembrance of God hath been raised from the Divine Lote-Tree in truth. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and heard what the Tongue of Power and Majesty hath uttered. They who have cast the command of God behind their backs are they who have violated the Covenant. Do people see that which profiteth them this day? Nay, by the Lord of all beings, unless they cast away what they possess and turn with humility and contrition unto His countenance. Say: He Whom ye invoke hath come in truth and hath rent asunder the veils. Turn ye with your hearts to the spot wherein the lights have shone forth. O people! Answer the call of God that is raised amongst you.

Beware lest ye follow every idolatrous infidel who hath disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. They who turned away have lost, and they who believed have won. God shall soon make manifest that which eyes have been prevented from seeing. Be thou thankful unto God for what We have cast upon thee that by which hearts are assured and spirits take flight. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused my name to flow from the Most Exalted Pen after the idolaters had imprisoned it in the most desolate of lands.

BH07112: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest how…

In His Name, Who abideth after the passing of all things!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou knowest how the heaven loveth its stars and their radiance from its horizons, and how the Ridvan Garden loveth its flowers and the murmuring of its waters and the cooing of its dove. I beseech Thee, O Creator of all things and Controller of all names, to cause its branches to be stirred by the breezes of Thy grace in Thy days, and to be moved by Thy leave and Thy decree.

O Lord! Withhold not from the letters of Thy Book the Word which Thou hast made the mother of Thy Scriptures and Tablets and the source of the manifestations of Thy Divinity and might, through which Thou didst separate between Thy creation and Thy creatures.

O Lord! Draw then the branches of the Tree of Thy oneness by the wondrous melodies of Thy voice, then make them to drink of the choice wine of Thy bounty, whose seal hath been broken by the finger of Thy power, that they may arise to celebrate Thy praise and glory, and circle round Thy Cause in all the worlds of Thy worlds.

Verily, Thou art He Who doeth what He pleaseth through Thy sovereignty, and ordaineth what He willeth through Thy might. Nothing whatsoever can withhold Thee from aught else, nor can any affair occupy Thee to the exclusion of another. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Known, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH07118: He is the Giver! Glorified art Thou, O my…

He is the Giver! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to recognize the Manifestation of Thy Self and the Dayspring of Thy Cause, and for having turned me toward the Kawthar

of Thy Revelation and the Salsabil of Thy inspiration. By Thy glory! Were I to render Thee thanks throughout the duration of Thy Kingdom and Thy dominion, I would find myself powerless to repay that wherewith Thou hast favored me through Thy grace and bounty.

Thou art He Who caused me to turn unto Thy countenance on a day when all had turned away from Thee and remained distant from the shore of Thy nearness, save those whom Thou didst show the pathways of Thy sanctification and the ways of Thy guidance.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which earthquakes have seized most of the servants, to make me so fixed in my gaze upon Thee in all conditions that nothing may prevent me from that which hath been ordained by the Pen of Thy decree and sent down in the scrolls of Thy glory.

O Lord! Make my hope Thy remembrance, my deed Thy praise, my purpose Thy purpose, and my good-pleasure Thy good-pleasure, that I may be effaced from myself and endure through Thy Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Then write down for me, O my God, that which shall profit me, for I know nothing and Thou art verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH07174: He is the Beloved! God has gladdened your eyes…

He is the Beloved! God has gladdened your eyes through having chosen you for His remembrance and singled you out for His service and related you to His Self, the One Who oversees all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have often detected from you the sweet fragrances of the love of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed are you and those who love you for the sake of God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

By My life! You stand in the presence of your Lord. We bear witness that you are among those who stand before the Throne. Bear witness to that which God has witnessed and be of those who acknowledge. We often make mention of you. We beseech God to enable you to serve Him under all conditions and to aid you to do what He loves and is pleased with. He is with His sincere servants.

You have attained to that which most of creation has not attained, and achieved that which the hands of the mystics could not reach. By My life! This suffices you, and it is among the gems of your Lord's bestowals. Prostrate yourself and be of the thankful ones.

What you sent has arrived and We have adorned your book with it, first that you might rejoice in the grace of your Ancient Lord. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH07221: Say: This is not the day of hopes. Burn…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Ancient

Say: This is not the day of hopes. Burn them with the fire of Beauty. Thus does the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, command you. Cast questions behind you, advancing toward the sanctuary of reunion. This has been ordained for hearts, O people of understanding.

It behooveth everyone today who hath heard the Call to say “Here am I, O Lord of the Day of Reckoning!” Blessed is he who is content with what God hath decreed in the Book. More hath been written for you than what ye desired—to this beareth witness the Pen through which the Ark moved and the celestial spheres revolved.

Doth the world sadden you after it hath testified to its own evanescence by what befalleth it of decline in every moment? Cast it behind you, advancing with your hearts toward the direction of the Beloved. Thus have ye been commanded by Him Who revealeth the verses.

When the path of the foot was barred, We opened the doors and ways of hearts—hasten ye thereto, O people of vision!

O My loved ones! Upon you be My glory, inasmuch as ye have stood firm and advanced toward the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord at all times.

BH07282: The Most Great, Most Wondrous

The Most Great, Most Wondrous

This is a remembrance from Us to him who hath turned towards the Qiblih of all horizons, that the verses of his Lord might attract him and draw him nigh unto the Dayspring of lights. O servant! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the precincts of the Prison. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Be thou steadfast in the love of God, then remember Him at morn and eventide. Beware lest anything prevent thee from turning toward the Dawning-Place of Revelation. Leave behind all creation, for the All-Merciful hath come with power and sovereignty. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy remembrance hath been mentioned before the Countenance, and thy name hath flowed from the Pen of Revelation while it was in the Prison, in the hands of the wicked ones.

Grieve thou not over anything, for he who hath attained unto this Cause is accounted amongst the most exalted of beings in the sight of God, the Most High. Unite, O loved ones of God! Through this the Cause is made manifest and the back of every proud oppressor is broken. Hold fast unto the cord of God, for verily He hath appeared in the temple of man. Blessed be the All-Merciful, through Whom the faces of those who disbelieved were darkened, and the faces of the righteous were illumined.

BH07353: The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O thou who…

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! O thou who art present before the Throne and who gazest upon the Dayspring of the verses of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Give thanks for having turned thy face toward the countenance of thy Lord and for being among the successful ones.

Beware lest sorrows prevent thee from that which hath been ordained by the Dawning-Place of certitude. Hold fast unto the cord of independence, then be steadfast in that which thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, commandeth thee. All excellence lieth in following the Dayspring of justice—to this doth the Tongue of thy Lord, the Speaker, the True, the Faithful, the All-Informed, bear witness.

Occupy thyself outwardly with that which profiteth thee, and inwardly with My remembrance, the Mighty, the Wondrous. We have ordained the pursuit of a profession for every soul—thus hath the matter been decreed in a preserved Tablet.

Grieve not, verily thy Lord is with thee under all conditions. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the Bountiful. Rejoice in the glad-tidings of thy Lord, then recite what hath been sent down unto thee of the verses which the peoples of the world are powerless to enumerate.

Be with My loved ones as thou hast been—thus hath shone forth the sun of permission from this luminous horizon. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!

BH07876: This is a preserved Tablet sent down from God…

He is Most Great, Most Glorious

This is a preserved Tablet sent down from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Within it flows the water of life—verily it is a sealed nectar. When the promise comes, We shall break its seal with the fingers of thy Lord's power, the Mighty, the Loving. Those who drink thereof are the successful ones, and those who deny it see not. Is hesitation befitting after all things have been stirred by God's breath? Is turning away proper after all existence has turned toward the Mighty, the Renowned? Say: The Kingdom itself proclaims "The Desired One has come!" and the Realm of Might circles round the Throne, yet most people deny. They behold God's power, then deny it—truly they are as dead. All tablets have been illumined from this Lamp which has shed its radiance upon earth and heaven. Blessed are they who reflect. Ponder the verses of thy Lord which have been sent down in the Tablets, that thou mayest comprehend what God has intended in this Revelation. Adopt My characteristics, that there might appear from thee that which shall awaken those who slumber.

BH07480: Hear thou the call of the All-Glorious…

He is the Most Pure, the Most Glorious

Hear thou the call of the All-Glorious from a dark pit:

> "Aid Me, O people of Baha, with the sword of wisdom and utterance!"

Say: The pit is My house, and the prison is My palace, and tribulation is the crown of Baha. Know this, O ye who are endowed with insight! From the horizon of abasement hath shone forth the Sun of My Name, the All-Glorious. Behold, O people of the Heights! God hath made the pit a palace of ruby, wherein the Temple of the Manifestation hath been established with power and sovereignty. We have forsaken palaces and chosen the most desolate of houses, adorning it with the ornaments of the Kingdom. Exalted is this palace which God hath made the Manifestation of Destiny and the Greatest Scene, wherein the Ancient One hath been established upon the throne of His Great Name with majesty and glory.

O thou who hast turned towards Me, when thou hast drunk the choice wine which hath flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O Creator of the worlds, for having remembered me in the prison when I was in the hands of the wicked ones!"

BH07748: The Supreme Pen hath testified concerning the people…

In the Name of Him Who is the Most Exalted above all who are in earth and heaven!

The Supreme Pen hath testified concerning the people of Baha that they are of the company of the Crimson Ark which hath been mentioned in the Tablets from God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Blessed is he who is adorned with this robe which, by My life, shall never wear out but shall endure as long as God, the Almighty, the All-Chosen, and the Ancient of Days, endureth. Through you hath the countenance of the world been illumined, and what is required of you is steadfastness in My love and My Cause, while what is incumbent upon Me transcendeth all thoughts. Be ye as behoveth this station. Thus doth the Lord of all beings command you.

Man is he who hath known the All-Merciful, and whoso is deprived thereof is accounted in the Mother Book as more abject than the brute. How many an ascetic hath remained remote from attaining His presence, and how many hath deprived himself of drinking the wine of reunion. Thus doth God do what He pleaseth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

BH07863: This is a Book known by the One Who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a Book known by the One Who Subsisteth to him who hath believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

O people! Answer Him Who summoneth you unto God, the Lord Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Nothing whatsoever deterreth Him from God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. He calleth the peoples unto God, the Sovereign of eternity, though the kings oppose Him. Blessed is the king who hath attained unto this Day and hath cast away kingship, turning unto the Kingdom. By My life! He is, in the sight of the Truth, the Knower of things unseen, among the most exalted of all created things.

Aid ye your Lord through utterance. Beware lest veils and allusions hold you back from this straight Path. Grieve not over the world and what transpireth therein. It shall pass away more swiftly than a moment, and that which hath been ordained by God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, shall endure. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the denial of them that are veiled shall not deter thee, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the God of the seen and the unseen!

BH07676: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest the lamentation of Thy servants and the cries of Thy loved ones, and beholdest them in the hands of those who have denied Thy signs, turned away from Thy countenance, kept far from Thy nearness, and rejected Thy manifestation in the Manifestation of Thyself

and the dawning of Thy light from the Dayspring of Thy oneness. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the Word through which the tongue of Thy Command hath spoken in praise of Thyself, and through which the sweet savors of Thy bounty have wafted among Thy creatures, to ordain for Thy chosen ones that which will solace their eyes, tranquilize their souls, and cause their spirits to soar in the atmosphere of Thy knowledge. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. O my Lord! Thou seest that the Dawning-Place of Thy signs in this Prison maketh mention of one of Thy handmaidens, and this is due solely to her having turned toward the direction of Thy bestowals. O my Lord! Aid her to stand firm in the Most Great Steadfastness. Thou, verily, ordainest whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

BH07481: Hearken thou unto My call from the horizon…

He is the Glory of Glories!

Hearken thou unto My call from the horizon of My prison in the midst of Mine adversaries: "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful". He hath truly hearkened unto the divine verses who ariseth to perform that which befitteth him. Many are the souls who have listened, but are not accounted by the Almighty as having heard. True listening consisteth in man's first perceiving with the ear of his spirit the call of the All-Merciful, and then remaining so steadfast in observing the divine precept and command that were he to witness from the peoples of the world naught save denial, enmity, and rejection, he would in no wise be deflected from walking in the Straight Path of God. Well is it with them that attain!

O maidservant of God! Render thanks unto the One Beloved for having adorned thee with the wondrous ornament of His remembrance, and for having assisted thee to recognize the Supernal Beauty. Please God, thou wilt, through His bestowal, be illumined in these days of the All-Glorious by the effulgence of His countenance, and rejoice at that to which thou hast attained.

The Glory of God rest upon you, O ye My maidservants.

BH07883: This is the Tablet of Ridvan which We have…

He is Most Holy, Most Glorious

This is the Tablet of Ridvan which We have sent unto thee that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord at eventide and at dawn. Follow thou the ways and paths of God as revealed in the Tablets. Let nothing hinder thee from what God, the Lord of all men, hath purposed. It behooveth every soul to make his desire that which his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, hath desired.

Those who follow vain imaginings are in doubt and hypocrisy. Blessed is the strong one who hath rent asunder the veils and cast behind him idle fancies. Say: This is the Sun of certitude which hath dawned from the manifest horizon. After its rising, is doubt befitting? Nay, by Him Who raineth down from the clouds! Those who have doubted are encompassed by veils. Soon shall they lament over themselves and say:

"Woe unto us for what we have neglected towards God, the Revealer of verses!"

Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been mentioned before the Throne and for having attained the Tablet of thy Lord while it was in the hands of the wicked ones.

BH07872: This Tablet is from the presence of the Qayyum…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This Tablet is from the presence of the Qayyum unto them that have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that the wine of divine knowledge may draw them to itself in the days of the All-Merciful and cause them to speak forth His mention amidst the concourse of all worlds. Well is it with the people who understand.

It behooveth every soul to be eloquent in the praise of his Lord and to make mention of this Remembrance through which the faces of them that have turned unto God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved, have been illumined.

Grieve thou not over anything. Verily thy Lord is with them that have turned unto His Countenance. Soon shall they find themselves in the most exalted station, a station that is praiseworthy indeed.

Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy. He, verily, aideth whom He willeth through a sovereignty from His presence. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

When thou findest the sweetness of remembrance, turn thy face toward God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Unto Thee be glory and praise, O Thou Who art imprisoned! Thou art He at Whose afflictions the dwellers of the cities of Paradise have wept, and the honored servants of God have been sorely troubled.

BH07504: O Ramadan! Know thou that this name was derived…

He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious!

O Ramadan! Know thou that this name was derived from burning heat, for thus did We ordain. Therefore, it behooveth thee that thy thirst in My love be such that the oceans of the world cannot quench it.

When thou art enkindled with this fire and hearest the call of thy Chosen Lord, arise amidst the servants in such wise that through thy uprising all who are on earth shall arise to serve thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. This beseemeth thee and whosoever holdeth fast to this Great Name.

Say: The Promised One hath come, the Intended One hath appeared, and the proof hath been perfected, O heedless ones! Be thou of radiant countenance in the Cause of thy Lord, such that the cawing of the false ones who claim that which God hath not permitted them—these verily are the fabricators—shall not cause thee to waver.

Bear thou witness even as God hath testified that He is the Single One, the One, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for thee.

BH07796: The pen declareth: O handmaid of God! Praise be…

In the Name of the Friend

The pen declareth: O handmaid of God! Praise be to the Lord of nations that thou hast drunk the wine of recognition from the hand of the favors of the Most Great Name and art mentioned by His name among the handmaidens.

Let not the opposition of certain heedless souls sadden thee. Ere long shall the standards of the divine Cause be seen raised throughout all regions. On that day the tongues of all who dwell on earth shall speak forth in praise and glorification of those accepted souls who have today turned toward the court of the divine oneness, and with utmost remorse shall they make mention of these days.

Be thou occupied with the remembrance of God and be heedless of creation and all that pertaineth unto it. Drink thou the wine of the remembrance of the Beloved of the world and the King of days, in the nights and in the days. This wine of oneness increaseth consciousness and bestoweth existence and eternal life. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH07901: The Most Great, the Most Glorious. O My handmaiden!…

The Most Great, the Most Glorious. O My handmaiden! Remember thy Lord with this Most Great Remembrance.

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, my Lord and the Beloved of my heart, for having caused me to know Thee and for having turned me toward the sanctuary of Thy bestowals and given me to drink from the cup of Thy mercy and bounty, after I had been veiled from Thy beauty and far removed from the gardens of nearness unto Thee.

O Lord! I am one of Thy handmaidens who hath raised her hands toward the heaven of Thy gifts and turned with her heart to the sanctuary of Thy favors. I beseech Thee by Thy Name, He Who bore every affliction in Thy path and imprisoned Himself to manifest Thy Cause and exalt Thy sovereignty among the people of Thy realm, to make me one of the pure ones who have been set ablaze by the fire of Thy love and whose hearts have been consumed by the heat of Thy remembrance.

O Lord! Give me to drink, by the hand of Thy bounty, from Thy Most Great Ocean, by virtue of which whosoever partaketh thereof ariseth to sacrifice his spirit in Thy love and hasteneth to the field of martyrdom in his longing to attain Thy presence. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH07507: O ʿAli-Akbar! The Prisoner calls you from the Most…

In His Name, the One with power over all things!

O ʿAli-Akbar! The Prisoner calls you from the Most Great Horizon and summons you to God, the Lord of Names. Grieve not over anything. Be a servant of your Lord's Cause and one who speaks His praise in the evening and at dawn. He remembers whom He wishes through His sovereignty and aids those who have turned to His countenance with a power that none in all creation can frustrate.

Blessed is the soul that has held fast to the cord of the Cause and the heart that has turned to the Dawning-Place of splendor. Can anything prevent Him from what He desires? No, by His Will that has encompassed all horizons! Be attracted by the breezes of revelation and stand firm in such wise that bodies tremble therefrom. Thus has the ocean of favors surged and the winds of your Lord's mercy, the Mighty, the Bountiful, have stirred. God has forgiven your parents who have ascended unto Him. He is verily the Giver, the Most High, the Mighty, the Forgiving. They have attained unto the everlasting bounties in the Garden of Abha and have been united with the Most Great Sea in the most exalted station.

BH07859: This is a mention from Us to him who…

He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious

This is a mention from Us to him who heard the Call and said "Yea, O Lord of all beings!" Blessed is he who answered his Lord when He appeared from the horizon of the Command with the sovereignty of grandeur and majesty. The mountains have been scattered, and We see the people struck down from fear of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Compelling. Soon shall the believers behold the banners of victory, and the ungodly be in severe distress and agitation. Verily those who are heedless are in doubt and hypocrisy, and those who believe are in passionate attraction. Leave the mention of those on earth and hold fast to this Mention through which the clear proofs have shone forth. Thus doth thy Lord command thee while imprisoned in the most desolate of lands. Grieve not at anything, but trust at all times in thy Lord, the All-Merciful. He aideth whomsoever He willeth through the hosts of the unseen. He is indeed the One, the Helper. Be thou grateful that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne. He is indeed the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

BH07690: Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who hearest…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who hearest the cry of the oppressed in Thy days and the sighing of the lovers in their separation and remoteness from Thee! I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy verses, whereby all things were stirred and the Kingdom of Names was adorned, to ordain for everyone who hath turned towards Thee that which beseemeth the loftiness of Thy sovereignty and the sublimity of Thy power.

O Lord! Aid Thy male and female servants to remain steadfast in Thy love, and write down for them that which Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones who have desired naught except what Thou didst desire for them and have willed naught save what Thou hadst ordained for them.

O Lord! Thy generosity hath preceded all who are in existence and Thy mercy hath encompassed all who dwell in the realm of the seen and the unseen. Deprive not Thy servants of the ocean that hath appeared through Thy favors and surgeth through Thy gifts. Aid them to draw nigh unto Thee, detached from all else besides Thee.

Thou art He in Whose grasp is the reins of ordainment and in Whose right hand is the kingdom of destiny. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH07771: Every soul hath been promised this perspicuous Book. Yet…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Ancient

Every soul hath been promised this perspicuous Book. Yet when it was sent down in truth, every heedless one who was far removed turned away from it. Among the people were those who said “He has fabricated a lie against God,” and among them were those who said “He has appeared before the appointed time.” Thus did their souls delude them, and they were among the most lost. Say: This is the Cause through which God’s Command has been manifested throughout the ages, and this verily is His firm and impregnable wisdom. Whosoever clings to idle fancy, turning away from guidance, is truly among the perished ones. Say: The ocean lies before your faces—draw near to it and be not among the heedless ones. The Ancient Beauty hovers above your heads, calling you to God, if you be of them that hear. O people! Deprive not yourselves in these days of God. Arise to assist your Ancient Lord. He desires naught save to mention you for the sake of God—to this testifies every fair-minded and perceiving one. Thus have the verses been sent down and dispatched to you, that you might be among the thankful ones.

BH07500: O Jud [Javad]! Upon thee be the bounty…

O Jud [Javad]! Upon thee be the bounty of God and His grace, and the favor of God and His mercy! Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. Thou art he to whom the Supreme Pen hath borne witness from before the Lord of Names and the Creator of heaven. Thou hast endured exile and sorrows in the path of the All-Merciful. We beseech God to aid thee to attain unto such steadfastness as will cause the mountain of misbelief to be leveled thereby and the hearts of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Great, to be thunderstruck. We have concealed from thee what hath befallen Us in this land, lest thy heart be grieved thereby and thy inner being be saddened. And what thou hast seen of the Tablets is but little, very little. Trust in Him in all matters, then occupy thyself with that which thou hast been commanded. He is the Protector of whosoever turneth unto Him. He is with His sincere servants. The splendor which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Most Glorious be upon thee, O thou who gazeth toward the direction of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

BH07561: O leaf! God willing, mayest thou be ever fresh…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O leaf! God willing, mayest thou be ever fresh and verdant through the breezes of the mercy of the All-Merciful.

Thy letter was presented before the Countenance, but signs of grief were evident from it. These are not days of grief—be thou engaged in the remembrance of the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and fragrance. Forget not the divine counsels which thou didst hear face to face from the tongue of the Most Great Oneness, and speak not that which would cause the hearts of the servants to be consumed. Remember what God hath permitted thee, and mention not that which would sadden the hearts of them that have recognized Him.

Say: O handmaidens of God! This is the day of sanctification and detachment. Keep yourselves preserved beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree from selfish desires. We desire for you naught save that which will draw you nigh unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all the worlds. Convey Our greetings to the faces of those handmaidens who have believed in God and turned away from those who have denied the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

BH07681: Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Beloved…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Glory be unto Thee, O my God, my Beloved, and my Master! Thou seest how the Eye of Baha gazeth toward the horizon of Thy mercy and Thy loving-kindness, and his hand is raised unto the heaven of Thy bounty and Thy gifts, and his foot standeth firm in Thy Cause and in establishing Thy truth in Thy kingdom, and his tears flow forth by reason of what hath befallen him at the hands of the enemies of Thy Self and the oppressors among Thy creatures, and his sighs are raised up by what he hath witnessed and seen from those who have denied Thy signs. O Lord! Thou beholdest him a stranger in Thy lands, and a captive in Thy countries, and imprisoned among the idolaters.

I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the Pens, and the breezes of Thy mercy have wafted among all creation, and through which Thou hast caused the lovers to soar in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and Thy favors, and hast given the believers to drink of the Kawthar of Thy grace and Thy gifts, that Thou mayest send down upon Thy loved ones that which will tranquilize their hearts and illumine their faces.

Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Exalted, the Glorious, the All-Wise.

BH07454: I testify, O my God, to that whereunto Thy…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Most Great, the All-Powerful

I testify, O my God, to that whereunto Thy Self hath testified, that Thou art God and that there is none other God but Thee. From time immemorial Thou hast been in the heights of grandeur and exaltation with naught existing beside Thee, and unto eternity Thou shalt continue to be in the sublimity of might and sovereignty with nothing present before Thee. The atoms bear witness to Thy oneness, and all created things to Thy unity. Nothing can withstand what Thou hast willed by Thy sovereignty, nor can any matter render Thee powerless in Thy grandeur and might. Thou art the Self-Sufficient while all else are

destitute at the door of Thy bounty and feeble before the manifestations of Thy power. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast manifested Thy Cause amongst Thy creatures, that Thou aid Thy servants to draw nigh unto the ocean of Thy grace and bounty, and withhold them not from the expressions of Thy Lordship and the evidences of Thy favors in Thy lands. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Doer of whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH07487: The All-Glorious, the Most Pure

The All-Glorious, the Most Pure.

Verily, he who is prevented today from the Ark of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, is assuredly among those who are drowned. And for drowning there are diverse degrees: Among the people are those who are drowned in their hopes, and among them those in vain imaginings, and among them those in desire, and among them those in knowledge, and among them those in deeds. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, teach you. Verily, he who is prevented by his deeds from attaining his ultimate end is among the perished ones, for deeds are not accepted except through turning towards God. Whoso turneth towards Him, verily he hath performed what God hath desired, and whoso turneth away is among those who have forsaken Him.

And he who is prevented by his knowledge from the One known is among the ignorant ones. The All-Merciful beareth witness that he is drowned therein, and it profiteth him not on the Day of God, and he is among the abased ones. Blessed is the learned one who acteth according to what is commanded in the Book and attaineth unto the ocean of knowledge—verily, he is of the essence of creation before God, the Exalted, the Great. We have set forth in detail in the Tablet what We desired as a mercy from Us upon thee, that thou mayest be among the thankful ones.

BH07583: The Most Great, the Most Glorious. The verses are…

The Most Great, the Most Glorious. The verses are sent down from the presence of One mighty, wise. Verily it is the Lamp of God amidst all else. Turn unto it with your hearts, O ye who have advanced towards God.

Say: Verily these verses are sealed in this Most Holy, this mighty Manifestation. Whoso claimeth revelation after Him hath indeed lied against the Lord of Baha and this mighty Throne.

O people, dispute not concerning the Cause; rather gather ye upon the shore of this manifest ocean. Those whom heedlessness hath overtaken after the appearance of the Call are accounted among the heedless ones.

O servant, awaken those who slumber by this Name which God hath made to be sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Whoso hesitateth today regarding My Name, the Self-Subsisting, is indeed among the disappointed ones.

Say: Through Him the hidden was revealed and the treasured appeared, and the sealed wine was unsealed. Drink ye in the name of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great.

Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee as a grace from the presence of One knowing, powerful. Convey Our glorification unto thy family and give them the glad tidings of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH07642: The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! Glorified be…

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious! Glorified be He Who hath appeared with the truth with a sovereignty that was witnessed by all the worlds. Verily He speaketh in all things: "There is none other God but Me!" Thus was the Command inscribed in the Tablet.

When the spheres of thy Lord's will were set in motion and the Beloved appeared, he who was deprived of fairness turned away from Him. By My life! Everyone possessed of the sense of smell hath found the fragrance of the All-Merciful, and everyone possessed of hearing hath heard His Call which was raised in truth.

O My loved ones! Stand firm in the Cause with such steadfastness as will cause the hearts of them that have denied God and His signs, which were sent down from the heaven of revelation, to quake.

Blessed is he who hath arisen amidst all contingent beings and, in the name of his Lord, the All-Merciful, hath taken the living waters and given to drink the crimson wine unto them that have recognized the unity of God from among the people of Baha, and unto the sincere ones from the drops that have trickled from the ocean of the will of the Lord of Names. Thus have We adorned the horizon of utterance with a luminary that was visible in the days of God.

BH07646: Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses unto…

In His Name Who abideth after the passing of all things!

Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses unto people who understand. Verily there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all are submissive unto Him. Hearken thou to the Call from the Divine Lote-Tree, that it may draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt testify with thy heart and tongue that there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. This is a Cause before which necks have bowed down in submission, and a Manifestation before Whose countenance the Daysprings of Revelation, in what was and what shall be, have prostrated themselves. This is a glory that no abasement can approach, even shouldst thou behold it imprisoned in this mighty fortress. Verily this glory of God hath shone forth from the horizon of the prison with such sovereignty that before it can stand neither the hosts of creation nor the might of any rejected oppressor. Blessed are they who have soared in the atmosphere of the All-Merciful's love and have quaffed this sealed wine. Be thou a servant of thy Lord's Cause and one who speaketh His praiseworthy remembrance. That which is visible shall pass away, and there shall endure for thee what We have ordained in a preserved Tablet.

BH07670: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest me…

In His Name, the Everlasting, the Eternal!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest me in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the nations have wrought. I beseech Thee, O Master of eternity, to bless the throne of the world through the Dawning-Place of Thy justice and the Dayspring of the Sun of Thy grace, that thereby all who dwell in existence, both seen and unseen, may be illumined. O Lord! Deprive not Thy servants of the fragrances of Thy grace in Thy days. Then make them to know the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Seat of Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power through Thy sovereignty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Lord! Thou knowest that the Tree loveth its branches and twigs purely for Thy sake. I beseech Thee to preserve it from stormy winds, and to move it, O my God, by the breezes of Thy Will and the fragrances of Thy Purpose, that through it the fragrance of Thy mercy may be diffused throughout Thy lands and the sweet perfume of the robe of Thy favors throughout Thy dominion. Verily Thou art the Protector of all things and the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH07720: The Most Great, the Most Holy be upon thee…

The Most Great, the Most Holy be upon thee, O thou bearer of tribulations and exile in the path of God, the Lord of Names, and imprisoned because thou didst turn away from the wicked, facing toward God, the Creator of heaven. The splendor of thy Lord be upon thee, and the splendor of those in the Concourse on High, and the splendor which none hath known save God, the Lord of the Last and the First.

Upon thee, O Dayspring of faithfulness, be the glory of God and His praise, and the remembrance of those in the kingdom of His Cause. I testify that ye have borne for God's sake what none hath borne save whom He willeth. Sufficient unto you is that which His Most Exalted Pen hath moved to mention and praise you.

The fruits shall all perish save the fruits of your mention, and the trees shall all be uprooted save the trees of your being, and the stars shall all set save the stars of your faces, and the eyes shall all be blinded save the eyes of your recognition, and all the edifices of conjecture shall crumble while that which was built by your certitude shall endure.

Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto you and holdeth fast unto you out of love for God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH07832: How many a darkness hath been illumined…

In His Name, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Unconstrained!

How many a darkness hath been illumined by the splendors of the Countenance, and how many a light hath been veiled through following its desires! Verily, He Who changeth not is the One in Essence, and all else changeth. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Chosen. We have lifted the veil from the face of this Cause in

this Revelation whereby the idols have been shattered. How many a name have We raised up at eventide and cast down at dawn! Can power be withheld from Him? Nay, by His sovereignty that encompasseth the worlds! He giveth and taketh away even as He quickeneth and causeth to die. None may hesitate in His Cause, and whoso hesitateth is of them that are lost. O people! Ponder the signs and sovereignty of God, and follow not every heedless doubter. Say: Knowledge is not what ye possess. Blessed is he who hath forsaken it, turning unto the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Thus have We adorned thee with the two wings of wisdom and utterance that thou mayest soar therewith unto the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH07884: Do you see what has passed, and do you…

In His Name, the All-Encompassing over all names!

Do you see what has passed, and do you find what has vanished? I know not why men grieve. Take heed, O possessors of understanding! Do you desire fidelity to that which perishes? Those who have deprived themselves of the Divine Presence have indeed suffered loss, after the Living Waters flowed from the finger of their Lord, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. Beware lest the clamor of the wrongdoers prevent you. Draw near unto God through this Name which hath come from the heaven of Command with the kingdom of verses. Is there any doubt about His sovereignty, or about His power which hath encompassed existence? Reflect, O ye possessed of insight! How many were the servants who lamented in separation when the Orb of the horizons shone forth on the Day of the Covenant, and denied the Lord of Lords! Among them was he who said “This is not the Promised One.” Say: By this all existence doth curse thee! By God, He is indeed the One intended, through Whom the Tablets were adorned. Thus have We revealed unto thee and caused to shine upon thee from the horizon of the Pen that which will draw thee near unto God, the Lord of all nations, that thou mayest remember Him at eventide and at dawn.

BH11826: A Remembrance for one who has attained unto My…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A Remembrance for one who has attained unto My days and turned towards My direction and uttered My praise, that he may rejoice in the bounties of his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Blessed is he whose mention hath moved the Most Exalted Pen and whose name hath been uttered by the Tongue of Grandeur and Majesty. He is assuredly of the people of Baha in the presence of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Blessed art thou, O servant, inasmuch as thou hast quaffed the choice wine of utterance in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and hast turned thy face toward the Most Great Prospect and heard the Call when it was raised in truth between the heavens and the earth. Put aside the cups of creation and take this luminous cup in the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, then drink from it the most pure wine once again. Thus doth thy Lord command thee as He sitteth upon the throne with manifest sovereignty. By My life! Whoso drinketh thereof, the allusions of creation shall not grieve him, nor shall the utterances of those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, prevent him. Thus have We singled thee out for this bounty which hath encompassed the worlds.

BH08497: O my God! Illumine the eyes of hearts…

He is the All-Glorious, the All-Glorious

O my God! Illumine the eyes of hearts with the light of Thy countenance, O Thou the Beloved of those who dwell in the earth and the heavens! Then make Thy servants so steadfast that no veils shall prevent them from turning toward the horizon of Thy Name, the All-Bestowing.

How many servants, O my God, have sought the Desired One but failed to reach Him through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought. O Lord! Ordain for every soul who turns toward Thee that which Thou hast ordained for those who have attained Thy presence, visited Thy Beauty, and heard Thy verses after ears were forbidden from hearing them.

Thou seest, O my God, what I have borne for the liberation and salvation of Thy servants. I beseech Thee by Thy Most Great Name to draw them nigh unto what Thou hast desired for them through Thy bounty and favor. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Then write down for each one of them the good of this world and the next. I testify that within Thy grasp lies the kingdom of all things and in Thy right hand the empire of might.

BH08327: Verily Jamal hath advanced from among those who dwell…

He is the Most Ancient of the Most Ancient

Verily Jamal hath advanced from among those who dwell in the Kingdom of Glory, even though He appeared later in manifestation. Verily, He is the Ever-Abiding, the Ancient of Days. He was first in the unseen and last in the visible realm, that the word might be fulfilled that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, and that He encompasseth all things. Say: Were He to pronounce darkness to be light, or light to be darkness, none hath the right to object. Whoso objecteth or hesitateth is among the most lost. Say: Faith is to accept whatsoever hath flowed from the Pen of Revelation. Thus hath it been ordained by the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: O people! Look not upon your own conditions, but upon the condition of God, if ye be of them that know. Turn not to your own desires, but to that which the Purpose of the worlds hath desired. Thus hath the Supreme Pen spoken, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be of the thankful ones.

BH08581: O Pen! Make mention of him who has turned…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

O Pen! Make mention of him who has turned to the Dawning-Place of Eternity, that the fragrances of the Lord of nations may attract him on this Day wherein the Spirit has been diffused and bodies have taken flight, and bring him to a station wherein all mention is cut off. Rejoice in My remembrance of thee, then illumine thy heart with this Name through which hearts have been turned unto God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

Whoso fulfilleth God's covenant, verily he is of the people of Baha, and he who breaketh it hath this day no protector before Us. Blessed is the face that hath been illumined by the dawning-rays of the Countenance, and the heart that hath been made radiant by the Dayspring of lights.

Say: Through the mention of Truth are revealed the stations of creation. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Tablets. Through piety doth the light of Baha appear—hold fast unto it, O concourse of companions!

Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in God in all circumstances. Verily He is with those who have turned unto the Dawning-Place of inspiration.

BH08057: O Jafar! Have you paused after the Spirit hastened…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

O Jafar! Have you paused after the Spirit hastened to the Dawning-place of the verses of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing? This is the Day whereon the Rock crieth out with the loudest voice:

> "Hasten with your hearts to the direction of the Beloved, O ye who are endued with understanding!"

If thou fearest for thy belief, preserve this Tablet. When thou art questioned in the presence of the Ancient One concerning belief in this Most Great Name, bring it forth saying:

> "By this Book which hath dawned from the horizon of the All-Knowing One, Who hath appeared with power and sovereignty."

Raise thy right foot, say "In the Name of God and by God," then enter through the door with thy Lord's leave, the Mighty, the Bestower. Say: "O my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me turn towards Thee and for having caused me to know the Purpose of all who are in the heavens and on earth."

Verily, We perceive the fragrance of certitude from thy house—is it thee or another? Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the Concealer.

BH08046: The Beloved calls out: O people of the realm…

He is the Most Great, the Most Exalted

The Beloved calls out: O people of the realm of existence! Hasten with your hearts to the sanctuary of your Lord's mercy, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the Luminous. Grieve not for what has befallen you in the path of God. Soon will come the day of victory, and the sincere shall be in manifest joy. Those who doubted are wandering in the wilderness of heedlessness. Those who turned to Him have attained the lights of certitude. Blessed is he whom the attraction of the Almighty has seized, who has taken the cup of love from the fingers of the Chosen One, who has drunk and said: "Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!" How many a learned one has stood at the gate, and how many an ignorant one has rent asunder the veils and entered the House through My Name, the Mighty, the Wise. Verily he is among the people of knowledge in the presence of the All-Knowing. His mention has been inscribed in a preserved Tablet.

We have sent thee that which will gladden thee in My days and cause thee to remember thy Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH08426: Grieve not over what hath come to pass. Should…

Grieve not over what hath come to pass. Should He wish it, He would transform hardship into ease and ordain whatsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Be not saddened by what hath occurred. Loss in this world and the next shall return to the treacherous souls, and continueth to do so. That which they have taken shall profit them not; rather, humiliation shall descend upon them in this world and in the next, and a grievous chastisement shall afflict them. Be thou occupied at all times with the remembrance of the All-Merciful, and strive in outward matters according to thy capacity. This is thy duty, and thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is the Ruler over what He willeth. Praise God that thou art mentioned in the Most Great Scene and art remembered in the Most Luminous Presence. And the glory rest upon thee.

Convey sublime greetings to his honor Nasir, whom God hath aided. God willing, may he ever drink from the cup of nearness to the Lord of Majesty and be sustained by the goodly fruits of remembrance.

BH08016: My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee…

He is God, the One, the Single One!

My God, my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to dwell in the land of exile and left me in the hands of the oppressors. And thanks be unto Thee for having enabled me to voice Thy praise while I was in the midst of the wicked ones. O my Lord! Thou seest me and my family among those who have found not the fragrance of justice, and at all times there befalleth us from them that which hath not befallen any other in the world. The weakest of servants hath risen against us, and he who was more contemptible than dust hath opposed us. For this do I thank Thee, O Thou Lord of those who know! Enable Thy loved ones, O my God, to be patient in Thy path and steadfast in Thy love. Verily, Thou art powerful over all things. Then write down for them that which will draw them nigh unto the sanctuary of Thy holiness, and send down upon them that which will preserve them from the promptings of the ungodly among Thy creation. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH08320: The Most Ancient, the Most Great

The Most Ancient, the Most Great.

We have sent unto thee a breath of holiness from this Garment which hath been crimsoned with the blood of Baha through that which the hands of the wicked have wrought, they who have disbelieved in God, the Revealer of verses. Blessed is he who hath inhaled its fragrance and turned unto it with his heart. He is, verily, of the righteous. The denizens of the Supreme Paradise make mention of him, and upon him do the angels and the Spirit shower their prayers, from the presence of the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. O servants of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto the call of God from this Quarter from which hath shone forth the Sun of certitude. Beware lest anything withhold you from God, the Creator of all possibilities. Leave those who have disbelieved to their vain disputations, and take firm hold of this Cord

whereby all religions have been strengthened. They who have turned away, these are the companions of error, and they who have turned towards it, these are in a state of joy and delight. Ask ye God to aid you in His Cause and to ordain for you that which will gladden the hearts and solace the eyes.

BH08161: Jim. Vav. Hearken unto the Call from the Alif…

He is Sanctified from all mention

Jim. Vav. Hearken unto the Call from the Alif standing between the two Vav's! Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Let not the words of those who have turned away grieve thee, nor the veils of the heedless. Aid thy Lord under all conditions. Verily, He is with His remembering servants. Grieve not for him who hath ascended unto God. Verily, he is in the Most Glorious Horizon, as attested by My Most Exalted Pen, through which every wondrous command hath been adorned. We have abbreviated the Tablet, and shall send unto thee afterward that which shall gladden the hearts of them that are endued with understanding. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones and unto those who have held fast to the cord of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. They are amongst the people of Baha in the Tablet of Eternity—the Lord of Names maketh mention of them from this resplendent Dawning-Place. And the Glory be upon thy son and upon those who are with thee from among the people of this mighty Paradise.

BH08253: O Lord my God! Thou seest that one…

In the name of God, the Most Glorious

O Lord my God! Thou seest that one of Thy maidservants hath turned unto the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy loving-kindness, and hath acknowledged Thy unity and confessed Thy oneness. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of earth and heaven, to ordain for her that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who circle round the sanctuary of Thy presence and are blessed by gazing upon Thy beauty. O Lord! Decree for her that which shall gladden her eyes, then shelter her within the pavilion of Thy protection and the tabernacle of Thy safekeeping. Verily, Thou art the Generous One, possessed of the Most Great Name. Look upon her with the eyes of Thy mercy and illumine her heart with the light of Thy knowledge, in such wise that nothing shall prevent her from turning toward the court of Thy bounties. O Lord! Since she hath laid hold on the cord of Thy grace, do not, through Thy bounty, deprive her. Deal with her according to that which befitteth Thy majesty and beneficence. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

BH08336: He hath [released] the garment of the body…

In the Name of God, the Most Great

He hath [released] the garment of the body from prison, and renewed the spirit with the adorning of remembrance. Take heed, O ye who are endowed with insight! Say: Tribulation is an ornament of the Glory in the path of God, the Lord of Names. Know this, O ye who are endowed with vision! Do the threats of monarchs frighten Him? Nay, by the Lord of all religions! The more tribulation increased, the more did the Glory increase in the love of God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Blessed is he who hath lit the

lamp of the heart with the oil of remembrance of the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. By My life! The heart of the Glory rejoiceth in what hath befallen Him of tribulation in the love of God, the Creator of earth and heaven. This beseemeth every seeker who hath turned to the Dawning-Place of lights. Arise to remember thy Lord and say: By God! The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bountiful hath come, riding upon the clouds. May the Glory rest upon thee and upon every steadfast believer.

BH08464: In the Name of God, the Most Holy…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious! This is a Book from the Lord of Names to him who hath hearkened unto the Call of his Lord and responded, that he may rejoice in God's remembrance of him and stand firm in the Cause in such wise that the hosts of the oppressors shall not frighten him.

O thou servant who hast turned unto God! Wert thou to taste the sweetness of the remembrance of God, thou wouldst assuredly detach thyself from all that was and is, speaking forth the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, amidst all creation. This, verily, is a certain truth. They who have heard with the ear of the heart have soared in the atmosphere of longing and yearning—to their acceptance testifieth the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Can anyone be sorrowful after the Sun of Joy hath dawned from the horizon of the Command of his Lord, the Gracious, the Bountiful? Rejoice ye in this Name! By God, through it have the horizons been perfumed, would ye but know. Through it hath God distinguished between His servants. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Take thou the cup of utterance in My Name, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom through this wise remembrance.

BH08011: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto…

In the Name of my Lord, the Lord of all worlds!

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the robe of faith in the days of the All-Merciful and hast been nourished by God's everlasting bounty which, in its primal reality, is the mention of the Truth. Well is it with them that have attained thereunto, and blessed are they that have recognized it. God willing, thou shalt ever drink from the Kawthar of the All-Merciful's praise and the choice wine of irfan of the Eternal Lord, and shalt at all times and seasons be occupied with the mention of the Beloved of all worlds. This is the treasure that hath not perished nor will ever perish; it shall endure through the eternality of God. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this manifest grace.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me to know Thy Self and for not depriving me of the fragrances of the robe of Thy grace in Thy days. My Lord! Number me and my son among those who have attained unto that which Thou didst desire on the day of Thy rising to establish Thy Cause. Then assist those who have been heedless of Thy remembrance to turn unto Thee. Verily, Thou art the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH08347: Oppression hath appeared on all sides. Where are…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Oppression hath appeared on all sides. Where are the avenging swords, O Avenger of the worlds? The Ancient Beauty hath been imprisoned in the white dome through the acts committed by the hands of the wicked ones. Where are the manifestations of Thy bestowals, O Sovereign of the worlds?

I beseech Thee, O Creator of heaven and Lord of all names, to aid Thy servants who have turned unto Thee and have set their faces toward the court of Thy grace. Withhold them not from the stream of Thy Cause and the spring of Thy love. O Lord! Thou art He unto Whose sovereignty and power all things testify, and Whose grandeur and transcendence every tongue doth proclaim. Ordain for us that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, who were not kept back by worldly affairs from Thy path, O Lord of creation, and who remained steadfast in Thy Cause and voiced Thy praise until they attained martyrdom in Thy path, O Lord of the worlds.

O handmaiden of God! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath testified concerning His Own Self by His Own Self, that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come with the truth is indeed He Who was hidden within the treasuries of protection and inscribed in the holy scrolls. Through Him hath every seeker attained his goal and every aspirant his desire, and through Him were loosened the tongues of all created things proclaiming: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Revealer of verses.” Give thanks, for thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne, and there hath been sent down for thee that which hath caused the mountain peaks to soar unto God, the Manifest One. Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness. Thus doth the Lord of all creation command thee.

BH08265: Praised be Thou, O my God! This servant…

He is the Most Mighty of the Mighty

Praised be Thou, O my God! This servant of Thine testifieth that naught else except Thee can ever express Thee, nor canst Thou be described by any one save Thyself. The thoughts of them that have recognized Thy reality, however much they may ascend towards the heaven of Thy praise, can never hope to pass beyond the bounds which, by Thy behest and decree, have been fixed within their own hearts. How can the creature who is as nothing comprehend Him Who is the Ancient of Days, or succeed in describing the full measure of His sovereignty, His glory, and His grandeur? Nay, and to this Thou Thyself dost witness, O Thou Who art the Governor of nations! Every created thing hath recognized its own impotence, and the power of Thy might, and hath confessed its own abasement and Thy great glory.

I beseech Thee by Thy Lastness which is the same as Thy Firstness, and by Thy Revelation which is identical with Thy Concealment, to grant that they who are dear to Thee, and their children, and their kindred, may become the revealers of Thy purity amidst Thy creatures, and the manifestations of Thy sanctity amongst Thy servants.

Thou art, verily, powerful to do Thy pleasure. Thou art, in truth, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

BH08248: The All-Glorious, the Most High, the Most Splendid

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Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest me in the hands of those who have denied Thy mighty signs, who have turned away from the Dawning-Place of Thy most excellent names, and who have opposed Him through Whom Thou didst create earth and heaven. By Thy glory, O my God! Were I not to look upon Thy name, the All-Merciful, I would speak a word that would cause the heavens of existence to be rent asunder. But how can this be after I witness the waves of the ocean of Thy generosity and favors, and the breezes of the winds of Thy grace and bounties? O Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which none hath known save Thine own Self, the All-Knowing, to raise up through Thy sovereignty one who will arise to aid Thy Cause, to exalt Thy Word, and to manifest Thy dominion amongst Thy creatures. O Lord! Thou seest the weakness of Thy loved ones, even after they have acknowledged that Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful. Therefore reveal unto them from the horizon of power that which will assure their hearts and attract the minds of them that have recognized Thee.

BH08561: O servant! Give thanks to God thy Lord…

O servant! Give thanks to God thy Lord, for thy name hath been brought into His presence and the gaze of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath been directed towards thee. Didst thou but know the station of this place, thou wouldst soar with longing and cry out with this Name amongst the worlds.

When We commanded the people to wisdom, We concealed from them certain stations lest the fire of yearning wrest from their hands the reins of choice. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

Remember God thy Lord, then thank Him for having sent down unto thee that whereby thy mention shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

O My loved ones! Rejoice in My Name, then make mention of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Be not grieved by those who have turned away. God shall soon seize them with a mighty wrath from His presence. Verily He destroyed the generations of old and shall exalt your names in truth. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Mighty.

BH08111: O handmaiden of God! Praise the Beloved…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O handmaiden of God! Praise the Beloved of the worlds that through His grace you have entered the Divine Law and attained the outpourings of the All-Merciful which have been sent down from the heaven of will. Blessed art thou and blessed are those men and women who have attained. Your mention was made at the Divine Throne and this Tablet, which is the dawning-place of divine favors, was revealed and specifically sent to that handmaiden, that she might inhale the sweet fragrance of the All-Merciful from this spiritual Tablet and with complete love become occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation. Know ye the value of these days and the favors dawning from the horizon of grace, for their like

hath not appeared in creation. God willing, drink ye forever and eternally from the cup of steadfastness and remain free and detached from the mention of aught else but the Friend. The glory be upon you, O My handmaidens.

BH08494: O My Name! Well have you called upon God…

O My Name! Well have you called upon God, your Lord and the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to cause you to speak His mention at all times and to assist through you those who have turned to His countenance in accordance with what He loves and is pleased with.

O My Name! You have become aware of a drop from the ocean of My grief and what has befallen Me from those possessed of hatred. Soon there shall appear in the city that which was sent down in the Tablets. Your Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

What has befallen Me cannot be mentioned in utterance nor can the pen of possibility flow upon it. Call upon your Lord that He may deliver Me from the wrongdoers. All joy is a sacrifice for My grief, all rest is a sacrifice for My hardship, and all laughter is a sacrifice for My weeping, by virtue of what has befallen Me in the path of God, the Master of the Day of Judgment.

Indeed, mercy and glory be upon you and upon those who are with you there. Give them glad tidings through the mention of My Name, the Wronged One, the Unique One.

BH08187: A mention from Us to him who hath cast…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to him who hath cast away vain imaginings and taken that which shone forth with the light of certitude, that the breath of God might pass over him from this exalted horizon. We have seized the spirits by a word from Us, then given them life. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Look not at those who have disbelieved and what they possess, but look at Him Who, at the center of tribulation, summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Those who have turned away are in manifest error, and those who have hesitated are wandering distraught in the wilderness of doubt. Say: O people! The Self-Subsisting hath come, and this Day is God's, the Mighty, the Praised. Cast away what ye possess and turn unto the Singular, the All-Informed. On this Day, no soul's belief shall profit it except after its acceptance. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a preserved Tablet. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee, that thou mayest be of those who are assured.

BH08137: O Hadi! God willing, mayest thou be guided…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O Hadi! God willing, mayest thou be guided by the light of guidance which hath risen and shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of God's Will. O Hadi! Sever the cord of relationship with creation and hold fast unto the cord of relationship with God. The glance of His favor hath been directed towards thee—fix thine eyes upon it and turn away from all else. Drink of the wine of divine knowledge through

the splendors of His divine countenance, and becoming intoxicated with this spiritual wine, speak forth with utmost longing in the gathering of the lovers in praise of the Day-Star of the horizons. With thine own eye of insight, gaze upon the Sun of Truth, that thou mayest perchance be illumined by its rays which today shine forth from the horizon of the prison, and mayest say with all thy being:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast caused me to know Thyself while I was imprisoned by the hands of the idolaters. I am content, O my God, with the cord of relationship with Thee, having severed myself from relationship with every idolater who turneth away from Thy luminous beauty."

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BH08234: The Most Great, the Most Glorious!

The Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and made them clear evidences for those who have turned toward the Face and said: "We believe in Thee, O Thou around Whom circle the proofs!" We testify that through Thee the proof hath been completed, and the evidence and argument circle at all times around the Glorious One.

O Hadi! Hearken unto the call from the Tree which hath been raised up in the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious:

> "Verily, there is none other God but I, the Almighty, the Unconstrained!"

Grieve not at what hath befallen thee. Be content with what God hath pleased and what He hath decreed in the Book. Turn with thy whole being unto God. Beware lest there appear from thee that which beseemeth not thy connection to Our Name through which We have delivered the Cause throughout the lands. Acquire My manners and My characteristics. By My life! Ye are under the gaze of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. It behoveth all to honor and exalt you purely for the sake of God, the Originator of creation. The glory be upon you from the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

BH08239: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth and the dwellers of the cities of creation were struck with terror, to protect Thy male and female servants beneath the shadow of Thy grace and favors, lest their desires prevent them from turning towards the Kaaba of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration. Then ordain for each one of them that which befitteth Thy presence in Thy days and beseemeth Thy sovereignty. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. Verily, Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O Lord! Have mercy upon every maidservant who hath turned unto Thee, heard Thy call, and responded to the Manifestation of Thy Self. Then write down for her what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones and Thy loved ones. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty.

Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy command and decreest what Thou desirest by Thy sovereignty. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH08189: A mention from Us unto those whom God hath…

In the Name of God, the Possessor of all things!

A mention from Us unto those whom God hath related to him who attained My presence, appeared before My throne, heard My call, and spoke My praise amongst My creatures, that they may be assured that He is verily the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He ordaineth what He willeth for whomsoever He pleaseth, and remembereth whom He desireth in His mighty, impregnable and wondrous Book. Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned by the Pen through which every wise command hath been revealed.

Grieve not for your brother, for he is in great joy. Rather, grief is for those who followed their desires in this world—they are indeed among the perishing ones. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through God's might and power, in such wise that the utterance of no expounder nor the mention of any who make mention shall cause thee to slip. Thus hath thy Lord, the Ancient One, commanded thee.

The glory be upon you from the presence of One mighty and wise.

BH08304: Glorified be He Who hath ordained for His servant…

He is the Almighty

Glorified be He Who hath ordained for His servant such tribulations as none in all the worlds hath been decreed. He hath passed judgment upon Us as hath not been passed in the empire of the highest heavens. Twenty years have elapsed, and We have not found a moment of security. Each day renewed tribulations have descended upon Us, and thou thyself art witness to what I say. Each time I raised my head from my bed in the morning, I beheld a fresh calamity, as though it had lain in wait through the night until I should arise. Such was ordained in the preserved Tablets of imperishable holiness.

I thank Thee, O my God, for all of this with every truthful and mighty tongue. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made us the targets of Thy decree. Verily Thou art the Well-Beloved in all that Thou desirest. And the Spirit be upon Thee and upon whosoever remembereth this Lonely One in his remote exile. 152

BH08242: Praise be to Thee, O Lord my God! I…

Praise be to Thee, O Lord my God! I implore Thee, by Thy Name which none hath befittingly recognized, and whose import no soul hath fathomed; I beseech Thee, by Him Who is the Fountain-Head of Thy Revelation and the Day-Spring of Thy signs, to make my heart to be a receptacle of Thy love and of

remembrance of Thee. Knit it, then, to Thy most great Ocean, that from it may flow out the living waters of Thy wisdom and the crystal streams of Thy glorification and praise.

The limbs of my body testify to Thy unity, and the hair of my head declareth the power of Thy sovereignty and might. I have stood at the door of Thy grace with utter self-effacement and complete abnegation, and clung to the hem of Thy bounty, and fixed mine eyes upon the horizon of Thy gifts.

Do Thou destine for me, O my God, what becometh the greatness of Thy majesty, and assist me, by Thy strengthening grace, so to teach Thy Cause that the dead may speed out of their sepulchers, and rush forth towards Thee, trusting wholly in Thee, and fixing their gaze upon the orient of Thy Cause, and the dawning-place of Thy Revelation.

Thou, verily, art the Most Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08254: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Thy…

In His Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Great!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Thy servants in the hands of those who have forgotten Thy remembrance and have removed themselves from the shore of Thy nearness, and Thou hearest the sighing of Thy loved ones in Thy lands and the cry of Thy chosen ones in Thy realms. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast gained ascendancy over all else, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace that which will purify Thy servants from the dross of self and passion, that all may turn toward the direction of Thy favors and face the Dayspring of Thy signs. O Lord! Aid Thy servants to recognize Thy Self and that which Thou hast willed through Thy power and sovereignty. Then enable them to act in accordance with what Thou hast commanded them in Thy Scriptures and Thy Tablets. Verily Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over whatsoever Thou hast willed and will ever be even as Thou hast been from time immemorial. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Powerful, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH08262: The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Glorified art Thou…

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious! Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Thy chosen servants in the hands of the wicked ones who have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs. O Thou in Whose hands is the kingdom of names! Thou hearest, O my God, the cry of them that cry out in their separation from Thee, and the lamentation of them that yearn for Thee in Thy lands.

Such is the extent of oppression that whenever anyone seeketh Thy presence, he is prevented from attaining unto the court of Thy mighty oneness, and whenever a soul turneth toward Thee, he is cast out by the idolaters who have denied the Manifestation of Thy Self.

I beseech Thee, O God of Names and Creator of heaven, to send down upon them that which will gladden their hearts and give peace to their beings. Thou knowest that the fire of separation cannot be quenched save by the waters of Thy reunion and presence, and their agitation cannot be stilled except by beholding Thy beauty.

I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty established upon the throne to open before their faces, through Thy power, the gates of Thy presence, then cause them to enter before Thy countenance. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH08462: This is a Book for whosoever hath turned unto…

He is the Rememberer and the Remembered!

This is a Book for whosoever hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Behold naught save My luminous and exalted Beauty, and utter naught save My praise, if thou be of them that know. Praise beseemeth the Lord of Names, and remembrance this Supreme Remembrance, and tribulation the Dayspring of Decree—verily this resplendent Horizon.

Beware, O My loved ones, lest ye exchange that which ye possess for that which hath been ordained in the worlds. The love of God is greater than every good and more glorious than whatsoever hath been created on earth. Preserve it through My Name, the Mighty, the Wise.

Be ye brethren of purity amidst the concourse of creation and companions of fidelity in this manifest Cause. Ye are the mirrors of My attributes—polish your hearts from the rust of vain imaginings. Thus doth the Lord of all men command you, and He is the Commander, the All-Knowing.

Blessed is he who hath known My Self in My days and heard My call from this noble Prospect.

BH08465: This is a Book from Us unto thee…

In the Name of God, the Most Great!

This is a Book from Us unto thee, that the breathings of revelation may draw thee unto God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Turn unto God with thy heart, then make mention of Him amongst His servants, that from thee may be wafted the sweet fragrance of the remembrance of My Name, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Beware lest anything withhold thee from God, the Lord of all names. Leave aside all else and hold fast unto this Cord which hath been outstretched.

Be thankful unto thy Lord, inasmuch as thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and that which shall gladden the eyes hath been revealed unto thee. Drink thou the living waters from the traces of thy Lord's Pen, the All-Merciful, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen!

We, while in prison, make mention of thee with pure intent before God, that thou mayest know that the mercy of thy Lord hath encompassed all created things and His bounty hath surrounded existence itself. Know thou the worth of this bounty which hath encompassed thee, then recite the verses of thy Lord. He shall assist thee in that which He desireth. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

BH08467: This is a book from Us to those who…

This is a book from Us to those who have attained today unto that which God desired for them and have quaffed the choice sealed wine which was unsealed by the finger of the might of their Lord, the Mighty,

the Loving, that they might take the chalice once again and drink thereof time after time in remembrance of Me, despite those who have denied God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Rejoice in that which hath been sent down unto thee from the heaven of grace. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen! Those who are heedless this day—these know not. Erelong shall the breezes of chastisement seize them from every direction, and they shall not be helped.

Thus have We sent down unto thee from the heaven of the Tablet the rains of wisdom and utterance, that there might grow from thy heart the plant of certitude in thy Lord's Cause, and that thou mayest be of those whom the tempests move not in the days of God and who remained steadfast in such wise that the tongue of the Kingdom and the dominion falls short of describing it.

BH08476: This is the Day of God, the All-Compelling…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is the Day of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The Ancient Beauty hath seated Himself upon His most great throne, while the angels circle round about Him. They who were held back by vain imaginings are truly the worshippers of idols, though they perceive it not. Break the idols by the command of your Lord, the Lord of all mankind. Arise to assist the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: He hath appeared in such wise that nothing in creation can prevent Him. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty from His presence. He is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the Knower of things unseen. O loved ones of God! Grieve not over the world and what hath befallen you in My path. Rather, behold what hath befallen this Wronged One. We have borne all tribulations for your salvation, as attesteth whosoever dwelleth in the realms of the seen and unseen. Put your trust in God, then remember your Lord, the All-Merciful. He is with you in all conditions. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

BH08889: Blessed art thou, O my handmaiden, for thou hast…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Blessed art thou, O my handmaiden, for thou hast spoken My mention, found solace in My praise, turned toward the Dawning-Place of My Cause and the Dayspring of My Beauty, recognized My Manifestation, heard My call, and sought the stronghold of My protection and the pavilion of My cherished and impregnable love. Verily thy Lord heareth thy call and seeth thy condition. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having turned toward thee the gaze of His loving-kindness. This, verily, is a great bounty. Grieve not over anything. Place thy trust in God under all conditions. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Near One. Thou art in the precincts of My mercy. God hath preferred thee above most of His creation. He, verily, hath power over all things. Blessed is she who, wearing a veil, hath believed. Woe unto him who, wearing a turban, hath turned away and opposed God, the Mighty, the Peerless One.

BH08907: North and South both vibrate to the call announcing…

In His Name, the Eternal, the Everlasting

North and South both vibrate to the call announcing Our Revelation. We can hear the voice of Mecca acclaiming: “All praise be to Thee, O Lord my God, the All-Glorious, for having wafted over me the breath redolent with the fragrance of Thy presence!” And from another direction the cry is raised from the Furthermost Mosque, saying: “All praise be to Thee for having quickened me with the breeze of Thy nearness after I was slain by separation from Thee, O Beloved of earth and heaven!” All things have today borne witness to this Revelation which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Unseen, save those who have clung to their desires, turning away from God, the Revealer of verses. O servant! Illumine thy heart with My remembrance and thy tongue with My praise. Beware lest the veils hinder thee—rend them asunder through My Name. Then remind the servants of this Light through which all lights have been illumined.

BH08673: O letter Jim! Rejoice thou in what hath been…

O letter Jim! Rejoice thou in what hath been revealed from the Pen of the Wronged One, and be thou of them that render thanks. That which thou didst send unto Him Who beareth My name, both thy poetry and prose, hath been presented before Our face. We beseech God that through thee He may bring order to scattered affairs and scatter abroad the pearls of the remembrance of His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Grieve thou not over anything. Be as thou hast been in the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Convey My greetings unto the loved ones who are there, and unto those who have attained and returned, and give them the glad-tidings of God’s good-pleasure and of a noble station. Hold thou fast unto wisdom in all things. This is what all have been commanded in this mighty Revelation. The glory rest upon thee and upon those who have stood firm in the Cause and whom the clamor of the idolaters hath not kept back from His love.

BH09024: Many a chilled heart, O my God, hath been…

Many a chilled heart, O my God, hath been set ablaze with the fire of Thy Cause, and many a slumberer hath been wakened by the sweetness of Thy voice. How many are the strangers who have sought shelter beneath the shadow of the tree of Thy oneness, and how numerous the thirsty ones who have panted after the fountain of Thy living waters in Thy days!

Blessed is he that hath set himself towards Thee, and hasted to attain the Day-Spring of the lights of Thy face. Blessed is he who with all his affections hath turned to the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Fountain-Head of Thine inspiration. Blessed is he that hath expended in Thy path what Thou didst bestow upon him through Thy bounty and favor. Blessed is he who, in his sore longing after Thee, hath cast away all else except Thyself. Blessed is he who hath enjoyed intimate communion with Thee, and rid himself of all attachment to any one save Thee.

I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Him Who is Thy Name, Who, through the power of Thy sovereignty and might, hath risen above the horizon of His prison, to ordain for every one what becometh Thee and beseemeth Thine exaltation.

Thy might, in truth, is equal to all things.

BH08851: Glory be to Thee, O my God! The lamp…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Glory be to Thee, O my God! The lamp hath been surrounded by the winds of hatred and animosity—where is the glass of Thy protection, O Protector of the worlds? And Thou seest the Dove in the talons of the workers of iniquity—where are the manifestations of Thy power, O Thou Who art powerful over the worlds? Thou seest the Wronged One amidst the hosts of tyranny and hypocrisy—where are the evidences of Thy might, O Thou Subduer of the worlds?

I beseech Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all things, to assist Thy loved ones and deliver them from the hands of the oppressors among Thy creatures and the wicked ones among Thy people. Then protect this lamp from the breath of those who are moved by their evil desires to arise to extinguish Thy light and mislead Thy creation.

O Lord! Seize them through Thy power, then suffice against their evil through Thy sovereignty. Verily Thou art He Whose power encompasseth all and Whose sovereignty is manifest, and Thou art powerful over all things.

BH09020: A book was present before the Divine Throne…

In His Name, the Most Exalted

A book was present before the Divine Throne and thy name was mentioned therein. Therefore this Tablet hath been written in reply and sent, that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful from these revealed words. In this day it is incumbent upon all handmaidens to hold fast unto the cord of chastity and, in utmost sanctity and detachment, to occupy themselves with the mention of the Beloved. The remembrance of God is the polisher of hearts and the quickener of souls. All must, God willing, drink from the cup of detachment in the name of the Creator of innovation and occupy themselves with the remembrance of God in this luminous dawn. Praise be to the Sovereign of all creation that thou wert mentioned before His presence. However, thou must arise in a manner befitting this station, and that is to be sanctified from all else save God. Blessed are they that attain!

BH08846: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beg…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Mighty

Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beg of Thee by Thy name, the Most Merciful, to protect Thy servants and Thy handmaidens when the tempests of trials pass over them, and Thy manifold tests assail them. Enable them, then, O my God, so to seek refuge within the stronghold of Thy love and of Thy Revelation, that

neither Thine adversaries nor the wicked doers among Thy servants, who have broken Thy Covenant and Thy Testament, and turned away most disdainfully from the Day-Spring of Thine Essence and the Revealer of Thy glory, may prevail against them.

They themselves, O my Lord, have waited at the door of Thy grace. Do Thou open it to their faces with the keys of Thy bountiful favors. Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest, and to ordain what Thou pleasest. These are the ones, O my Lord, who have set their faces towards Thee, and turned unto Thy habitation. Do with them, therefore, as becometh Thy mercy, which hath surpassed the worlds.

BH08866: The Most Pure, the Most Manifest, the Most Glorious!

The Most Pure, the Most Manifest, the Most Glorious!

The Sun of Glory was visible from behind the veil of abasement on the horizon of tribulation. We entered the prison and delivered the messages of thy Lord to the East and to the West, despite those who remained veiled behind the veil. Can the clouds of doubt conceal the Sun? No, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower! Can the signs of those who have disbelieved in the Revealer of verses hide it? No, by My Beauty, which hath appeared from the horizon of grandeur with manifest truth! Say: O people, abandon the mention of your own selves and hold fast unto this Remembrance which hath been raised in the heaven of the Cause. Whoso halteth in this Cause hath not believed in any of the Messengers—thus hath the matter been inscribed in the Tablet. Leave those who disbelieve to their vain imaginings, then stand firm in this Cause whereby the sun of revelation hath shone forth from a horizon illumined with the lights of the countenance.

BH08909: The Book of Dawn hath shone forth…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Book of Dawn hath shone forth from the horizon of the Command and hath illumined all regions. This is the Day whereon all things proclaim: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Unconstrained.”

Rend asunder the veils of idle fancy by this white Hand which hath appeared from the Sleeve of grandeur and power. Is there any doubt in His sovereignty? Nay, by the Dawning-Place of the Unseen! Is there any end to His command? Nay, by the Lord of the Day of Mutual Calling!

Every stone hath quivered at the breeze of God, yet hearts remain in strange torpor, save those who have attained to that which hath flowed from this Ocean that hath encompassed all creation. They whom the wine of true knowledge hath intoxicated—these are they whom neither veils can hinder nor the might of those who have disbelieved in God, Who causeth the night and the day to succeed each other.

Make thou My love thy lamp, My remembrance thy companion, and My good-pleasure thine aim, O Lord of the Day of Reckoning.

BH08869: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficing

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His are the most excellent names and the most exalted similitudes. He hath revealed Himself unto all created things through His Name, the One that overshadoweth all who are in earth and heaven. Thereupon, he who was drawn by the sweet savors of divine revelation turned towards Him, while every heedless doubter turned away. How many were the servants who lamented in separation, yet when the Covenant came and the hour of reunion drew nigh, they debarred themselves from attaining His presence and wandered in the wilderness of error. Do they behold the ocean and deny it, or are they blind? Say: For everything there is a sign in the Book. Among them are those who saw and denied, and those who were raised up blind on the Day of Resurrection. He, verily, is possessed of true vision who hath attained unto the lights of the countenance in his final return. Thus have We sent down the command and dispatched it unto thee with spirit and sweet fragrance.

BH08967: Say: O people, He cannot be known except through…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Say: O people, He cannot be known except through Himself—behold Him with His own eyes! O followers of religions, the Tablets have been filled with this Remembrance, and through it God has counseled His servants, yet most people remain heedless. O My loved ones! By My life, from the first day I made Myself known to humanity, I was afflicted at the hands of the idolaters. The world was created for My sake, yet people remain in manifest darkness. How many houses were raised for My remembrance and adorned with My name, yet when I revealed Myself they barred Me from them—thus did their wretchedness overcome them, and today they are among the most lost. They spent what none can reckon save God to exalt My remembrance, yet when I came to them they denied God, the Lord of the worlds. Thus do We recount for you some of what befell Us, that you may learn and be among those who are endowed with insight.

BH08887: Well is it with thee for having cast away…

In the Name of God, the Lord of Names!

Well is it with thee for having cast away the Ocean of Names, turning instead to the Most Great Sea, each wave of which appeareth in the form of “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise.” Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto Him and for having delivered thee through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful. Take thou the chalices of salvation in the name of Him Who causeth the dawn to break, then drink therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Luminous. Say: All praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having guided me unto the path of righteousness and for having caused me to turn toward Thee and to turn away from those who have denied Thy Self and rejected Thy proof. O Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy love and vocal in Thy remembrance, and ordain for me that which lieth concealed in the heaven of Thy bounty and is recorded in the tablets of Thy Command. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08735: O Qamar! Thy letter hath come before the Most…

He is the One Who standeth over the Command

O Qamar! Thy letter hath come before the Most Great Scene, and that which was mentioned therein was observed. Praise be to God that thou hast attained to the love of the Beloved of the world and art remembering Him. Strive thou to remain adorned with this ornament at all times. Pain suffered in the love of the Beloved is desirable, and illness endured in His path is highly favored. The remembrance of Him hath ever been the healing of all ills, and His Name shall be the physician for all ailments. Grieve not over anything. Put thy trust in God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved. Then give thanks unto thy Lord for having sent down unto thee this praiseworthy Tablet. Can anything in all creation be compared with it? Nay, by thy Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting! Hold fast unto the cord of His bounty—this will suffice thee in all that was and that shall be.

BH08976: The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Book of God hath been manifest in the temple of man. Say: Verily it is the most great temple among the nations, which speaketh the truth and summoneth mankind unto a station illumined with the lights of the countenance. Follow not the deluded ones; follow rather him who commandeth you to justice, now that the Desired One hath come with a sovereignty that encompasseth all the worlds. Say: The acceptance of the people profiteth us not, even as their rejection harmeth us not. We but remind them for the sake of God, and God is sufficient witness unto what I say. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the mention of this Most Great Remembrance and for having answered thy Lord when He came with a command that hath been mighty in truth from all eternity. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto Him and enabled thee to speak forth this Remembrance which hath been recorded in the Tablets.

BH08916: Every soul has been given its book. Verily…

He is the Most High, the Most Glorious!

Every soul has been given its book. Verily, the wicked read one book, while the righteous read this Perspicuous Book. We sent down the Bayan and made manifest the Hour in the temple of man. Thereupon all who are in the heavens and earth were terror-stricken, save those who were caught up by the breathings of grace from God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. We made the first Hour a figure of this Most Great Hour. When it was blown into, all fell down in a swoon except whom thy Lord willed, and He decreed what He decreed. Then We blew into the Most Great Trump through this Great Name. Among the people are those whom We see struck down, and among them are those whom We see standing, bewildered, and among them are those who cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. He is verily of the fish of this ocean and the people of this noble scene.

BH09121: O Hamid! Thy letter hath been presented before God…

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling over all who are in the realm of possibilities!

O Hamid! Thy letter hath been presented before God, the King, the Mighty, the Peerless, and from it We perceived the fragrance of supplication and entreaty. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Blessed art thou and blessed is he whose pen moveth in remembrance of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God, arise and take hold with the hand of certitude, then drink from the chalice of utterance the Kawthar of divine knowledge, for God hath ordained in each of its letters oceans of wisdom and explanation which none hath comprehended save His own Self, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the presence of the Wronged One and for having drunk the choice wine of reunion. This, verily, is a manifest bounty. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto that which hath been ordained for them from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

BH08817: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

In the Name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and dispatched them unto whom He willeth. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Verily, in the opposition of kings and the rising up of subjects are signs for those who possess insight. Verily, in God's proclamation of His Cause from within the prison are signs for those who are endowed with discernment. When We desired to proclaim the Cause, We created the new creation once again through this Name, which God hath made the Quickener of Names, that all may know that He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. Neither adversities can prevent Him from that which He desireth, nor can the hosts of the oppressors frighten Him. They who fear this day are among the heedless. Put your trust in God, O people. Verily, He protecteth whomsoever He willeth through the hosts of the seen and the unseen. Beware lest ye overstep the bounds of wisdom. Thus hath the command been sent down in the Tablets and in this glorious Tablet. Act ye according to that which ye have been commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH08744: O Muhajir! Though thou art far from the seat…

In His Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

O Muhajir! Though thou art far from the seat of the Throne, yet thou art near. Nearness and remoteness in one sense are considered, and in another sense are not considered. However, spiritual nearness hath ever been and will continue to be beloved in the presence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the ocean of attainment and achieved the presence of the Manifestation of Glory and Majesty. Whatever befell thee in the path of God hath not been and will never be lost in His sight. The essence of all good hath been the meeting with God—praise be to God that thou wert honored with this distinction. The highest of all virtues hath been submission and contentment—through God's grace thou wert adorned with that garment. Neither will your love be erased from the Tablet nor your mention from the Most Great Scene. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH08801: A mention from the One Who is mentioned…

He is the One Who dominates all things

A mention from the One Who is mentioned to him who has attained unto the recognition of God on the Day when the All-Merciful came with a mercy that embraced all worlds. Say: Verily mention at times thou

beholdest it in the Tablets, and at times it descendeth from the heaven of utterance, and at times it walketh in such wise that the Ancient Being appeared in the world in His hallowed and wondrous ornament. Say: All that proceedeth from Him, verily it is the Most Great Remembrance amidst the nations and the ornament of revelation unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through His Word is every thing realized and through His firm command is every measure established. Say: Regard Him not save as ye have been bidden in the Book. Fear God and be not of the ignorant ones. Thus hath the Manifestation of the Cause spoken. Blessed are they that hear.

BH09023: How many servants awaited My days, yet when…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

How many servants awaited My days, yet when the appointed time came, they denied the Lord of Names and Attributes! Say: O people, fear God and reject not the truth by what you possess. He hath come from the heaven of command—behold, O ye who are endowed with insight! Among the people are those who deny the Unseen, and among them are those who deny the Manifest One Who speaketh in all things, "There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting." Can they find any refuge for themselves? Nay, by Him Who causeth the rivers to flow! Say: None can find protection today save in God. Turn ye unto Him with your hearts, O ye who are possessed of vision! Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of life from the hands of the bounty of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. This is yet another time—drink thou, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou by Whose remembrance the Tablets have been adorned!"

BH08671: O handmaid of God! Dost thou weep at…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Ancient

O handmaid of God! Dost thou weep at the separation from thy son when the Son of God remembereth thee in truth? Be fair—does grief befit after that? No, by My life! Rejoice in this remembrance from which the fragrance of grace has been wafted between the heavens and the earth. It suffices you in truth. He is verily the Mighty, the Generous.

Be not disturbed regarding your son. He is in an exalted station. O my handmaid, be not grieved at the separation from your son. He is present in the abode of security and the seat of truth. As recompense for this separation, the Son of God and the Father of your son calls out to you. Say: What I have is sacrificed for Your sake, O Bestower of bounty to the worlds! Now is the time for thankfulness. Be grateful to your Ancient Lord.

BH08715: O maidservant of God! Your mention hath been made…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O maidservant of God! Your mention hath been made before the Throne, and from the Dawning-Place of the Divine Finger these revealed words were sent down and dispatched, that thou mayest arise with heart and soul to commemorate the Best-Beloved of the worlds, regard all else as non-existent, hold fast

to His Name, the Self-Subsisting, and manifest goodly conduct and praiseworthy character, so that all handmaidens may witness in thee the signs of God. Every soul who in this Day manifesteth spiritual qualities is accounted among the people of Baha. Strive, while time remaineth, not to be deprived of the remembrance of God. Consider the all-encompassing favor, that the Ancient Beauty hath remembered thee in the Most Great Prison—and this through the grace that hath encompassed all the worlds, though He was indeed independent of all creation.

BH08979: The Most Holy, the Most Great

The Most Holy, the Most Great

The Book of Ha' hath in truth been sent down in this eventide from the All-Glorious. Whoso possesseth a spirit from God, let him receive the Spirit of God from this Tablet which hath been inscribed by the Finger of Might. Blessed are the people of Baha who have settled themselves upon the Crimson Ark through this Name that encompasseth all the worlds. Whoso turneth unto that which is in the hands of men, he is not of the people of this station—to this beareth witness He Who is known by the Name of God. Turn ye unto that which hath come from the Truth, then behold with the eye of this station which hath been illumined by the lights of the Throne. Blessed is the soul that hath cast away vain imaginings and recognized the Known One through His Self-Subsisting Name. By My life, he hath been recorded among the triumphant ones in the Mother Book by the Pen of Glory.

BH09146: O Pen! Remind the peoples through this Most Great…

He is the Most Great, the Most Great

O Pen! Remind the peoples through this Most Great Name, that perchance they may turn towards the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Beware lest tribulations prevent thee from the remembrance of God, the Lord of all names, or the assault of the wicked deter thee from that which thou wast bidden by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Verily He protecteth whom He willeth and aideth those who have turned towards His luminous countenance. Then make mention of My servant who hath turned towards the Dayspring of his Lord's Cause, the Mighty, the Great, that he may rejoice in thy remembrance of him and speak forth the praise of his Lord, the Powerful, the Almighty. When they gather together for the Cause, by this shall the hearts of the idolaters be scattered. Blessed is he who hath believed in God, and woe betide him who hath followed vain imaginings after the Sun of Certitude hath shone forth from this manifest Dawn. When thou hast attained unto the splendors of the Tablet say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

BH09062: This is a Book from God unto him who…

In the Name of the Most Ancient, the Most Great

This is a Book from God unto him who hath turned towards the Countenance, that he may rejoice and be of them that are thankful.

Glorified be He Who giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth, and sendeth down upon whomsoever He desireth that whereby His mention shall be established in a preserved Tablet.

Rejoice, O people, in that your names have flowed from the Pen of Revelation—this is naught but a manifest grace.

Verily, in the prison We make mention of Our loved ones, that the fragrances of the utterance may draw them to the Kingdom of their Lord, the Mighty, the Generous.

Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and responded to his Ancient Lord. Woe unto him who hath been deprived of his Lord's grace on this Day which hath encompassed all worlds.

Say: His mercy hath preceded all created things, yet the people are in manifest heedlessness. Turn ye unto it with your hearts. Thus hath it been sent down in the Tablet from the presence of One mighty and beautiful.

BH09042: Your letter was read and its contents were noted…

He is God, exalted be His glory

Your letter was read and its contents were noted and understood. Whatever befell you was for the sake of God, and its reward is with your Lord. After your departure, events occurred that became a source of trials for all. The purpose is that you shared with us in the tribulations. Blessed are they that bear, for it was in the path of God and His good-pleasure. God willing, you will engage in the mention of God with utmost wisdom, that perchance the saplings of humanity may be made verdant through the rain of divine mercy and attain unto the days of God. Convey to the emigrant lady the greetings of the Wronged One. We beseech God to assist her and protect her and make her a sign of steadfastness among His steadfast handmaidens. The Glory be upon you.

BH09029: I give Thee thanks, O my God…

I give Thee thanks, O my God, for that Thou hast made me to be a target for the darts of Thine adversaries in Thy path. I offer Thee most high praise, O Thou Who art the Knower of the seen and unseen and the Lord of all being, that Thou hast suffered me to be cast into prison for love of Thee, and caused me to quaff the cup of woe, that I may reveal Thy Cause and glorify Thy word.

Which of my tribulations am I to recount before Thy face, O my Lord? Am I to recite before Thee what in days of old befell me at the hands of the workers of iniquity among Thy creatures, or to describe the vexations which have compassed me about in these days for the sake of Thy good pleasure?

Thanks be to Thee, O Thou the Lord of all names; and glory be to Thee, O Maker of the heavens, for all that I have sustained in these days at the hands of such of Thy servants as have transgressed against Thee, and of Thy people that have dealt frowardly towards Thee.

Number us, we implore Thee, with them who have stood fast in Thy Cause until their souls finally winged their flight unto the heaven of Thy grace and the atmosphere of Thy loving-kindness. Thou art, verily, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

BH09026: The Tongue of Pre-existence speaks and says: O concourse…

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy

The Tongue of Pre-existence speaks and says: O concourse of the learned ones in the world! Your pens should become still when moves the Most Great Pen as it is between the fingers of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Hold your tongues from that which the Tongue of Grandeur speaks—this behooveth you, if ye be of them that know. Cast aside the books, for the Book hath been sent down from the presence of One mighty, all-knowing. Say: Will ye precede Him in the Cause? Nay, by His Name, the Powerful over all the worlds! O Ali-before-Akbar! When thou hearest that which hath been raised from the direction of the Most Great Scene, turn with thy heart and say:

> "O Ordainer of destiny and Guide of humanity! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Dayspring of Thy Cause to make me steadfast and upright in Thy love and to make me one who calls out Thy name among Thy heedless servants."

BH09065: This is a Tablet revealed from the prison…

In the Name of Him Who was, and with Whom was naught else that was.

This is a Tablet revealed from the prison to him who hath turned unto the Countenance, that he may inhale the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Inaccessible, and may know that He remembereth in tribulation those among the people of Baha who have sought Him. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

When thou didst perceive the fragrance of the garment and the breath of holiness, arise to make mention of Him amongst the worlds, that perchance they may recognize God their Lord and abandon what they possess of the whisperings of the satans. Hold thou fast in all conditions to the remembrance of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. This is better for thee than the sovereignty of the heavens and earth. Be not grieved by what they have said and uttered. Soon shall they behold the recompense of their deeds. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Despair not of the breezes of God and His mercy. He is with whomsoever hath desired Him and aideth him at all times.

BH08811: O Rayhan, may you speak, God willing…

He is the All-Knowing, the Ancient of Days

O Rayhan, may you speak, God willing, with the utmost joy and fragrance in praise of the All-Merciful, and become renowned and remembered for His love. Most dervishes wander in the valley of heedlessness, save a few who, through the grace of the All-Merciful, have in this spiritual springtime been adorned with luminous robes. Despite their claims to maturity and mystical knowledge, most of this group remain

veiled. Blessed is he who has rent asunder the veils through the Name of the Lord of all men. Strive that you may gaze toward the most exalted horizon with a sanctified heart and a polished breast, and observe with the eye of the heart rather than the physical eye. Thus will you behold the Truth as One, Mighty and Self-Subsisting, and all else as existing through Him and sustained by Him. This is the Sun of true Divine Unity that has dawned from the horizon of the Divine Pen. Blessed are they who perceive with insight.

BH08627: The traces of thy pen were presented before…

He is the Most Great, the Most Great

The traces of thy pen were presented before and witnessed by the Lord of Eternity. Thou hadst made mention of being unlearned. All are and have been unlearned before the Ocean of knowledge, but thou art learned, for praise be to God, thou hast recognized the Known One and hast clung to the Self-Subsisting. Whosoever attaineth unto this station hath attained unto the source and beginning of all knowledge. All infinite letters branch forth from the Ocean of the Primal Point, and unto it do they return and find their end. And whoso knoweth the Point is enriched above the knowledge of aught else, and in the inmost of the inmost essence, whoso knoweth the Point knoweth that whereof the outer letters are composed and that which brancheth forth from them. Strive thou to remain firm upon the straight path of Truth. This sufficeth thee, if thou be of them that comprehend.

BH08739: O handmaiden of God! Your letter reached the presence…

He is the Most Holy

O handmaiden of God! Your letter reached the presence of the Beloved. Be confident, for His gaze of loving-kindness has ever been upon the weak and the strangers. God willing, may you be strong in the divine religion. In this case, you are accounted among the strong ones in God's sight. Be not disheartened by exile—look to the exile of the Wronged One. The hardships of exile are easy to bear. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to protect you and those like you. As for what you asked about, its ruling was previously revealed. We have commanded the servant in attendance before the Throne to send you a copy thereof. Act accordingly and be among the thankful ones. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. O handmaiden! Today there are many strong ones, mighty ones and wealthy ones on earth who are deprived due to heedlessness, while you are mentioned in the presence. This suffices you and your Ancient Lord.

BH08740: O handmaiden of God! I have not and will…

In the Name of the One Friend!

O handmaiden of God! I have not and will not acknowledge your loneliness, for if you were alone your letter would not have been presented before the Most Great Countenance. The presence of your letter testifies that you are with Someone, and under the shadow of Someone—but what Someone! The King of all beings and the Creator of earth and heaven. Had He not been with you, you would not have attained to His recognition nor would you have been speaking His praise. Since He is with you, all existence is with you. Had you been without Him, We would have acknowledged your loneliness. And you further

mentioned estrangement—this too is your glory. The Truth has been afflicted in the land of exile, in the Most Great Prison. Thus in your estrangement you have followed the example of the Truth. This is a station of thankfulness, and it behooves you to be among the thankful ones.

BH08831: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech…

In the name of God, the Bestower, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Generous

Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy bounty, and the ocean of Thy giving, and the Sun which hath shone forth from the horizon of Thy favors, to ordain for this servant, who hath clung to the hem of Thy generosity, that which shall profit him in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. The signs of Thy generosity have encompassed all created things, and Thy mercy hath preceded all beings. I beseech Thee to write down for me that which shall reform my outward and inward affairs, and cause me in all conditions to hold fast unto Thee and to be detached from all else save Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. None can frustrate what Thou hast willed, and none can prevent what Thou hast decreed. Thou rulest by Thy sovereignty as Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful.

BH08847: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest how…

He is the All-Highest, the Most Great

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest how the people have risen against me because I have conveyed to them that which Thou didst command me through Thy sovereignty. And whenever I remind them of that which would profit them, they cast it behind their backs and object to him through whom Thou hast spread abroad the scrolls of Thy decree and manifested the tablets of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Merciful to the oppressed, to assist them to recognize that from which they are veiled. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones and him whose name was mentioned before the Throne, that he may arise to celebrate Thy praise amongst Thy creatures and glorify Thee amidst Thy servants. O Lord! Suffer him not to be debarred from the river of Thy mercy. Give him to drink, at all times, from the living waters of immortality through the hands of Thy grace, that the sweet-scented breezes of Thy loving-kindness and the fragrances of Thy bestowals may take hold of him in all his days. Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest.

There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH08857: Glorified art Thou, O my God, Beloved of my…

In His Name, the One Who rules over all things!

Glorified art Thou, O my God, Beloved of my heart, Ultimate Goal of my desire and End of my hope! Thou hearest the sighing of those who long for Thee and beholdest the agitation in the hearts of the sincere ones in their separation and remoteness from Thee. I beseech Thee, O Quickener of bodies and Subduer

of all creation, by Thy Most Great Name through which earthquakes have seized all the tribes, to give Thy loved ones and their children to drink from the wine of nearness to Thee and the choice wine of reunion with Thee. Then ordain for them that which will cause them to speak Thy praise, to arise in Thy service, and to turn in all conditions toward Thy luminous countenance shining between the heavens and the earth. O Lord! Aid Thy loved ones who dwell in the land of exile yearning for the breezes of union with Thee and the fragrances of nearness to Thee. Then illumine the eyes of their kindred by beholding the horizon of Thy favors. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH08861: Glorified art Thou, O Sender of the winds…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Glorified art Thou, O Sender of the winds and Cleaver of the dawn! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Compelling, that Thou open before our faces the doors of Thy mercy and make us to be of those who have acknowledged Thy singleness and confessed Thy oneness and stood firm in such wise that neither the signs of the ungodly among Thy creatures nor the veils of the heedless among Thy people could deter them. They have arisen with Thy steadfastness to promote Thy Cause and have summoned the servants to the horizon of Thy bounties and the dawning-place of Thy favors. O Lord! We have turned toward Thee and have drawn nigh unto the ocean of Thy bestowals. I beseech Thee that Thou withhold not from us that which is with Thee and ordain for us what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen servants who have laid down their lives in Thy path, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names! Verily Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH08934: The Most Ancient, the Most Great

The Most Ancient, the Most Great

The Dawn hath appeared upon the Temple of Man. Verily this is the Book of the All-Merciful which was mentioned in the Scriptures of God, the Most High, the Most Great. Therein hath been inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen that which none knoweth save His Own Self, the All-Knowing.

This Book can only be known through itself, and this Man can only be known through his own self. Thus doth the All-Informed apprise you. They who desire to know Him through other than what hath been truthfully revealed are indeed behind a manifest veil. Thus hath He indicated His Own Self through His Own Self. Reflect, that ye may know what hath been sent down from the presence of the Mighty, the Wise.

Whoso cleaveth to vain desire, verily he shall not attain unto guidance nor know what his Ancient Lord hath intended. Whoso desireth other than Me, verily he is of the people of vain desire, in a mighty tablet. Whoso turneth unto My Self, verily he is of the people of truth and guidance before God, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

BH08938: The Most Great, Most Holy

The Most Great, Most Holy

All remembrances have been effaced through the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind, and the dwellers of the Mount were struck with awe when the Tree of the All-Merciful spoke forth: “Verily, I am God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Bountiful.”

When We manifested the Word from the horizon of Will, among the people were those who turned towards it and those who turned away and denied their Lord, the All-Merciful.

When thou hast attained unto the garment of Revelation and found from it the fragrance of thy Lord, arise amidst the concourse of earth and say: The Promised One hath appeared with sovereignty, grandeur and power. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold you from your Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious. Cast them behind you and take what hath been given you from the presence of Him Who causeth the morning to break. Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses—verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

O people of Baha! Beware lest ye follow those who follow vain imaginings. Break the idols of those who speak according to their own desires. Blessed is he who is mighty and triumphant.

BH09004: A Book from Us to her who bore him…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

A Book from Us to her who bore him who arose to serve his Lord and entered prison twice. Blessed is she from whom was born he who remained steadfast in the love of his Lord. By My life, she is among the successful ones and he is among those who have attained. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto the call from the direction of grandeur from the Crimson Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. He hath sent the best of His creation unto His servants to give them glad tidings of His days and to reward them through His grace. But when He came with the truth, they turned away from Him and denied God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou steadfast in the love of thy Lord and hold fast unto His mighty cord. Verily, He is with those women who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Praised. Glorify thy Lord with praise, then turn and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!

BH09018: Your letter hath come before the Throne and hath…

He is the Most Great, the Most Great

Your letter hath come before the Throne and hath been honored with the favoring glance of the Lord of Names. That which was mentioned hath been heard. Blessed art thou for having fulfilled God’s Covenant and His Testament, and for having attained His presence while every distant misbeliever turned away. As Rafi’ was hastening to depart, this brief response was made. God willing, a detailed reply to the letter will be revealed and sent later. Convey greetings to all the loved ones of God who have drunk from the cup of divine grace and reclined upon the couches of steadfastness, and gladden them all with God’s loving-kindness. Blessed is he who hath turned to the Countenance and blessed is she who hath believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. Woe unto him who hath turned away from Him and woe unto her who hath disbelieved in God when He came with the truth through His wondrous Command.

BH09083: O God of the world, Who hast manifested through…

He is the Healer, the Sufficing, the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

O God of the world, Who hast manifested through the Most Great Name! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the sun of Thy manifestation, and the heaven of Thy bounty, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which will gladden them in Thy days. Then protect them, O my God, from every disease and affliction, and from whatsoever may prevent them from drawing nigh unto the ocean of Thy favors. Thou art He through Whose name all things have spoken. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous. O Lord! This is one of Thy handmaidens who hath turned unto Thee when she heard Thy call. Write down for her what Thou hast written for Thy handmaidens who have circumambulated the throne of Thy grandeur, and who have attained unto Thy presence, and who have acknowledged that which Thy Most Exalted Pen hath acknowledged in the kingdom of creation, and who have acted according to what they were commanded in the Book of Names. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH09086: The Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Most Great, the Most Glorious

O my God! This is a Branch that hath branched out from the Tree of Thy Singleness and the Lote-Tree of Thy Oneness. Thou seest him, O my God, looking unto Thee and clinging to the cord of Thy bounties. Do Thou protect him within the shelter of Thy mercy. Thou knowest, O my God, that I desire for him naught except what Thou didst desire, and have chosen for him naught save what Thou didst choose. Do Thou assist him, then, with the hosts of earth and heaven, and help, O my God, whosoever helpeth him, choose whosoever chooseth him, and uphold whosoever advanceth towards him. Abandon whosoever denieth him and seeketh him not. O Lord! Thou seest that at the time of revelation my pen moveth and my limbs tremble. I beseech Thee, by my ardor in Thy love and my yearning to manifest Thy Cause, to ordain for him and for them that love him that which Thou hast ordained for Thy Messengers and the Trustees of Thy Revelation. Verily, Thou art God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH09482: The Most Great, the Most Glorious!

The Most Great, the Most Glorious!

The signs have appeared and the verses have been sent down, yet the people are in a strange stupor. O people! Follow not those who have followed vain imaginings and turned away from God, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. Abandon idle fancies. By My life! The sun of knowledge hath dawned from the horizon of certitude. Rend asunder the veils of allusion by God's leave, the Creator of the heavens, and abandon those ascetics who have denied God, then take fast hold of My strong cord. This is a day wherein every one who advanceth gaineth, and every doubting denier loseth. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having remembered thee before the Throne and revealed unto thee this wondrous Tablet. Say: O people! He is the Originator of the heavens and the earth. Reflect that ye may recognize this Most Wondrous, Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09312: From the right hand of the divine will it…

From the right hand of the divine will it hath been revealed

Say: O companion! All services and matters depend upon the word “yea” or “nay” which shineth forth from the Dayspring of the tongue of the All-Merciful. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto thy goal and thy service, whatever it may have been, hath been accepted. Many were the souls who were occupied day and night in the remembrance of God and who stood fast with utmost diligence in carrying out His commandments and prohibitions; nevertheless their deeds were not accepted. Even as thou didst observe the divines of the age who were occupied in the service of religious laws—most of them did not attain to the word of acceptance. And many were the souls who, at a single call, attained unto the divine “Here am I.” Through God’s grace be thou confident and joyous. Never be thou sorrowful.

BH09475: We have heard what you called out…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Holy

We have heard what you called out to the Wronged One when He was in the midst of the idolaters, and We discovered from your call the fragrance of your love for the Lord of all worlds. Blessed be your tongue for having moved in praise of your Lord, and your breast for having been illumined by the lights of love for this radiant and luminous Beauty. We beseech God to assist you at all times to remember and praise Him, and to strengthen you in your steadfastness in what you are engaged in. Verily, He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Blessed are you, for We found your letter sanctified from mention of any but Me. This befits those who have in this Day acknowledged this wondrous Cause—that they remember the One Who hath remembered them and exalt the one who hath bowed before His sovereignty and power. Verily, He is the Most Merciful of the merciful. The glory be upon you and upon God’s sincere servants.

BH09470: We have adorned the Night of Power…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted

We have adorned the Night of Power with the letter “H” that the people of Baha may attain certitude through this Most Great, Supreme Name. Through it was the Qur’an adorned aforetime, and when combined with “V” the number six appears, if ye be of them that understand. Blessed is he who hath clung to it, detached from all the worlds. Verily it is the Hidden Mystery wherewith have been adorned the Books of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Glorious, the Most Bountiful. Through it were ordained the measures of all things in the Tablets and every wise command made distinct. They who have turned away, these are accounted among the wrongdoers, and they who have turned towards it, these are among the gems of creation—We bear witness that they are of them that are brought nigh. Know ye, O My loved ones, what We have bestowed upon you through Our grace, and be ye of the thankful ones.

BH09480: The Most Ancient, the Most Great. The Light hath…

The Most Ancient, the Most Great. The Light hath appeared from the horizon of Sinai and the Mount, crying out:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds, for that Thou hast found the fragrance of reunion from the garment of Thy Name, the Near One.”

All things today bear witness that sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Creator of heaven, yet the people remain in a mighty veil. They who have rent asunder the veils, these are they who have attained unto the presence of God in the final goal—yea, these are they who have attained.

Among the people is he who is held back by wealth from his final end, and among them is he who is occupied with women, heedless of God, the Lord of the Exalted Throne. Blessed is the strong one who hath broken the idol of vain imaginings, turning unto the All-Powerful, the Most High.

By My life! He is of them by whom the eyes of the sincere ones are consoled. And upon thee and upon him be glory from the presence of the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH09524: The Book of Baha¡ unto the maidservants who have…

He is the One mentioned in the former Scriptures.

The Book of Baha¡ unto the maidservants who have quaffed the pure wine of life in the days of the All-Merciful, and have turned with their hearts unto God, the Lord of all contingent being.

O My maidservants! Rejoice not in adversities; for verily He hath been plunged into an ocean of tribulationâ€“thus beareth witness the Lord of Names from His most exalted station. The very atoms lament for His sorrow, yet most men are wrapped in a joy and exultation which hath seized them in the days of God. Ere long shall they bewail their own selves, and shall find no refuge nor escape. All glory be upon you, O maidservants of God, and upon him who circleth around the Cause with spirit and sweet savour.

BH09549: Thy letter hath been presented before the Throne…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

Thy letter hath been presented before the Throne, and thy call hath been heard by the ear of favor. God willing, thou shalt cry out with thy soul in the path of the Beloved and strive to the extent of thy capacity to manifest spiritual qualities. Thou hast uttered a noble word, and it is this: “Ordain for me that which is best for me.” This word is acceptable and praiseworthy. Were people to become aware of the station of this word, all would utter it, to such extent that they would send naught else to the court of the Truth, for from this word can be inhaled the fragrance of resignation of all affairs unto God and detachment from all else besides Him. By this hath God forgiven thy transgressions and answered thee through this exalted Tablet. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord for this great bounty.

BH09557: The Most Mighty, Most Holy, Most Exalted!

The Most Mighty, Most Holy, Most Exalted!

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having manifested that which lay hidden within Thy knowledge and having made clear unto Thy servants that which draweth them nigh unto the shore of the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst send down the Sad that was mentioned in the Gospel, and through which was revealed that which was promised in Thy Books, Thy Tablets, Thy Scriptures and Thy Psalms, to make each one of Thy loved ones steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love, in such wise that they shall behold naught save Thy good-pleasure and whatsoever Thou hast ordained for them through Thy decree. O Lord! Thou hast made this station the most exalted of stations. I beseech Thee not to withhold Thy loved ones from this glorious and sublime station. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most High, the All-Compelling, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH09367: Glorified be He Who has spoken and caused all…

He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Great

Glorified be He Who has spoken and caused all in the heavens and earth to speak. He has come with a Manifestation through Whom the veils have been rent asunder and that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, has been revealed. Through Him the idol has wailed, the false god has been frightened, and every contemptible water has been appointed. Blessed is he who has recognized the One to be recognized and has attained to the fragrance of the All-Merciful when it was wafted from the direction of His garment. The proof has been perfected, the favor completed, and the evidence has encompassed all in the worlds. Nothing has prevented Him from the remembrance of God—He speaks His praise despite those who have disbelieved in God and were among the wrongdoers. Verily, the glory from Our presence is upon every one who has turned and is steadfast.

BH09398: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest the lamentations of the lovers in their separation, and beholdest the burning of the hearts of the sincere throughout all regions. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the Day of Mutual Separation, to assist Thy servants and handmaidens to be steadfast in Thy love and to be detached from all else but Thee. Verily, Thou art He Whom the gestures of the oppressors cannot frustrate, nor can the might of the deniers prevent. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy power, and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy majesty and sovereignty. O Lord! Ordain for Thy loved ones that which will cause their spirits to soar, their eyes to be gladdened, and their breasts to be illumined. Thy mercy hath preceded all things, and verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09589: This is a Book from Us to people who…

He is the Most Great

This is a Book from Us to people who understand. Verily there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command. All are His worshippers. Those who have believed today, they are among the most excellent of creation, and those who have turned away, they are a people who deny. O servants of God,

hearken to the call from this exalted Tree—verily there is no God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Associate not with God. Be witnesses in the earth. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the ocean of knowledge. All that appears hath appeared from the gulfs that branch forth from this ocean, were ye to know. Thus have We sent down the command with truth and made it a light for whosoever turns to the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH09454: The Day hath come wherein He Who gave utterance…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Day hath come wherein He Who gave utterance to this wise Remembrance was raised up, wherein the Call was lifted up in remembrance of the Lord of Names, and wherein the realities of all things were stirred in that wondrous Day. He spoke at the beginning of His Manifestation through this Name, whereby God shed His radiance upon all who are in the heavens and on earth. He counseled all to hold fast to this hidden Name and gave them glad tidings of this wise Remembrance. Blessed is he who fulfilled his covenant and did not break God's compact—he is assuredly among the triumphant. It behooveth every soul to remember Him on the day of His Manifestation and thereby render thanks unto his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest be of them that render praise.

BH09285: O friend! The Friend hath testified to thy friendship…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O friend! The Friend hath testified to thy friendship—this sufficeth thee, by the Lord of all the worlds! This word is most sweet to the taste of lovers. Blessed are they that understand! Some time ago thou didst send a number equal to the pillars of the inkstand. Verily, glory be upon the one who wrote it, and blessed then be glory upon the one who sent it. And We beseech God to aid the one who made it. This was so that every craftsman might know that craftsmanship is desired and accepted before God. All should strive and endeavor to perfect it, that every thing may attain to its paradise which is its state of perfection. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

BH09399: Glory be to Thee, O my God! My face…

Glory be to Thee, O my God! My face hath been set towards Thy face, and my face is, verily, Thy face, and my call is Thy call, and my Revelation Thy Revelation, and my self Thy Self, and my Cause Thy Cause, and my behest Thy behest, and my Being Thy Being, and my sovereignty Thy sovereignty, and my glory Thy glory, and my power Thy power.

I implore Thee, O Thou Fashioner of the nations and the King of eternity, to guard Thy handmaidens within the tabernacle of Thy chastity, and to cancel such of their deeds as are unworthy of Thy days. Purge out, then, from them, O my God, all doubts and idle fancies, and sanctify them from whatsoever becometh not their kinship with Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of names, and the Source of utterance. Thou art He in Whose grasp are the reins of the entire creation.

No God is there but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09592: This is a Book sent down from before…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

This is a Book sent down from before the Self-Subsisting to those who have attained the lights of the Day when the Youth came in the shadows of clouds with power and sovereignty. Verily, he who has turned to the Countenance has indeed been guided by the lights whereby the regions were illumined. Blessed is the soul that is illumined and the heart that has turned toward the Qiblih of the horizons. This is the Day whereon all things speak forth:

> "The All-Merciful is come! The Kingdom is God's, the Mighty, the Gracious!"

Among the people are those who are stirred by the breeze of God, and among them are those who have turned back to the fire. O loved ones of God! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of the Prison—verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Choosing. Be united in the love of God—this is better for you than all that hath been created in the realm of possibility.

BH09200: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto…

In the name of the Peerless Friend

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the lights of the Sun of Truth and art gladdened and delighted by the vernal breezes of the Divine Springtime. Thou art witnessed in the Most Great Scene and mentioned in the Most Holy Court of the Lord of Eternity. This is among the great bounties of thy Lord. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that thou mayest ever dwell beneath the shade of the Divine Lote Tree and be blessed by the fragrance of His celestial Robe, in such wise that the winds of the hearts of the ungodly shall not prevent thee from the court of oneness, nor shall the waters of the objections of the heedless extinguish the fire of thy love. All affairs are in His hand—He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH09434: Blessed is he who seeketh shelter beneath the shade…

Blessed is he who seeketh shelter beneath the shade of the Branch of God, his Lord and the Lord of the Throne and the Lord of all the worlds.

O My Branch! Be thou as the spring clouds of My loving-kindness, then shower upon all things in My wondrous Name.

O My Branch! We have chosen thee, for Him Who is the Unconstrained hath chosen thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! O Greater Branch! We have chosen thee for the triumph of My Cause. Arise to achieve a wondrous triumph. Subdue the cities of names through My Name, the Sovereign over all that He willeth.

O thou Ocean! Surge in My Name, the All-Compelling, the Most Great. Open thou the cities of hearts through My Name, the Best-Beloved, the Mighty, the Exalted. Every deed hath been made dependent upon thy love. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which his Lord, the All-Knowing, hath willed. Blessed is he who hath heard thy call and turned to thee out of love for God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09300: O Muhammad! God willing, thou shalt abide beneath…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy!

O Muhammad! God willing, thou shalt abide beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree and be nourished by its fruits. Thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne, and divine favor hath been directed towards thee from the prison. Blessed art thou, and blessed are thy father and mother. Ye are among those who have believed in God and turned away from every idolatrous infidel. Beseech and implore the True One, exalted be His glory, that He may guide all to such a degree that the winds of contingent being shall not prevent these souls who have turned towards Him from the direction of His oneness. Verily, He hath power over all things. In the acquisition of perfection, negligence is not permissible. Exert thy utmost endeavor. This is what hath been inscribed by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09582: This is a mention from Us to her who…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

This is a mention from Us to her who hath believed in God, the Cleaver of the Dawn, that she may find from the traces of God that which shall cause her to be enkindled with the fire of the remembrance of the name of her Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Hearken thou unto the Call from the Most Exalted Pen, whose sound hath been raised between earth and heaven:

> “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Single, the One, the All-Compelling.”

Beware lest the veils of idle fancies withhold thee, or the doubts of them who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, prevent thee. Remember thy Lord, then prostrate thyself and be steadfast before His Face, the Sovereign over all who are in the earth and the heavens. Then rejoice in this Tablet which hath been sent down unto thee, from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH09302: God willing, may you, through the grace…

He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Great

God willing, may you, through the grace of the Lord of creation, hold fast to the divine Lote-Tree in all the worlds. Divine bounty hath been and will continue to be vouchsafed unto each one of you. Praise be to the Ancient Lord that thou art privileged with the most great honor and gazest upon the most great horizon. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the All-Merciful in a spirit of joy and fragrance, turning away from all else. The world hath ever been and will continue to be the realm of change and transformation. Therefore it hath no station before God, and that which is enduring

and lasting existeth with the Truth. We beseech God to aid all to achieve what He loveth and is pleased with, and to ordain for you what lieth concealed in the mysteries of His knowledge. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Generous.

BH09550: Thy letter was present before the Countenance…

He is the Most Glorious, The Most Holy

Thy letter was present before the Countenance and the Most Holy Gaze was directed towards it. These words were mentioned at its beginning:

> "O my God! Though the chicory be bitter, it is from the garden."

O Zaman! God willing, through the bounty of the All-Merciful thou shalt become sweet and be accounted as among the flowers of the divine paradise. They that have turned unto God are as leaves and fruits and flowers of God's spiritual garden. They have been created from the element of love and have sprouted forth from the rain clouds of grace. Strive thou to be adorned throughout all thy days with the ornament of the divine springtime. Beware lest anything sadden thee. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's mercy, then make mention of Him amidst all possibilities with wisdom and utterance, that through thy remembrance the heedless may be awakened. And praise be to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09222: The Most Holy, the Most Pure

The Most Holy, the Most Pure.

Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, from the horizon of tribulation: verily there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Help in Peril. He remembereth whomsoever He willeth, and causeth his remembrance to be inscribed upon the Tablets; wherefore the Concourse on high and the denizens of the Kingdom of Names make mention of him at eventide and at dawn.

They who have halted this day have no share; but he who hath turned unto Him is of those whose hearts have been illumined with the light of recognition. Blessed is he who hath entered the gardens of disclosure and of vision, inasmuch as the veils have been rent asunder and the horizons have been brightened. Joyful tidings unto thee, O servant, for that which hath flowed upon thy mention from the Pen of Revelation, and for that thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing, hath spoken thy name.

Know thou the worth of this station. Say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou at Whose Name the Hour was confounded and the Resurrection was raised up.

BH09382: Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Have…

He is the Most Mighty of the Mighty

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Have mercy upon Thy male and female servants in Thy days, then send down upon them that which will cause them to turn toward the direction of Thy favors and to gaze toward the horizon of Thy Cause. O my Lord! I am a handmaiden among Thy handmaidens who hath

turned unto Thee and faced the Source of Thy Cause and the Repository of Thy knowledge. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the horizons were illumined and the lands were enlightened to ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy handmaidens who have heard Thy call and were present before the throne of Thy grandeur and attained unto Thy presence after Thou didst manifest the Manifestation of Thyself through Thy sovereignty and Thy power. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the Wise. The glory be upon you both and upon those handmaidens who were with you.

BH09558: O Most Holy, Most Glorious!

O Most Holy, Most Glorious!

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having blessed Thy servant whom Thou didst honor with Thy presence and caused to hear Thy verses. O my God! Thou knowest that he migrated in Thy love until he entered the city wherein was established the throne of Thy grandeur. Thereupon were raised the banners of oppression until the idolaters drove us out from the Land of Mystery and imprisoned us in the Most Great Prison. Thus was he prevented from attaining Thy presence. O my Lord! Ordain for him and for those who have sought Thee that which befitteth Thy glory. Then write down for them the good of this world and of the world to come. Then cause them to be among those who circle round the Kaaba of Thy Cause in all Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest. Nothing can prevent Thy sovereignty and Thou art, in truth, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH09956: Say: All paths have branched forth from this unerring…

In the Name of Him Who is seated upon the Throne!

Say: All paths have branched forth from this unerring Path, and all ways have stemmed from this Straight Road. Say: It is the Most Great Balance, whereby every mighty matter is weighed. By it are all things known, if ye be of them that perceive. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto God from all eternity, and whoso turneth away—nothing shall be accepted from him, though he bring all that is in earth and heaven. Thus hath He decreed Who is the Sovereign of all might, and He is, verily, knowing of all things. O people! Aid ye the All-Merciful, and be not numbered with them that remain silent.

BH09938: All the Books have been sent down in order…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

All the Books have been sent down in order to establish the truth of this Cause. Whoso turneth away hath verily denied God and His Messengers and His Books which were sent unto the worlds. Say: All Books have been expounded from this mighty Book. He who denieth this Book, naught shall be accepted from him though he act according to what is in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. All things have been made dependent upon this Cause—this if ye be of them that comprehend. Every mention hath been consummated by this Mention and every foundation by this firm Foundation. They who act according to what hath been revealed in the Tablet—these are among the triumphant ones.

BH09794: O servant! Hear the call of Husayn. Thy letter…

In His Name, the One Who has dominion over all things!

O servant! Hear the call of Husayn. Thy letter was observed by the eye of loving-kindness. Praise thou the Best-Beloved of the worlds that thou hast been named by this name. However, for servitude there are certain conditions. The first is that thou shouldst manifest spiritual qualities among all people, that all may find and observe in thee the signs of servitude and servanthood. If thou takest pride in this name, be thou of them that render thanks. We have adorned thee with the ornament of this wise remembrance, that thou mayest be assured that He hath desired him who desired Him and hath intended him who intended Him, and what is with Him hath precedence over what is with others. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH09922: The All-Merciful has come with clear proof…

He is the All-Glorious, the Most Holy

The All-Merciful has come with clear proof, and the Dove of Utterance has warbled upon the branches: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous.” Say: We have never entered any school, nor do We wish to expound in Our Tablets what the people possess and their sciences. This is what the Remembrance has informed you in a clear Book. He has said: “He speaks in all things: ‘There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise.”’ O My loved ones! Remember your Lord, the All-Merciful, with wisdom, that people may recognize this Day and be numbered among those who have turned unto Him. Blessed is he who has recognized and turned, and has said: “Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds!”

BH09850: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Aid Thy handmaidens…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Aid Thy handmaidens to be steadfast in Thy Cause, to turn their faces toward Thy countenance, and to gaze upon the horizon of Thy favors. O Lord! Make them sanctified through Thy sovereignty and devoted to Thy command, mentioning Thy remembrance and praise. Then cause them to be among those who circle round the throne of Thy grandeur and who succeed in carrying out that which they have been bidden by Thee, that there may appear from them that which befitteth their relationship to Thee. Verily, Thou art the Powerful One, Whose command hath encompassed all created things and Whose knowledge hath encompassed all contingent beings. Nothing whatsoever can frustrate what Thou hast willed, nor can any in the heavens or earth render Thee powerless. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09753: The Book itself speaks, yet the people do not…

In His Name, the Ruler, the Everlasting!

The Book itself speaks, yet the people do not understand. The Hidden One has appeared and is visible, yet the people do not see. They are those who denied the presence of their Lord when He came on the appointed day. Say: He is indeed the Sovereign in all possibility, and He is verily the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Were He to roll up what has been spread out by His command, none could object. He is indeed the Ruler through His word "Be!" and it is. It behooveth every soul to follow Him in whatsoever He willeth. This is a manifest truth. Whoso is not upon this path hath not attained. Thus doth the Truth testify, if ye be of them that know.

BH09786: O friends! I truly say that whosoever is deprived…

In the Name of the Beloved of the worlds!

O friends! I truly say that whosoever is deprived today of the outpourings from the heaven of divine mercy shall never succeed in making up for it, inasmuch as this day is the Lord of days and the King of all days. One breath drawn today for the sake of God is equal to the goodly deeds of numbered years. We beseech God, exalted be His glory, to assist thee and to keep thee firm and steadfast in His love. Such is the bounty of God that even in this Most Great Prison, amidst countless afflictions, He remembers His friends. This supreme blessing is specially ordained for this Day. Know ye its value and count it as a precious treasure.

BH09777: May you be fresh and verdant through the winds…

In His Name that hath dominion over all names

May you be fresh and verdant through the winds of the mercy of the All-Merciful and the rain-clouds of the bounty of the All-Glorious, and may you dwell at rest beneath the shade of the Tree of Oneness in all the worlds. O saplings of the divine garden! The hand of training of the True Educator hath ever been and shall continue to be engaged in training whatsoever hath grown in the paradise of God. We render thanks unto God for having manifested thee in His days, and for having related thee to him who turned unto Him and attained unto His recognition and quaffed the choice wine of mystical knowledge and the pure water of submission from the hands of His bounties on a day wherein all arose in hypocrisy save those who held fast unto the Sure Handle and were detached from all else but Him.

BH10021: This is a Book which hath dawned…

In the name of God, the Eternal, without end!

This is a Book which hath dawned from the horizon of utterance unto him who hath turned to the Help in Time of Need, the Almighty. We make mention of the loved ones of God in the prison, that they may arise to aid the Cause through wisdom and utterance. Sedition beseemeth not man, but rather that whereby the affairs of those on earth may be set aright. Is there one of discerning taste who can perceive the sweetness of the feast which We have sent down from the heaven of eternity upon the peoples? By My Self, the True One! Whoso hath found it hath detached himself, then arose and cried out: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Unconstrained!" These are verses which, should their fragrance waft over the rock, would cause it to cry out at the top of its voice: "The Beloved is come, O concourse of lovers!"

BH09759: O daughter of My brother! Hearken thou unto…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O daughter of My brother! Hearken thou unto the Call from the direction of the mercy of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Powerful. Remember thou thy Lord, then prostrate thyself before His Face, the Mighty, the Beautiful, inasmuch as He hath made known unto thee the Manifestation of His Self and the Dawning-Place of His verses when He came with the truth through this Most Great Name, whereby the worlds have been illumined. Blessed art thou in that thou hast been mentioned by the Pen of Command and thy name hath flowed from the tongue of Power and Might. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the garment, say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH09793: O thou who art absent yet present! Although outwardly…

He is the Remembered One!

O thou who art absent yet present! Although outwardly thou hast returned to thy native land according to the leave and will of the true Master, yet thy mention remains before the Divine Throne. Blessed art thou for having attained unto that which was the purpose in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Wise. A brief Tablet was sent down from the heaven of bounty to thy brother and forwarded to you. Deliver it to him and in all circumstances be watchful over the Cause of God, for deluded souls have been and are lying in wait. We beseech God to protect thee from the deceptions of the doubters and from the schemes of those who have remained heedless of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all the worlds.

BH09926: The Most Great, the Most Holy

The Most Great, the Most Holy.

The Tongue of Ancient Days hath spoken, calling out thy name, and hath sent down unto thee this Tablet through which the horizon of utterance hath been made to shine. Blessed is the one who ariseth with strength to make mention of Me and whose heart is set ablaze with My love. By My life! This is the way of the lovers. Can gold hold them back from this path? Nay, by My Name, the All-Merciful! Such a one ariseth in such wise that he seeth naught but Me, and heareth the clamor of the idolaters but as the buzzing of flies. We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love and have sent unto thee that from which those near unto God perceive the sweet savors of the garment of their Lord, the Gracious, the Bestower. Thus have We kindled the fire for thee that thou mayest be enkindled and arise to make mention of thy Lord amidst all creation.

BH10124: The Wronged One testifies that there is no God…

He is the All-Glorious!

The Wronged One testifies that there is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He hath ever been hidden in His Essence, and He Who speaketh this day speaketh from His presence that there is

no God but Me, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. Verily, the Manifestation appears from the realm of the Unseen, and the Unseen establishes His decree through the Manifestation. Thus hath the Sun of Divine Unity shone forth from the horizon of detachment. Blessed are they who know! Say: The Unseen cannot be known except through this Visible One. Blessed be the All-Loving Who hath come on the Promised Day.

O H S! Adorn thyself with My attributes, then follow My path in such wise that the world and all that is therein shall not prevent thee from beholding the perspicuous countenance of thy Lord, the Generous.

BH09977: O Most Great, Most Holy One!

O Most Great, Most Holy One!

Kazim: Your letter with the names mentioned has been presented before the Throne and has attained divine favor. God willing, may you all dwell beneath the divine Lote-Tree and be nourished by its goodly fruits. The glance of mercy has been and will continue to be upon you. What bounty could be greater than this bounty, that in this age, the Book is occupied with your mention at dawn, while imprisoned in the hands of the oppressors? Blessed art thou and blessed are those with thee among those who have been awakened by the fragrances of revelation in this Dawn which hath appeared from the horizon of manifestation in truth.

BH09995: The Word of God, even if limited…

The Word of God, even if limited to a single word, cannot be equaled by all the books of the world. Grieve not that We have made this Tablet brief, for within it can be seen a mighty Book. This is a Tablet that hath been mixed with the salt of God. When thou hast tasted it and discovered its savor, arise and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds! Marvel not if We jest in prison, for sorrows have never overtaken Us in the path of thy Lord, and We are in wondrous joy.

We have offered up one of Our Branches. Say: Unto Thee be praise, O Glory of the worlds! Would that thou knewest the surging waves of this Most Great Ocean and what lieth concealed therein of the pearls of the mysteries of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised!

BH10168: Verily, generosity calls out “The Kingdom is God’s…

He is the Most Bountiful, the Most Bountiful

Verily, generosity calls out “The Kingdom is God’s, the Mighty, the Generous!” Blessed is every generous one who has turned to the ocean of generosity. And he who thereafter does not turn shall not be called generous, even if he were to give away the treasures of the heavens and earth. Verily, he who has deprived himself of this generosity is indeed miserly, by the Lord of all worlds, for he has not spent on himself the everlasting food after its descent and bestowal. Thus has the matter been decreed from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. The generous one is he who spends upon himself that which has been sent down from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Aware. He is indeed of the people of generosity in this luminous horizon.

BH10377: The Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Most Great, the Most Glorious.

A Book from Us for people who understand. Verily it hath been sent down in truth from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Let them that remember know that He remembereth them, and His remembrance precedeth all who remember and all who are remembered. O people! Rejoice in the Most Great Remembrance and put your trust in God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Let not the affairs of creation grieve you if ye desire the truth and are among those who observe. Soon shall the carpet of creation be rolled up, and ye shall circle round the Truth. Ye shall find yourselves in the most exalted station, gazing upon the Countenance. Thus doth God give you glad tidings in the Book, and the knowledge of all things is in a hidden Book.

BH10256: The most great Remembrance saith: O handmaids! Hear…

In the Name of the True Friend

The most great Remembrance saith: O handmaids! Hear the divine Word with the ears of your souls, and comprehend with pure hearts the loving counsels of the All-Merciful that flow from the Pen of the Beloved of all possibilities. The world is transient and impermanent, and ever shall be. Hold fast with the hand of trust to the hem of the favor of the Eternal Sovereign, that through His grace you may abide in the everlasting worlds. The Kawthar of mercy is surging, and creation, having not partaken, is bewildered. Blessed is he who drinks thereof and says: “Praise be to Thee, O Quickener of the worlds!”

BH10237: Revealed for the Messenger in the land of Ta

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Strive that through divine grace and heavenly bounty you may remain firm and steadfast in the Cause, for the hosts of Satan lie in wait and have been and are seeking to lead astray the loved ones of God. They are but in manifest error and loss. God willing, may you ever abide at rest beneath the tree of divine oneness and be engaged in His remembrance. Glory be unto those whose names are present before the Throne—they are indeed among the triumphant. Convey greetings unto them from thy Lord—verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones.

BH10181: O Most Ancient, Most Ancient!

O Most Ancient, Most Ancient!

O Pen! We observe that thou lovest brevity in the Tablets. Yea, by My life, O My Chosen Lord! If there be a receptive ear, a single word sufficeth. It is the manifestation of the Most Great Oneness unto all who are in the earth and heavens. And verily it is the supreme magnet amidst the nations—it removeth the dust and attracteth those possessed of heart. Whosoever desireth the Desired One loveth to be honored by mention from among the mentions from the presence of the Lord of Creation. Therefore hath been sent down for each one that which will gladden them in the days of thy Lord. He is verily the Mighty, the

All-Bountiful. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this bounty when the Decisive Utterance was revealed.

BH10257: The remembrance of God is for him who hath…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The remembrance of God is for him who hath held fast unto His remembrance when He appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty. Say: Whoso turneth away from this remembrance, he hath not truly held fast unto God's remembrance, even should he remember Him throughout the duration of the kingdom. Thus doth the All-Merciful testify in a Tablet wherein hath been sent down every wise command. God accepteth not the deed of anyone save through this firm foundation. How many a worker hath been prevented today from attaining the presence of his Lord, though created for that purpose, and how many a heedless one hath attained and been numbered among the successful! Blessed art thou for having been remembered before the Face through this wondrous remembrance.

BH10198: O Son of Nabil! God willing, may you circle…

O Son of Nabil! God willing, may you circle round the All-Merciful in all worlds, attain His favors, and find rest in His shadow. The mentioned Tablets were sent—deliver them, and several copies also for the handmaidens of God from among your relatives. All this is from His bounty upon you. And you must gladden all the loved ones of the All-Merciful with the utterance of the Lord of Religions, for they are mentioned and remembered in the Most Holy Presence. Blessed art thou for having turned, drawn nigh, attained the presence, heard, and witnessed with thine outward illumined eye.

BH11855: O My Ghaffar! Grieve not at thy separation. Thou…

O My Ghaffar! Grieve not at thy separation. Thou art among those who have remained faithful to the Covenant. We love you even as you love Us, and Our love preceded your love—to this He Who is the Lord of the Day of Separation beareth witness. Grieve not at remoteness, but be content with whatsoever God hath ordained. Beware lest thou complainest of aught in My path. God will soon make manifest what He hath ordained for thee. He is thy Protector and the Protector of whosoever hath turned unto Him at all times. He beholdeth thee and His glance is directed towards thee. This verily is a great bounty. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord. He is the Helper of whomsoever hath sought Him and the Acceptor of whomsoever hath turned unto Him. He is possessed of ardent love.

BH10316: The Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Most Great, the Most Glorious.

God hath testified of His own Self by His own Self before the creation of His heaven and His earth that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Powerful, the Unconstrained. And He Who hath come is verily the One mentioned in the highest heaven and inscribed in the Tablets of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious, and promised in the radiant Scriptures. And whosoever after Him layeth claim, he hath indeed uttered falsehood. By My Self that ruleth over all horizons, bear thou witness unto

that whereunto God hath testified, then stand firm in the Cause with the spirit of power and assurance. Grieve not for him who hath ascended; verily he dwelleth in the seat of truth with thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH10340: The Most Great, the Most Holy!

The Most Great, the Most Holy!

The sun hath dawned from the horizon of divine decree, whereon hath been inscribed by the Most Glorious Pen: "The Prison is for the Dayspring of Lights." We, in the most wretched of dwellings, summon the people unto the Kingdom. Recognize this, O ye who are endowed with insight! The wine of idle fancy hath seized all who dwell on earth, save those who have turned with their hearts to the Horizon of all horizons. When anyone raiseth a call, We answer him, though We have prescribed for every soul that when he heareth, he should say: "Here am I, O God of all who are in the heavens and on earth!" Gather ye together, O My loved ones, for the sake of the Cause. Thus have ye been commanded in the Tablets.

BH10484: O Muhammad! When the Sun of Truth dawned…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O Muhammad! When the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of Hijaz, the people of metaphors objected to it. Among them were those who said "He hath spoken falsely" and among them were those who said "He is a lying sorcerer." Likewise did they speak when the Spirit came with spirit and fragrance. Whenever We desired to draw them near, they fled and said "This is naught but a man of doubt." Blessed is he who hath cast the world behind him, turning unto the Mighty, the Bestower. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me when I was in the hands of the wicked ones."

BH10175: O Badi'u'llah! Your letter hath been presented before your…

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

O Badi'u'llah! Your letter hath been presented before your Lord. We beseech God to assist thee in thy first and last matters, to sanctify thee from whatsoever is unworthy of thy relation to Him, and to grant thee the bounty of attaining His presence. He, verily, is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thou hast found a scribe swifter than a steed, who mentioneth therein neither "if" nor "would that", but recordeth what occureth to mind and what occureth not. We beseech God to assist all to remember and praise Him, and to gather them beneath the shade of His loving-kindness. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Almighty.

BH10289: O my God, glorified art Thou! Thou seest…

He is the Almighty

O my God, glorified art Thou! Thou seest that one of Thy handmaidens hath appeared before Thy throne and seeketh Thy grace and bounty. O Lord! Assist her to serve the Greater Branch and make her content

and well-pleasing in such wise that if she should behold another in His presence, she would remain unchanged in herself and would in all conditions gaze upon Thee, saying at all times:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the reins of authority. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Unconstrained."

Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused her to be numbered among the people of Thy pavilion of glory and the tabernacle of Thy protection. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful.

BH10200: O handmaiden of God! The True One, exalted be…

In the Name of the Beloved of earth and heaven!

O handmaiden of God! The True One, exalted be His glory, says: O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! Thy letter was honored before the Countenance and was read. From the Most Exalted Pen thy name hath flowed—regard this bounty as great, and in all times be occupied with the remembrance of the All-Merciful. The greatest of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, is steadfastness in His Cause, for the manifestations of Satan have arisen with their deceptions. God shall soon cause them to sit down and return them to their abode in the fire.

BH10397: This is a book for My Self which has…

He is the Almighty

This is a book for My Self which has dawned upon the worlds. This is a remembrance for one who has sought My protection. Verily it has been sent down for it and it is a remembrance from Our presence. Unto Us doth truth return unto truth, and light unto this wondrous light. This is a beauty which We have caused to dawn from the horizon of wisdom and glory for this eye whereby were opened the eyes of the mystics. This is the breath of God for this noble and exalted sense of smell. The rays return, for it is the Sun, and the ultimate ascent is this luminous station. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH10551: O servant of the Friend! Hearken with the ear…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Mighty

O servant of the Friend! Hearken with the ear of thy spirit to the call of the Friend. As long as thou art turned to Him, His eye is ever upon thee. The bodies of them that have turned to Us are even as gold among other bodies. Were He not looking upon thee, thou wouldst not be speaking His praise. He beholdeth thee and proclaimeth thy mention, even as He hath revealed and sent down this most impregnable Tablet in thy name from within the Most Great Prison amidst the oppressors. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this bounty and for being numbered among them that have turned unto Him.

BH10656: We walk, and the people walk behind Us; but…

He is the Most Glorious, the Most Great

We walk, and the people walk behind Us; but they remain veiled behind a mighty veil.

We make mention of God, and all things remember Him too. Happy are those who listen, but alas for those who are negligent.

We move, and all things visible and invisible move too; but those who are asleep are far from Us and are deprived.

O, ʿAli, assist your Lord by your conduct and character. This is worthy of those who cling to this Strong Cord. Adorn your bodies with the robe of courtesy, and your hearts with mention of Me, the Almighty, the Incomparable. Such has your Lord, the Merciful and forgiving, instructed you.

BH10661: This is a Book from Us to him who…

He is the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious

This is a Book from Us to him who hath turned to the All-Possessing, the Most High, that he may inhale from this Tablet the fragrance of the utterance of his Lord, the All-Merciful—this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of wisdom and knowledge. Be thou thankful unto God, inasmuch as the Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee, and there hath flowed from the ocean of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful, "Make thou mention of Me amongst My servants." This hath been prescribed for every soul by the Mighty, the Unconstrained. And glory be upon you, O people of righteousness!

BH10640: A Book have We sent down in truth unto…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

A Book have We sent down in truth unto him who acknowledgeth the testimony of God when He appeared through His decisive and wondrous Cause. Verily the Dawning-Place of verses hath melodies which, were they to be revealed, would cause all who are in the heavens and on earth to swoon away, except whom God willeth, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He who hath turned unto Him this Day is assuredly of the people of Baha in the kingdom of creation, and he who hath turned away is verily among the dead. This is the Day of steadfastness—blessed is he who hath clung fast thereunto and is of them that are firm.

BH10659: This is the Book of God, the Mighty…

He is the Most Manifest, the Most Luminous

This is the Book of God, the Mighty, the Wise, unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, that all may discover the fragrances of the verses of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praised One. Blessed is the young who hath turned to the Countenance and the aged who hath been illumined by this resplendent Beauty. Blessed is the child who hath rent asunder the veils. Woe unto every doubting man! O daughter of My uncle, turn thou unto God with thy heart and say: O my God! I am she who hath turned unto the Qiblih of all horizons. I beseech Thee to preserve me from the glories of them that are veiled, and to deliver me unto Thyself. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

BH10555: O ʿAskar! The Supreme Pen beareth witness that thou…

He is the Ever-Abiding

O ʿAskar! The Supreme Pen beareth witness that thou art among those who have believed and attained. Be thou thankful and be of them that render thanks. Thou didst migrate to attain the presence of God and didst achieve the meeting with the Beloved, and yet again thou didst enter the Most Great Prison with the Ancient Beauty. Praise be to the Goal of all the worlds that thou didst attain unto the root of all good. Beseech thou God that thou mayest circle round Him in all the worlds. Take thou this station and leave all else to whomsoever desireth it.

BH10538: O Diya'u'llah! He sends His greetings to thy face…

He is the All-Knowing

O Diya'u'llah! He sends His greetings to thy face from this manifest horizon. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds! Thou hast found a scribe more universal than anything and more nimble than a shadow. His pen ranges through the field of eloquence as if he were Quss ibn Sa'idah. His verse is more orderly than Europe's system, and his prose more resplendent than the Pleiades' necklace. Blessed is the scribe who occupies himself with the remembrance of the Lord of Names, morning and evening. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

BH10569: O dervish! The festival befits Me not. Indeed, anxiety…

He is the One to be obeyed in all conditions!

O dervish! The festival befits Me not. Indeed, anxiety is My gladness and grief is My delight and tribulation is My festival and the prison is My paradise and the well is My vista and suffering is My companion. Thus do We perceive for Our Self in these days. And since the matter is thus, what shall We say regarding your affair and how shall We judge for you? We are God's and unto Him shall we return. Be patient even as We were patient. Perchance God will bring about a matter from His presence. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH10578: Lauded be Thy name, O Lord my God! I…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

Lauded be Thy name, O Lord my God! I entreat Thee by Thy Name through which the Hour hath struck, and the Resurrection came to pass, and fear and trembling seized all that are in heaven and all that are on earth, to rain down, out of the heaven of Thy mercy and the clouds of Thy tender compassion, what will gladden the hearts of Thy servants, who have turned towards Thee and helped Thy Cause.

Keep safe Thy servants and Thy handmaidens, O my Lord, from the darts of idle fancy and vain imaginings, and give them from the hands of Thy grace a draught of the soft-flowing waters of Thy knowledge.

Thou, truly, art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH10663: This is a Book from Us to one whom…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a Book from Us to one whom God has related to His Own Self, the One Who dominates all worlds, that his eyes may be consoled by the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the Wise. O thou who art young in years! Be great in utterance in celebrating the praise of thy Lord, the Possessor of Destiny, through that which hath been sent down unto thee from the All-Greatest Horizon—that which causes the eyes to be gladdened. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. We beseech God to preserve you from the arrows of the hints of the suspicious ones, and to ordain for you that which is best for you. Verily He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him.

BH10537: O My handmaiden! Blessed art thou for having turned…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

O My handmaiden! Blessed art thou for having turned thy heart to the Qiblih of all horizons. Beware lest anything withhold thee from God, the Cleaver of daybreak. Remember thy Lord with joy and fragrance. Thus hast thou been commanded by thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. How many a learned one hath been debarred from the Known One, and how many an ignorant one hath drawn nigh unto the Mighty, the Bestower! How many men have been veiled by vain imaginings, and how many women have rent asunder the veils! Verily the grace is in God's hand—He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

BH10944: O ʿAli-Rida! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged…

In the Name of God, the Most Manifest, the Most Manifest!

O ʿAli-Rida! Hearken unto the call of the Wronged One. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Thou playest with the children while the All-Merciful remembereth thee from this exalted Station. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to enable thee to do that which He loveth and pleaseth, and to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the world to come. Verily, He is the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH10786: The Most Holy, The Most Glorious

The Most Holy, The Most Glorious

O daughter of ʿAli! Hearken unto the Call of the King of earth and heaven, Who calleth from the right hand of the Most Great Prison and summoneth thee to the Kingdom of the Ancient of Days. Praise be to the Best-Beloved of the worlds that thou hast been under His gaze, and God willing, thou shalt in all conditions be turned toward the Most Great Scene. Place thy trust in God and commit thy affairs unto Him. Verily He beholdeth whosoever turneth toward His shining and luminous Countenance.

BH10869: The One Who remembereth hath not forgotten His remembering…

He is the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious

The One Who remembereth hath not forgotten His remembering servant, and the Intended One will not deprive the seeker of the effulgences of His lights. How excellent is the state of that soul whose remembrance ascendeth to the throne and from whose heart's paradise there reacheth the Divine presence a sweet fragrance, purely for the sake of God. These are the days of grace—we look to grace. Were we to look to justice, not a single word would flow from the Pen of the Ancient of Days. Verily, He knoweth all things.

BH10768: O Majd! God glorifies Himself and those who have…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

O Majd! God glorifies Himself and those who have believed in Him on the Day when eyes are transfixed, save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great, hath willed. We beseech God that He may draw thee nigh unto Him and cause thee to enter the holy presence and give thee to drink of the choice wine of His wondrous and glorious utterance. Read thou the Tablet and say: Praise be to God! Verily He remembereth those who turn unto Him.

BH10765: O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Mighty

O Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, from this mighty Prison. The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Adorn thy heart with My love, and thy tongue with My remembrance, and thy head with the crown of My Cause, the Mighty, the Impregnable. They who follow My commandments, these are under the shadow of My tender care and within the tabernacle of My mercy that hath encompassed all worlds. Remember thy Lord; verily He remembereth thee in this land of exile amidst the hands of the idolaters.

BH10817: Regarding the matter of purchasing the specific house, again…

Regarding the matter of purchasing the specific house, again it hath been revealed from the heaven of God's command:

> "Soon shall We raise up one who will purchase what thou hast desired, through pure love. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty."

At the Throne, there is nothing available to be sent, but in the inmost heart We have enabled one of the loved ones. God willing, it shall become manifest to thee in the outward realm. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH10793: O Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! Strive, for this…

O Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! Strive, for this is the Day of striving and endeavor, that thou mayest learn from the wondrous melodies of the Lote-Tree. Unseal the musk that is sealed, and manifest the light of thy heart, so that all steadfast handmaidens may find their way to the paradise of reunion with the Immortal Beloved through the fragrance of thy love and utterance. God willing, mayest thou be adorned with the ornament of detachment and be free and independent of all else save Him.

BH10799: From the Source of the Command it has been…

From the Source of the Command it has been revealed: It is incumbent upon all the loved ones of Truth to reflect upon steadfastness and its degrees, so that they may comprehend the wisdom of God's utterance, Who in most Tablets has called the people unto steadfastness. Say: O My loved ones, reflect deeply upon the veils of glory and ever keep them before your eyes, lest perchance the glorified veils of idle fancy prevent you from the Court of Oneness. And the Glory be upon you.

BH10828: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee…

He is the Most Holy

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Ancient Beauty and the Most Great Name to protect those whom Thou hast chosen for Thyself and made the leaves of this Tree which hath been raised up by Thy command. Have mercy, O my God, upon their young and old through Thy grace and bounty. Then make them to be among those who have acknowledged Thy oneness and recognized that which hath been sent down in the Tablets of Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH11030: O Ali! Praise be to God that thou hast…

He is the Beloved

O Ali! Praise be to God that thou hast beheld the Friend, attained unto the Friend, and been blessed with the remembrance of the Friend. O Light of the Dawning-place of lights! He, the Chosen One, saith: Thou art remembered in My presence—this sufficeth thee, by the Lord of the mighty Throne! Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon them that are with thee amongst the loved ones of thy Lord.

BH11034: O handmaiden of God! Thy letter hath come before…

He is the Most Holy.

O handmaiden of God! Thy letter hath come before Our face and thy remembrance is mentioned before the Throne. This is the most great bounty wherewith thou hast been favored. Strive thou that the heedlessness and forgetfulness of the peoples of the worlds may not prevent thee from the direction of the All-Merciful, and that thou mayest ever dwell, in spirit and fragrance, beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree, in rest and in peace.

BH11066: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech…

…Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the Ancient Beauty and by Thy Most Great Name, whereby Thy sovereignty hath been established over the nations, to make me one of them who are detached in their love for Thee from all else save Thee. Then make me steadfast in Thy Cause in such wise that I may summon all who are in the realm of creation to turn away from all else and turn towards the sanctuary of Thy knowledge and the Kaaba of Thy revelation. Verily, Thou hast power over all things.

BH11146: O my God! Assist the Greater Branch to make…

He is the Most Great

O my God! Assist the Greater Branch to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee, then cause to flow from his pen the wonders of Thy knowledge and Thy mysteries. O Lord! He hath hastened unto Thy good-pleasure and observed the fast out of love for Thee and in conformity with Thy command. Ordain for him every good thing that hath been sent down in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH11015: God willing, may you be engaged at all times…

He is God, exalted is He!

God willing, may you be engaged at all times in praising the All-Merciful with the utmost joy and delight, in such wise that the happenings of creation shall not prevent you from extolling the Truth. O Muhammad! The spiritual wine of oneness is prepared and the Bearer of the eternal countenance is the Cup-Bearer—take and drink, and give to drink! Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Quickener of the worlds!

BH11018: O handmaiden of God! Should the Word of God…

In the Name of the Beloved Creator!

O handmaiden of God! Should the Word of God be confined to a single word, that word has been and will ever be the sovereign of all words, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafting from it throughout the ages is most excellent. How blessed is the soul that has inhaled it and has turned with an illumined heart toward its direction.

BH11020: The Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious

The Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious

O servant of the Everlasting Friend! He saith: Thy letter was presented before the Countenance. As it was adorned with the ornament of the love of the Beloved, after having attained the honor of presentation before the Most Holy Court and gaining the bounty of attaining His presence, it became the bearer of the trust of the mysteries of the Pen and returned to that direction. Blessed art thou for having turned toward the Qiblih and for having won victory through God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH11033: O handmaiden of God! Thy name hath been mentioned…

In the Name of the one incomparable God!

O handmaiden of God! Thy name hath been mentioned at the Most Holy Court, wherefore this Most Exalted Tablet hath been sent down from the heaven of the mercy of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest inhale from it the fragrance of the Beloved of all worlds, and remain steadfast in His love with firm footsteps and an illumined heart, and be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the All-Merciful.

BH11051: Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds…

In His Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds, that thou hast attained, through His greatest bounty and Most Great Name. In all conditions be vigilant in the Cause of God, that perchance in these fleeting days eternal stations may be acquired. Know thou the value of the blessing of attainment and the days of reunion, and be occupied at all times with the remembrance of God. Blessed are they that act.

BH11058: The Most Holy, the Most Glorious

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious.

A mention from Us to one of Our maidservants, that she may remember her Lord in every eventide and morn. Be thou joyful in My remembrance of thee, then praise thy Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Then give thanks to the All-Merciful for having adorned thy home with the Branches. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Thus doth the Wronged One remember thee as He walketh in the house and remembereth His Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH11125: The Beloved of creation declares: One word…

In the Name of the Goal of all the worlds!

The Beloved of creation declares: One word from the Divine Word in that Most Great Manifestation is better than all that was revealed in the Bayan. Therefore thou shouldst at all times praise the Beloved of creation and be thankful that He singled thee out through His grace and enabled thee to attain unto His mention.

BH11152: O thou who art a stranger in the path…

He is God!

O thou who art a stranger in the path of God! We have sent unto thee this garment that thou mayest inhale from it the fragrance of reunion. We render thanks unto God, thy Lord. Verily He is with those who remember Him in all conditions. Be not grieved. Trust in God and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Self-Sufficing, the Most High!

BH11222: O Muhammad-Qabel-Rida! We send forth from this station Our…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Muhammad-Qabel-Rida! We send forth from this station Our glorification upon thee, and We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee in His service, in turning unto Him, in hearkening to that which hath been sent down from His presence, and in steadfastness in His love. Verily He is the Protector of whosoever loveth Him, and verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones.

BH11254: Praise be to the Desire of the world Who…

He is the Most Exalted

Praise be to the Desire of the world Who did not deprive His handmaidens from the knowledge of the Manifestation of His Self. Your letter is present and the Glance of God is fixed upon thee. By My life, this glance is better for thee than whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and earths. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH11253: In the Name of God! Your pilgrimage is better…

In the Name of God! Your pilgrimage is better than a thousand pilgrimages. Praise be to God that you have attained unto both commands. Praise be to God that through God's infinite bounty and His eternal, all-embracing mercy you have attained both unto the visitation of the House and the Lord of the House. This is blessing upon blessing upon blessing.

BH11308: The Most Holy, the Most Exalted

The Most Holy, the Most Exalted.

This is a book from the Luminary of the horizons to His brother's daughter Ishraq, that she may give thanks through the remembrance of her Lord towards her and be among those who remember in every morn and eve. We beseech God to cause her to taste the sweetness of what hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen and to make her among the devoted ones in a mighty tablet.

BH11451: Peruse ye every day the verses revealed by God…

…Peruse ye every day the verses revealed by God. Blessed is the man who reciteth them and reflecteth upon them. He truly is of them with whom it shall be well

BH06838: O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Gladden Our servants with the remembrance…

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! Gladden Our servants with the remembrance of God, the King, the True, the Manifest….

BH06783: This is a Book unto My servant Javad, who…

This is a Book unto My servant Javad, who was attracted by the wine of utterance—that is, heard the Call and ran forward intoxicated. Thus was the matter decreed….

BH11465: Mansur, if he goes, should recite “I entrust my…

Mansur, if he goes, should recite “I entrust my soul to Thy safekeeping and protection, so protect it, O Protector of all the worlds.” It is better if he recites it nine times.

BH11506: He said: We beseech God that He may enable…

He said: We beseech God that He may enable them to act in accordance with that which they have been commanded in God’s lands and His kingdom.

BH00001: Kitab-i-Aqdas (The Most Holy Book)

Section 1: “In the Name of HimCf. the Persian Bayan’s…”

In the Name of Him[1] Who is the Supreme Ruler[2] over all that hath been[3] and all that is to be[4]

The first duty prescribed by God for His servants is the recognition[5] of Him Who is the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Fountain of His laws[6], Who representeth the Godhead in both the Kingdom of His

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[1] Cf. the Persian Bayan’s opening basmalah formulae and its doctrine that all revelation “returneth” to the Point of the letter Ba’ (e.g., Vahid 3, Bab 11; Vahid 3, Bab 12), grounding divine Names in the Primal Point and anticipating the next Manifestation.

[2] The Bayan repeatedly links divine sovereignty (sultan/hukm) to the Primal Will and the Manifestation’s authority to judge and renew creation (e.g., Vahid 2, Bab 14 on Judgment; Vahid 2, Bab 18 on “the Hour” as the Manifestation). The Aqdas basmalah echoes this sovereignty motif.

[3] The Bayan frames “Resurrection” as the period from a Manifestation’s appearance to His disappearance, encompassing “all that hath been” in a renewed creation (Vahid 2, Bab 7). This temporal sweep underlies the formula “what hath been,” read as prior dispensations gathered into the present.

[4] The Bayan stresses that all things are created for the Day of the next Manifestation and that the Bayan itself is a “present” for Him Whom God shall make manifest (Vahid 2, Bab 19; Vahid 3, Bab 3). Hence “all that is to be” points to future revelation and return.

[5] Cf. Persian Bayan, Vahid 1, Bab 1: the first “gate” enjoins recognition of the Point of the Bayan as the condition for truly affirming divine unity; the Bayan “returneth” to this recognition. The Aqdas echoes this primacy of ma’rifah over all other obligations.

Cause and the world of creation.^[Persian Bayan, Vahid 4, Bab 1: the Point has two stations014speaking "on the part of God" and speaking as servant014so that the Manifestation is the locus where divinity is represented within creation.

Compare also Vahid 4, Bab 2 on return to God through the Point.] Whoso achieveth this duty hath attained unto all good;[7] and whoso is deprived thereof hath gone astray, though he be the author of every righteous deed.[8]

It behoveth every one who reacheth this most sublime station, this summit of transcendent glory, to observe every ordinance of Him Who is the Desire of the world. These twin duties are inseparable. Neither is acceptable without the other.[9] Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Source of Divine inspiration.

They whom God hath endued with insight will readily recognize that the precepts laid down by God constitute the highest means for the maintenance of order in the world[10] and the security of its peoples. He that turneth away from them is accounted among the abject and foolish.[11]

We, verily, have commanded you to refuse the dictates of your evil passions and corrupt desires[12], and not to transgress the bounds which the Pen of the Most High hath fixed[13], for these are the breath of life unto all created things.

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[6] Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 3 and Bab 13: the "Balance" and "Judgment" in each age are the Point of Truth and His ordinances; the revealed Book and the Revealer are the twin proofs. Hence "Fountain of His laws" is inseparable from the Manifestation's authority.

[7] Persian Bayan, Vahid 3, Bab 15: belief in Him Whom God shall make manifest (and obedience to His command) is as belief in God in all worlds; without it, prior faith and works become "as though he had never once believed." The Aqdas condenses this soteriological principle.

[8] Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 6: no act of obedience is accepted except by obeying the Supreme Testimony; otherwise deeds are "dissipated and lost." The Bayan repeatedly contrasts abundant works with veiling from recognition (e.g., Vahid 2, Bab 14 on judgment by a single Word).

[9] Persian Bayan, Vahid 4, Bab 2: "all that reverteth unto the Point reverteth unto God," and what does not revert to Him does not revert to God; thus recognition and obedience form one reality. See also Vahid 2, Bab 3 on the two proofs: the Verses and the One upon whom they descend.

[10] Cf. the Bayan's conception of the Bayan itself as the "unerring balance" (mizan) and criterion for order until the next Manifestation: Persian Bayan, Vahid II, Bab 6 (also II, Bab 13 on the Balance). Obedience to divinely fixed bounds is repeatedly linked to the preservation of the community.

[11] The Bayan frequently contrasts "letters of affirmation" with "letters of negation," treating refusal of revealed ordinances as abasement and "fire": Persian Bayan, Vahid II, Bab 4 (Negation/Affirmation) and II, Bab 6 (deviation, even "a barley seed," entails fire).

The seas of Divine wisdom and Divine utterance have risen[14] under the breath of the breeze of the All-Merciful. Hasten to drink your fill, O men of understanding! They that have violated the Covenant of God by breaking His commandments[15], and have turned back on their heels, these have erred grievously in the sight of God, the All-Possessing, the Most High.

O ye peoples of the world! Know assuredly that My commandments are the lamps of My loving providence[16] among My servants, and the keys of My mercy[17] for My creatures. Thus hath it been sent down from the heaven of the Will[18] of your Lord, the Lord of Revelation.

Were any man to taste the sweetness of the words[19] which the lips of the All-Merciful have willed to utter, he would, though the treasures of the earth[20] be in his possession, renounce them one and all, that he might vindicate the truth of even one of His commandments^[Cf.

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[12] On subordinating personal will to the divine Will and avoiding self-originated "desire" (hawa) that veils recognition: Persian Bayan, Vahid II, Bab 8 (true "death" as annihilation of one's will in the Manifestation's Will) and II, Bab 12 (Sirat: hesitation/halting as spiritual peril).

[13] The Bayan repeatedly frames salvation as "not transgressing the bounds" (hudud) fixed in the Book until the next Revelation: Persian Bayan, Vahid II, Bab 2 (classification by obedience/transgression) and II, Bab 6 (the Bayan as binding balance; deviation, even minimal, is recorded as fire).

[14] The Bayan characterizes revealed "Verses" as the supreme proof and as an ocean whose effusion creates and sustains realities: Persian Bayan, Vahid II, Bab 1 (proof by verses) and III, Bab 2 (things created by the Word; "seas" of utterance).

[15] The Bayan repeatedly warns the people of a Revelation not to break the covenant by clinging to the former "balance" when the next Manifestation appears: Persian Bayan, Vahid II, Bab 6 (Bayan binding until the next Day) and II, Bab 16 (Paradise: do not "tarry" after the new Revelation; covenantal urgency).

[16] Cf. Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 6: the Bayan is described as the "unerring balance" until the advent of Him Whom God shall make manifest; obedience to its ordinances is "light," deviation "fire." The Aqdas similarly frames commandments as luminous guidance and protection.

[17] Compare Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 16: "Paradise" is defined primarily as recognition of the Manifestation and obedience to His verses; "no paradise is more wondrous" than exposure to the Manifestation in His Day. "Keys" here evokes access to that mercy/Paradise through law and recognition.

[18] On "Will" (mashiyyat) as the locus of revelation, see Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 1 and Bab 14: the Day of Resurrection is the Day of the Manifestation's own utterance ("Verily, I am God…"), and divine "judgment" proceeds through the Primal Will, not through created intermediaries.

[19] Cf. Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 1 (Gate One of the Second Unity): the supreme proof is the revealed verses; were all to combine, they could not produce the like. The "sweetness" of divine utterance is linked to its inimitability and its power to generate "spirits" of truth in hearers.

Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 14: judgment is effected by a single Word ("Yea"/"Nay"); the faithful would "give all that is on earth" that the Tree of Truth utter "Yea" concerning them. Vindicating one commandment echoes this valuation of a single divine decree over all possessions.], shining above the Dayspring of His bountiful care and loving-kindness.

Say: From My laws the sweet-smelling savour of My garment can be smelled[21], and by their aid the standards of Victory will be planted upon the highest peaks. The Tongue of My power hath, from the heaven of My omnipotent glory, addressed to My creation these words: "Observe My commandments, for the love of My beauty.^[The Bayan repeatedly grounds obedience in love rather than fear of punishment, defining true"Paradise" as recognition and obedience to the Manifestation.

See Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 16 (Paradise as belief/obedience) and Vahid 7, Bab 2 (acts "for God" depend on the Proof).]" Happy is the lover that hath inhaled the divine fragrance[22] of his Best-Beloved from these words, laden with the perfume of a grace which no tongue can describe. By My life! He who hath drunk the choice wine of fairness^["Fairness" (insaf) is a key Bayanic ethical demand: to judge the Proof by the proof itself (the verses), not by clerical authority or inherited habit.

See Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 1 (proof as revealed verses) and Vahid 6, Bab 8 (no proof but verses; avoid opposition).] from the hands of My bountiful favour will circle around My commandments[23] that shine above the Dayspring of My creation.[24]

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[20] Compare Persian Bayan, Vahid 3, Bab 19: one may expend "all that is on earth" to exalt the Bayan's traces; the point is to awaken believers not to honor the Book while neglecting the Revealer. The Aqdas intensifies this: renouncing all wealth to uphold one commandment.

[21] Cf. the Bayan's recurrent imagery of the Manifestation as the "sun" and believers as "mirrors," where the "fragrance" of divine ordinances is a sign of the Revealer's presence. See Persian Bayan, Vahid 3, Bab 12 (Point/sun; letters/mirrors) and Vahid 4, Bab 7 (meeting God through the Manifestation).

[22] The "fragrance" motif parallels the Bayan's insistence that spiritual perception is a matter of "true death" (fana') from all but the Manifestation, enabling recognition of the Beloved. See Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 8 (true death as annihilation in the Point) and Vahid 4, Bab 17 (Fire as veiling from recognition).

[23] The Bayan reinterprets "circumambulation" as revolving around the Command/Proof, warning that attachment to former rites without recognizing the new Manifestation is "halting on the Sirat." See Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 12 (Sirat as the Revelation) and Vahid 4, Bab 16 (the House as the Manifestation's seat).

[24] The Bayan frequently describes the Manifestation as the "Dayspring" (mashriq) of divine command, with all laws and meanings returning to Him Whom God shall make manifest. See Persian Bayan, Vahid 3, Bab 3 (the Bayan revolves around Him Whom God shall make manifest) and Vahid 2, Bab 6 (the Bayan as the unerring balance until His Day).

Think not that We have revealed unto you a mere code of laws.[25] Nay, rather, We have unsealed the choice Wine[26] with the fingers of might and power.^[On the creative efficacy of the divine Word—whereby utterance itself brings realities into being—compare Persian Bayan, Vahid 3, Bab 2: the Point's Word creates "light" and "fire," and the spirits attaching to letters.

The "fingers" metaphor underscores direct, unmediated agency.] To this beareth witness that which the Pen of Revelation hath revealed.[27] Meditate upon this, O men of insight![28]

We have enjoined obligatory prayer upon you, with nine rak'ahs[29], to be offered at noon and in the morning and the evening[30] unto God, the Revealer of Verses.

We have relieved you of a greater number[31], as a command in the Book of God. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Omnipotent, the Unrestrained. When ye desire to perform this prayer, turn ye towards the Court of

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[25] Cf. the Bayan's insistence that revealed ordinances are not mere regulation but vehicles of recognition and "meeting" with the Manifestation; see Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 6 (the Bayan as the unerring balance) and Vahid 3, Bab 7 (meeting God = meeting Him Whom God shall make manifest).

[26] The wine image recalls the Bayan's typology of divine "drinks" (water, milk, wine, honey) for modes of revelation; see Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 15, where "wine" is linked to commentarial exposition and to the vivifying effect of the Word.

[27] The Bayan repeatedly identifies revealed verses as the supreme proof (hujjah) and sufficient testimony, beyond miracles or scholastic argument; see Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 1 (proof by verses) and Vahid 6, Bab 8 (no proof but the Book/verses; powerlessness to produce the like).

[28] The address to "men of insight" echoes the Bayan's exhortations to ponder (tafakkur) so as not to be veiled at the next Manifestation; cf. Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 7 (Resurrection as the Manifestation's Day) and Vahid 6, Bab 1 (the Bayan's ordering aims at readiness for Him Whom God shall make manifest).

[29] The Bayan repeatedly frames ritual acts as valid only within the current Revelation and as preparatory for "Him Whom God shall make manifest." See Persian Bayan, Second Unity, Gate Six (the Bayan as the "unerring balance" until the next Manifestation), and Second Unity, Gate Seven (Resurrection as the period of a Manifestation).

[30] The Bayan discusses prayer as a central ordinance and links its times and forms to the Manifestation's command. See Persian Bayan, Seventh Unity, Gate Nineteen (on prayer and its degrees), and Fourth Unity, Gate Seven (beginning and return of ordinances through the Manifestation).

[31] The Bayan emphasizes divine "alteration" (bada') and the Manifestation's authority to change ordinances, including easing burdens. See Persian Bayan, Fourth Unity, Gate Three (alteration is God's and true), and Fourth Unity, Gate Six (the Will as "He doeth what He willeth").

My Most Holy Presence[32], this Hallowed Spot that God hath made the Centre round which circle the Concourse on High^[The Bayan frequently describes the Manifestation's locus as the point around which angels and all beings revolve, and identifies "meeting God" with meeting the Manifestation.

See Persian Bayan, Second Unity, Gate Seven (Resurrection and presence), and Third Unity, Gate Seven (meeting God = meeting Him Whom God shall make manifest).], and which He hath decreed to be the Point of Adoration for the denizens of the Cities of Eternity, and the Source of Command unto all that are in heaven and on earth; and when the Sun of Truth and Utterance shall set[33], turn your faces towards the Spot that We have ordained for you. He, verily, is Almighty and Omniscient.

Section 2: "Everything that is hath come to be through…"

Everything that is hath come to be through His irresistible decree.[34] Whenever My laws appear like the sun[35] in the heaven of Mine utterance, they must be faithfully obeyed by all[36], though My decree be such as to cause the heaven of every religion to be cleft asunder.^[The Bayan cites the Qur'anic image of heavens rent asunder to describe resistance to new Revelation and the severity of the test; cf.

Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 6 (hearts "harder than mountains"; heavens rent).] He doeth what He pleaseth. He chooseth, and none may question His choice.[37] Whatsoever He, the Well-Beloved, ordaineth, the same is, verily, beloved. To this He Who is the Lord of all creation beareth Me witness. Whoso hath inhaled the sweet fragrance of the All-Merciful, and recognized the Source of this utterance, will welcome

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[32] Orientation toward a sacred "House" is treated in the Bayan as contingent on the Manifestation's designated locus, not on intrinsic sanctity of dust. See Persian Bayan, Fourth Unity, Gate Sixteen (on the Sacred House and change of the House), and Fourth Unity, Gate Seven (beginning/return through the Manifestation).

[33] The Bayan defines "setting" as the end of a Manifestation's Day and the onset of the Night (barzakh), during which prior ordinances remain until the next rising. See Persian Bayan, Second Unity, Gate Seven (Resurrection as the Manifestation's period), and Second Unity, Gate Sixteen (Paradise/Fire and the cut-off of former "delight" at the next Revelation).

[34] Cf. the Bayan's cosmogonic teaching that "all things" attain thingness through the Primal Will and its creative Word; see Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 1 (on creation through the Command and the Will).

[35] The sun/mirror imagery for Revelation and law is recurrent in the Bayan: the Point as "sun," believers as "mirrors," and ordinances as rays; cf. Persian Bayan, Vahid 3, Bab 12 (Point and mirrors; obedience as reflection).

[36] On the binding force of divine ordinances until the next Manifestation, and the Bayan as "unerring balance" for obedience: Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 6 (Bayan as balance; obedience vs. deviation).

[37] Directly parallels the Bayan's refrain "He doeth what He willeth… He is not to be asked," grounding absolute legislative authority in the Will; cf. Persian Bayan, Vahid 3, Bab 5 and Vahid 4, Bab 6.

with his own eyes the shafts of the enemy^[The Bayan repeatedly warns that true faith is proven at the Day of Revelation by steadfastness under opposition and by immediate assent to the new Manifestation; cf.

Persian Bayan, Vahid 2, Bab 12 (Sirat; hesitation vs. swift assent).], that he may establish the truth of the laws of God amongst men. Well is it with him that hath turned thereunto, and apprehended the meaning of His decisive decree.

We have set forth the details of obligatory prayer in another Tablet[38]. Blessed is he who observeth[39] that whereunto he hath been bidden by Him Who ruleth over all mankind.

In the Prayer for the Dead six specific passages[40] have been sent down by God, the Revealer of Verses. Let one who is able to read recite[41] that which hath been revealed to precede these passages; and as for him who is unable, God hath relieved him[42] of this requirement. He, of a truth, is the Mighty, the Pardoner.

Hair doth not invalidate your prayer[43], nor aught from which the spirit hath departed[44], such as bones and the like^[On the treatment of bodily remains and the avoidance of excessive scrupulosity, compare

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[38] Cf. the Bab's legislation on obligatory prayer (salat) and its detailed prescriptions in the Persian Bayan, esp. Vahid 4, Bab 1–2, where the forms and times of prayer are set out and further elaboration is linked to the authority of Him Whom God shall make manifest.

[39] The Bayan repeatedly frames blessedness (tuba) as contingent on obedience to the revealed command and on readiness for the next Manifestation; see Persian Bayan Vahid 3, Bab 15 and Vahid 2, Bab 6 on the Bayan as the "balance" until Him Whom God shall make manifest.

[40] The Bab likewise prescribes a distinctive funeral prayer: Persian Bayan Vahid 5, Bab 11 specifies six salutations (salam) for the dead, with set recitations after each. Baha'u'llah's sixfold structure echoes this Bayanic pattern while reformulating its content.

[41] On recitation as a devotional act tied to literacy and capacity, cf. Persian Bayan Vahid 5, Bab 8, which sets a minimum recitation of revealed verses and provides an alternative formula for those unable to recite.

[42] The Bayan frequently mitigates obligations by capacity (istita'a), excusing inability while preserving the devotional intent; see Persian Bayan Vahid 5, Bab 8 (substitute remembrance when recitation is not possible) and Vahid 6, Bab 2 on easing burdens in matters of purity and practice.

[43] Cf. the Bayan's concern with ritual purity (taharat) and removal of hardship: see Persian Bayan, Vahid 6, Bab 2 (water and purity rules) and Vahid 5, Bab 14 (purifying agents). Baha'u'llah similarly relaxes scruples that had accrued in later jurisprudence.

[44] The phrase echoes a broader principle in the Bayan that legal impurity is tied to states and relations rather than mere material contact: Persian Bayan, Vahid 5, Bab 14 (purity through the Word and through transfer of relation) and Vahid 6, Bab 2 (water remains purifying unless its properties change).

Persian Bayan, Vahid 5, Bab 12 (burial in stone/crystal; respect for the body) and Vahid 6, Bab 17 (removal of certain purity anxieties).

The Aqdas here extends the same tendency toward ease.]. Ye are free to wear the fur[45] of the sable[46] as ye would that of the beaver, the squirrel, and other animals; the prohibition of its use hath stemmed, not from the Qur'an, but from the misconceptions of the divines[47]. He, verily, is the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing.

We have commanded you to pray and fast from the beginning of maturity[48]; this is ordained by God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers. He hath exempted from this those who are weak from illness or age[49], as a bounty from His Presence, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

God hath granted you leave to prostrate yourselves on any surface that is clean[50], for We have removed in this regard the limitation that had been laid down in the Book; God, indeed, hath knowledge of that whereof ye know naught. Let him that findeth no water for ablution repeat five times the words "In the Name of God, the Most Pure, the Most Pure"^[This substitutes remembrance for water when ablution is impossible, paralleling Bayan principles that purity may be effected by divine Names and remembrance when material means fail.

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[45] The Bayan repeatedly frames laws as removing needless hardship and promoting refinement without ascetic excess: see Persian Bayan, Vahid 6, Bab 9 (permitting silk and precious vessels) and Vahid 5, Bab 14 (purity rules aimed at mercy). The Aqdas applies this logic to animal furs.

[46] The specific mention of luxury materials recalls Bayanic permissions regarding dress and adornment: Persian Bayan, Vahid 6, Bab 9 (silk permitted "under all conditions"). Baha'u'llah analogously permits furs, countering later juristic restrictions not grounded in scripture.

[47] The Bayan sharply critiques clerical overreach and "precaution" (ihtiyat) that veils from the Source: see Persian Bayan, Vahid 6, Bab 14–15 (purity scruples vs. recognizing the Manifestation) and Vahid 6, Bab 8 (proof is the revealed verses, not clerical claims). The Aqdas echoes this polemic.

[48] Cf. Persian Bayan on the obligation of prayer and fasting as foundational acts of worship, with legal responsibility tied to maturity (bulugh). See esp. Vahid 4, Bab 10 (on prayer) and Vahid 6, Bab 1 (on fasting and its conditions), where the Bab links these duties to the believer's entry into accountable devotion.

[49] The Bayan repeatedly exempts those lacking capacity (e.g., illness, weakness) from burdensome obligations, emphasizing divine mercy and the avoidance of hardship. Compare Vahid 6, Bab 1 (fasting: exemptions and capacity) and Vahid 4, Bab 10 (prayer: performance according to ability).

[50] The Bab's law of sujud is more restrictive than later Baha'i practice, requiring prostration upon specific materials (often earth) and regulating purity. Baha'u'llah's permission here relaxes such constraints. See Persian Bayan, Vahid 4, Bab 10 (rules of prayer and prostration) and Vahid 5, Bab 14 (purifying agents and ritual cleanliness).

Compare Persian Bayan, Vahid 5, Bab 14 (purification by repeating a divine formula 66 times) and Vahid 6, Bab 2 (water and purity rules, with emphasis on ease).], and then proceed to his devotions. Such is the command of the Lord of all worlds. In regions where the days and nights grow long[51], let times of prayer be gauged by clocks and other instruments that mark the passage of the hours. He, verily, is the Expounder, the Wise.

We have absolved you from the requirement of performing the Prayer of the Signs. On the appearance of fearful natural events call ye to mind the might and majesty of your Lord, He Who heareth and seeth all, and say "Dominion is God's, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of creation".

It hath been ordained that obligatory prayer is to be performed by each of you individually. Save in the Prayer for the Dead, the practice of congregational prayer hath been annulled. He, of a truth, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

God hath exempted women who are in their courses from obligatory prayer and fasting. Let them, instead, after performance of their ablutions, give praise unto God, repeating ninety-five times between the noon of one day and the next "Glorified be God, the Lord of Splendour and Beauty". Thus hath it been decreed in the Book, if ye be of them that comprehend.

When travelling, if ye should stop and rest in some safe spot, perform ye—men and women alike—a single prostration in place of each unsaid Obligatory Prayer, and while prostrating say "Glorified be God, the Lord of Might and Majesty, of Grace and Bounty". Whoso is unable to do this, let him say only "Glorified be God"; this shall assuredly suffice him. He is, of a truth, the all-sufficing, the ever-abiding, the forgiving, compassionate God. Upon completing your prostrations, seat yourselves cross-legged—men and women alike—and eighteen times repeat "Glorified be God, the Lord of the kingdoms of earth and heaven". Thus doth the Lord make plain the ways of truth and guidance, ways that lead to one way, which is this Straight Path. Render thanks unto God for this most gracious favour; offer praise unto Him for this bounty that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth; extol Him for this mercy that hath pervaded all creation.

Say: God hath made My hidden love the key to the Treasure; would that ye might perceive it! But for the key, the Treasure would to all eternity have remained concealed; would that ye might believe it! Say: This is the Source of Revelation, the Dawning-place of Splendour, Whose brightness hath illumined the horizons of the world. Would that ye might understand! This is, verily, that fixed Decree through which every irrevocable decree hath been established.

O Pen of the Most High! Say: O people of the world! We have enjoined upon you fasting during a brief period, and at its close have designated for you Naw-Ruz as a feast. Thus hath the Day-Star of Utterance shone forth above the horizon of the Book as decreed by Him Who is the Lord of the beginning and the

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[51] The Bayan frequently ties devotional times to observable signs (sunrise, sunset, noon), but also acknowledges practical accommodation where ordinary markers are disrupted. For the general principle of time-reckoning in worship, see Persian Bayan, Vahid 6, Bab 14 (sun's transition and devotional timing) and Vahid 7, Bab 19 (prayer times and structure).

end. Let the days in excess of the months be placed before the month of fasting. We have ordained that these, amid all nights and days, shall be the manifestations of the letter Ha, and thus they have not been bounded by the limits of the year and its months. It behoveth the people of Baha, throughout these days, to provide good cheer for themselves, their kindred and, beyond them, the poor and needy, and with joy and exultation to hail and glorify their Lord, to sing His praise and magnify His Name; and when they end—these days of giving that precede the season of restraint—let them enter upon the Fast.

Thus hath it been ordained by Him Who is the Lord of all mankind. The traveller, the ailing, those who are with child or giving suck, are not bound by the Fast; they have been exempted by God as a token of His grace. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Most Generous.

These are the ordinances of God that have been set down in the Books and Tablets by His Most Exalted Pen. Hold ye fast unto His statutes and commandments, and be not of those who, following their idle fancies and vain imaginings, have clung to the standards fixed by their own selves, and cast behind their backs the standards laid down by God. Abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sundown, and beware lest desire deprive you of this grace that is appointed in the Book.

It hath been ordained that every believer in God, the Lord of Judgement, shall, each day, having washed his hands and then his face, seat himself and, turning unto God, repeat “Allah-u-Abha” ninety-five times. Such was the decree of the Maker of the Heavens when, with majesty and power, He established Himself upon the thrones of His Names. Perform ye, likewise, ablutions for the Obligatory Prayer; this is the command of God, the Incomparable, the Unrestrained.

Ye have been forbidden to commit murder or adultery, or to engage in backbiting or calumny; shun ye, then, what hath been prohibited in the holy Books and Tablets.

We have divided inheritance into seven categories: to the children, We have allotted nine parts comprising five hundred and forty shares; to the wife, eight parts comprising four hundred and eighty shares; to the father, seven parts comprising four hundred and twenty shares; to the mother, six parts comprising three hundred and sixty shares; to the brothers, five parts or three hundred shares; to the sisters, four parts or two hundred and forty shares; and to the teachers, three parts or one hundred and eighty shares. Such was the ordinance of My Forerunner, He Who extolleth My Name in the night season and at the break of day. When We heard the clamour of the children as yet unborn, We doubled their share and decreased those of the rest. He, of a truth, hath power to ordain whatsoever He desireth, and He doeth as He pleaseth by virtue of His sovereign might.

Should the deceased leave no offspring, their share shall revert to the House of Justice, to be expended by the Trustees of the All-Merciful on the orphaned and widowed, and on whatsoever will bring benefit to the generality of the people, that all may give thanks unto their Lord, the All-Gracious, the Pardoner.

Should the deceased leave offspring, but none of the other categories of heirs that have been specified in the Book, they shall receive two thirds of the inheritance and the remaining third shall revert to the House of Justice. Such is the command which hath been given, in majesty and glory, by Him Who is the All-Possessing, the Most High.

Section 3: "If the deceased should leave none…"

If the deceased should leave none of the specified heirs, but have among his relatives nephews and nieces, whether on his brother's or his sister's side, two thirds of the inheritance shall pass to them; or, lacking these, to his uncles and aunts on both his father's and his mother's side, and after them to their sons and daughters. The remaining third of the inheritance shall, in any case, revert to the Seat of Justice. Thus hath it been laid down in the Book by Him Who ruleth over all men.

Should the deceased be survived by none of those whose names have been recorded by the Pen of the Most High, his estate shall, in its entirety, revert to the aforementioned Seat that it may be expended on that which is prescribed by God. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Omnipotent.

We have assigned the residence and personal clothing of the deceased to the male, not female, offspring, nor to the other heirs. He, verily, is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.

Should the son of the deceased have passed away in the days of his father and have left children, they will inherit their father's share, as prescribed in the Book of God. Divide ye their share amongst them with perfect justice. Thus have the billows of the Ocean of Utterance surged, casting forth the pearls of the laws decreed by the Lord of all mankind.

If the deceased should leave children who are under age, their share of the inheritance must be entrusted to a reliable individual, or to a company, that it may be invested on their behalf in trade and business until they come of age. The trustee should be assigned a due share of the profit that hath accrued to it from being thus employed.

Division of the estate should take place only after the Huqúqu'lláh hath been paid, any debts have been settled, the expenses of the funeral and burial defrayed, and such provision made that the deceased may be carried to his resting-place with dignity and honour. Thus hath it been ordained by Him Who is Lord of the beginning and the end.

Say: This is that hidden knowledge which shall never change, since its beginning is with nine, the symbol that betokeneth the concealed and manifest, the inviolable and unapproachably exalted Name. As for what We have appropriated to the children, this is a bounty conferred on them by God, that they may render thanks unto their Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful. These, verily, are the Laws of God; transgress them not at the prompting of your base and selfish desires. Observe ye the injunctions laid upon you by Him Who is the Dawning-place of Utterance. The sincere among His servants will regard the precepts set forth by God as the Water of Life to the followers of every faith, and the Lamp of wisdom and loving providence to all the denizens of earth and heaven.

The Lord hath ordained that in every city a House of Justice be established wherein shall gather counsellors to the number of Baha, and should it exceed this number it doth not matter. They should consider themselves as entering the Court of the presence of God, the Exalted, the Most High, and as beholding Him Who is the Unseen. It behoveth them to be the trusted ones of the Merciful among men and to regard themselves as the guardians appointed of God for all that dwell on earth. It is incumbent upon them to take counsel together and to have regard for the interests of the servants of God, for His

sake, even as they regard their own interests, and to choose that which is meet and seemly. Thus hath the Lord your God commanded you. Beware lest ye put away that which is clearly revealed in His Tablet. Fear God, O ye that perceive.

O people of the world! Build ye houses of worship throughout the lands in the name of Him Who is the Lord of all religions. Make them as perfect as is possible in the world of being, and adorn them with that which befitteth them, not with images and effigies. Then, with radiance and joy, celebrate therein the praise of your Lord, the Most Compassionate. Verily, by His remembrance the eye is cheered and the heart is filled with light.

The Lord hath ordained that those of you who are able shall make pilgrimage to the sacred House, and from this He hath exempted women as a mercy on His part. He, of a truth, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

O people of Baha! It is incumbent upon each one of you to engage in some occupation—such as a craft, a trade or the like. We have exalted your engagement in such work to the rank of worship of the one true God. Reflect, O people, on the grace and blessings of your Lord, and yield Him thanks at eventide and dawn. Waste not your hours in idleness and sloth, but occupy yourselves with what will profit you and others. Thus hath it been decreed in this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the day-star of wisdom and utterance. The most despised of men in the sight of God are they who sit and beg. Hold ye fast unto the cord of means and place your trust in God, the Provider of all means.

The kissing of hands hath been forbidden in the Book. This practice is prohibited by God, the Lord of glory and command. To none is it permitted to seek absolution from another soul; let repentance be between yourselves and God. He, verily, is the Pardoner, the Bounteous, the Gracious, the One Who absolveth the repentant.

O ye servants of the Merciful One! Arise to serve the Cause of God, in such wise that the cares and sorrows caused by them that have disbelieved in the Dayspring of the Signs of God may not afflict you. At the time when the Promise was fulfilled and the Promised One made manifest, differences have appeared amongst the kindreds of the earth and each people hath followed its own fancy and idle imaginings.

Amongst the people is he who seateth himself amid the sandals by the door whilst coveting in his heart the seat of honour. Say: What manner of man art thou, O vain and heedless one, who wouldst appear as other than thou art? And among the people is he who layeth claim to inner knowledge, and still deeper knowledge concealed within this knowledge. Say: Thou speakest false! By God! What thou dost possess is naught but husks which We have left to thee as bones are left to dogs. By the righteousness of the one true God! Were anyone to wash the feet of all mankind, and were he to worship God in the forests, valleys, and mountains, upon high hills and lofty peaks, to leave no rock or tree, no clod of earth, but was a witness to his worship—yet, should the fragrance of My good pleasure not be inhaled from him, his works would never be acceptable unto God.

Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Lord of all. How many a man hath secluded himself in the climes of India, denied himself the things that God hath decreed as lawful, imposed upon himself

austerities and mortifications, and hath not been remembered by God, the Revealer of Verses. Make not your deeds as snares wherewith to entrap the object of your aspiration, and deprive not yourselves of this Ultimate Objective for which have ever yearned all such as have drawn nigh unto God. Say: The very life of all deeds is My good pleasure, and all things depend upon Mine acceptance. Read ye the Tablets that ye may know what hath been purposed in the Books of God, the All-Glorious, the Ever-Bounteous.

He who attaineth to My love hath title to a throne of gold, to sit thereon in honour over all the world; he who is deprived thereof, though he sit upon the dust, that dust would seek refuge with God, the Lord of all Religions.

Whoso layeth claim to a Revelation direct from God, ere the expiration of a full thousand years, such a man is assuredly a lying impostor. We pray God that He may graciously assist him to retract and repudiate such claim. Should he repent, God will, no doubt, forgive him. If, however, he persisteth in his error, God will, assuredly, send down one who will deal mercilessly with him. Terrible, indeed, is God in punishing! Whosoever interpreteth this verse otherwise than its obvious meaning is deprived of the Spirit of God and of His mercy which encompasseth all created things. Fear God, and follow not your idle fancies. Nay, rather, follow the bidding of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Erelong shall clamorous voices be raised in most lands. Shun them, O My people, and follow not the iniquitous and evil-hearted. This is that of which We gave you forewarning when We were dwelling in Iraq, then later while in the Land of Mystery, and now from this Resplendent Spot.

Be not dismayed, O peoples of the world, when the day-star of My beauty is set, and the heaven of My tabernacle is concealed from your eyes. Arise to further My Cause, and to exalt My Word amongst men. We are with you at all times, and shall strengthen you through the power of truth. We are truly almighty. Whoso hath recognized Me will arise and serve Me with such determination that the powers of earth and heaven shall be unable to defeat his purpose.

The peoples of the world are fast asleep. Were they to wake from their slumber, they would hasten with eagerness unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. They would cast away everything they possess, be it all the treasures of the earth, that their Lord may remember them to the extent of addressing to them but one word. Such is the instruction given you by Him Who holdeth the knowledge of things hidden, in a Tablet which the eye of creation hath not seen, and which is revealed to none except His own Self, the omnipotent Protector of all worlds. So bewildered are they in the drunkenness of their evil desires, that they are powerless to recognize the Lord of all being, Whose voice calleth aloud from every direction: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise.”

Say: Rejoice not in the things ye possess; tonight they are yours, tomorrow others will possess them. Thus warneth you He Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: Can ye claim that what ye own is lasting or secure? Nay! By Myself, the All-Merciful, ye cannot, if ye be of them who judge fairly. The days of your life flee away as a breath of wind, and all your pomp and glory shall be folded up as were the pomp and glory of those gone before you. Reflect, O people! What hath become of your bygone days, your lost centuries? Happy the days that have been consecrated to the remembrance of God, and blessed the hours which have been spent in praise of Him Who is the All-Wise.

By My life! Neither the pomp of the mighty, nor the wealth of the rich, nor even the ascendancy of the ungodly will endure. All will perish, at a word from Him. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Almighty. What advantage is there in the earthly things which men possess? That which shall profit them, they have utterly neglected. Erelong, they will awake from their slumber, and find themselves unable to obtain that which hath escaped them in the days of their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Did they but know it, they would renounce their all, that their names may be mentioned before His throne. They, verily, are accounted among the dead.

Amongst the people is he whose learning hath made him proud, and who hath been debarred thereby from recognizing My Name, the Self-Subsisting; who, when he heareth the tread of sandals following behind him, waxeth greater in his own esteem than Nimrod. Say: O rejected one! Where now is his abode? By God, it is the nethermost fire. Say: O concourse of divines! Hear ye not the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen? See ye not this Sun that shineth in refulgent splendour above the All-Glorious Horizon? For how long will ye worship the idols of your evil passions? Forsake your vain imaginings, and turn yourselves unto God, your Everlasting Lord.

Endowments dedicated to charity revert to God, the Revealer of Signs. None hath the right to dispose of them without leave from Him Who is the Dawning-place of Revelation. After Him, this authority shall pass to the Aghsan, and after them to the House of Justice—should it be established in the world by then—that they may use these endowments for the benefit of the Places which have been exalted in this Cause, and for whatsoever hath been enjoined upon them by Him Who is the God of might and power. Otherwise, the endowments shall revert to the people of Baha who speak not except by His leave and judge not save in accordance with what God hath decreed in this Tablet—lo, they are the champions of victory betwixt heaven and earth—that they may use them in the manner that hath been laid down in the Book by God, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Lament not in your hours of trial, neither rejoice therein; seek ye the Middle Way which is the remembrance of Me in your afflictions and reflection over that which may befall you in future. Thus informeth you He Who is the Omniscient, He Who is aware.

Shave not your heads; God hath adorned them with hair, and in this there are signs from the Lord of creation to those who reflect upon the requirements of nature. He, verily, is the God of strength and wisdom. Notwithstanding, it is not seemly to let the hair pass beyond the limit of the ears. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Lord of all worlds.

Exile and imprisonment are decreed for the thief, and, on the third offence, place ye a mark upon his brow so that, thus identified, he may not be accepted in the cities of God and His countries. Beware lest, through compassion, ye neglect to carry out the statutes of the religion of God; do that which hath been bidden you by Him Who is compassionate and merciful. We school you with the rod of wisdom and laws, like unto the father who educateth his son, and this for naught but the protection of your own selves and the elevation of your stations. By My life, were ye to discover what We have desired for you in revealing Our holy laws, ye would offer up your very souls for this sacred, this mighty, and most exalted Faith.

Section 4: “Whoso wisheth to make use of vessels…”

Whoso wisheth to make use of vessels of silver and gold is at liberty to do so. Take heed lest, when partaking of food, ye plunge your hands into the contents of bowls and platters. Adopt ye such usages as are most in keeping with refinement. He, verily, desireth to see in you the manners of the inmates of Paradise in His mighty and most sublime Kingdom. Hold ye fast unto refinement under all conditions, that your eyes may be preserved from beholding what is repugnant both to your own selves and to the dwellers of Paradise. Should anyone depart therefrom, his deed shall at that moment be rendered vain; yet should he have good reason, God will excuse him. He, in truth, is the Gracious, the Most Bountiful.

He Who is the Dawning-place of God’s Cause hath no partner in the Most Great Infallibility. He it is Who, in the kingdom of creation, is the Manifestation of “He doeth whatsoever He willeth”. God hath reserved this distinction unto His own Self, and ordained for none a share in so sublime and transcendent a station. This is the Decree of God, concealed ere now within the veil of impenetrable mystery. We have disclosed it in this Revelation, and have thereby rent asunder the veils of such as have failed to recognize that which the Book of God set forth and who were numbered with the heedless.

Unto every father hath been enjoined the instruction of his son and daughter in the art of reading and writing and in all that hath been laid down in the Holy Tablet. He that putteth away that which is commanded unto him, the Trustees are then to take from him that which is required for their instruction if he be wealthy and, if not, the matter devolveth upon the House of Justice. Verily have We made it a shelter for the poor and needy. He that bringeth up his son or the son of another, it is as though he hath brought up a son of Mine; upon him rest My glory, My loving-kindness, My mercy, that have compassed the world.

God hath imposed a fine on every adulterer and adulteress, to be paid to the House of Justice: nine mithqals of gold, to be doubled if they should repeat the offence. Such is the penalty which He Who is the Lord of Names hath assigned them in this world; and in the world to come He hath ordained for them a humiliating torment. Should anyone be afflicted by a sin, it behoveth him to repent thereof and return unto his Lord. He, verily, granteth forgiveness unto whomsoever He willeth, and none may question that which it pleaseth Him to ordain. He is, in truth, the Ever-Forgiving, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

Beware lest ye be hindered by the veils of glory from partaking of the crystal waters of this living Fountain. Seize ye the chalice of salvation at this dawntide in the name of Him Who causeth the day to break, and drink your fill in praise of Him Who is the All-Glorious, the Incomparable.

We have made it lawful for you to listen to music and singing. Take heed, however, lest listening thereto should cause you to overstep the bounds of propriety and dignity. Let your joy be the joy born of My Most Great Name, a Name that bringeth rapture to the heart, and filleth with ecstasy the minds of all who have drawn nigh unto God. We, verily, have made music as a ladder for your souls, a means whereby they may be lifted up unto the realm on high; make it not, therefore, as wings to self and passion. Truly, We are loath to see you numbered with the foolish.

We have decreed that a third part of all fines shall go to the Seat of Justice, and We admonish its men to observe pure justice, that they may expend what is thus accumulated for such purposes as have been enjoined upon them by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O ye Men of Justice! Be ye, in the realm of God, shepherds unto His sheep and guard them from the ravening wolves that have appeared in disguise, even as ye would guard your own sons. Thus exhorteth you the Counsellor, the Faithful.

Should differences arise amongst you over any matter, refer it to God while the Sun still shineth above the horizon of this Heaven and, when it hath set, refer ye to whatsoever hath been sent down by Him. This, verily, is sufficient unto the peoples of the world. Say: Let not your hearts be perturbed, O people, when the glory of My Presence is withdrawn, and the ocean of My utterance is stilled. In My presence amongst you there is a wisdom, and in My absence there is yet another, inscrutable to all but God, the Incomparable, the All-Knowing. Verily, We behold you from Our realm of glory, and shall aid whosoever will arise for the triumph of Our Cause with the hosts of the Concourse on high and a company of Our favoured angels.

O peoples of the earth! God, the Eternal Truth, is My witness that streams of fresh and soft-flowing waters have gushed from the rocks through the sweetness of the words uttered by your Lord, the Unconstrained; and still ye slumber. Cast away that which ye possess, and, on the wings of detachment, soar beyond all created things. Thus biddeth you the Lord of creation, the movement of Whose Pen hath revolutionized the soul of mankind.

Know ye from what heights your Lord, the All-Glorious, is calling? Think ye that ye have recognized the Pen wherewith your Lord, the Lord of all names, commandeth you? Nay, by My life! Did ye but know it, ye would renounce the world, and would hasten with your whole hearts to the presence of the Well-Beloved. Your spirits would be so transported by His Word as to throw into commotion the Greater World—how much more this small and petty one! Thus have the showers of My bounty been poured down from the heaven of My loving-kindness, as a token of My grace, that ye may be of the thankful.

The penalties for wounding or striking a person depend upon the severity of the injury; for each degree the Lord of Judgement hath prescribed a certain indemnity. He is, in truth, the Ordainer, the Mighty, the Most Exalted. We shall, if it be Our Will, set forth these payments in their just degrees—this is a promise on Our part, and He, verily, is the Keeper of His pledge, the Knower of all things.

Verily, it is enjoined upon you to offer a feast, once in every month, though only water be served; for God hath purposed to bind hearts together, albeit through both earthly and heavenly means.

Beware lest the desires of the flesh and of a corrupt inclination provoke divisions among you. Be ye as the fingers of one hand, the members of one body. Thus counselleth you the Pen of Revelation, if ye be of them that believe.

Consider the mercy of God and His gifts. He enjoineth upon you that which shall profit you, though He Himself can well dispense with all creatures. Your evil doings can never harm Us, neither can your good works profit Us. We summon you wholly for the sake of God. To this every man of understanding and insight will testify.

If ye should hunt with beasts or birds of prey, invoke ye the Name of God when ye send them to pursue their quarry; for then whatever they catch shall be lawful unto you, even should ye find it to have died. He, verily, is the Omniscient, the All-Informed. Take heed, however, that ye hunt not to excess. Tread ye the path of justice and equity in all things. Thus biddeth you He Who is the Dawning-place of Revelation, would that ye might comprehend.

God hath bidden you to show forth kindliness towards My kindred, but He hath granted them no right to the property of others. He, verily, is self-sufficient, above any need of His creatures.

Should anyone intentionally destroy a house by fire, him also shall ye burn; should anyone deliberately take another's life, him also shall ye put to death. Take ye hold of the precepts of God with all your strength and power, and abandon the ways of the ignorant. Should ye condemn the arsonist and the murderer to life imprisonment, it would be permissible according to the provisions of the Book. He, verily, hath power to ordain whatsoever He pleaseth.

God hath prescribed matrimony unto you. Beware that ye take not unto yourselves more wives than two. Whoso contenteth himself with a single partner from among the maidservants of God, both he and she shall live in tranquillity. And he who would take into his service a maid may do so with propriety. Such is the ordinance which, in truth and justice, hath been recorded by the Pen of Revelation. Enter into wedlock, O people, that ye may bring forth one who will make mention of Me amid My servants. This is My bidding unto you; hold fast to it as an assistance to yourselves.

O people of the world! Follow not the promptings of the self, for it summoneth insistently to wickedness and lust; follow, rather, Him Who is the Possessor of all created things, Who biddeth you to show forth piety, and manifest the fear of God. He, verily, is independent of all His creatures. Take heed not to stir up mischief in the land after it hath been set in order. Whoso acteth in this way is not of Us, and We are quit of him. Such is the command which hath, through the power of truth, been made manifest from the heaven of Revelation.

It hath been laid down in the Bayan that marriage is dependent upon the consent of both parties. Desiring to establish love, unity and harmony amidst Our servants, We have conditioned it, once the couple's wish is known, upon the permission of their parents, lest enmity and rancour should arise amongst them. And in this We have yet other purposes. Thus hath Our commandment been ordained.

No marriage may be contracted without payment of a dowry, which hath been fixed for city-dwellers at nineteen mithqals of pure gold, and for village-dwellers at the same amount in silver. Whoso wisheth to increase this sum, it is forbidden him to exceed the limit of ninety-five mithqals. Thus hath the command been writ in majesty and power. If he content himself, however, with a payment of the lowest level, it shall be better for him according to the Book. God, verily, enricheth whomsoever He willeth through both heavenly and earthly means, and He, in truth, hath power over all things.

It hath been decreed by God that, should any one of His servants intend to travel, he must fix for his wife a time when he will return home. If he return by the promised time, he will have obeyed the bidding of his Lord and shall be numbered by the Pen of His behest among the righteous; otherwise, if there be good reason for delay, he must inform his wife and make the utmost endeavour to return to her. Should

neither of these eventualities occur, it behoveth her to wait for a period of nine months, after which there is no impediment to her taking another husband; but should she wait longer, God, verily, loveth those women and men who show forth patience.

Obey ye My commandments, and follow not the ungodly, they who have been reckoned as sinners in God's Holy Tablet. If, during the period of her waiting, word should reach her from her husband, she should choose the course that is praiseworthy. He, of a truth, desireth that His servants and His handmaids should be at peace with one another; take heed lest ye do aught that may provoke intransigence amongst you. Thus hath the decree been fixed and the promise come to pass. If, however, news should reach her of her husband's death or murder, and be confirmed by general report, or by the testimony of two just witnesses, it behoveth her to remain single; then, upon completion of the fixed number of months, she is free to adopt the course of her choosing. Such is the bidding of Him Who is mighty and powerful in His command.

Should resentment or antipathy arise between husband and wife, he is not to divorce her but to bide in patience throughout the course of one whole year, that perchance the fragrance of affection may be renewed between them. If, upon the completion of this period, their love hath not returned, it is permissible for divorce to take place. God's wisdom, verily, hath encompassed all things. The Lord hath prohibited, in a Tablet inscribed by the Pen of His command, the practice to which ye formerly had recourse when thrice ye had divorced a woman. This He hath done as a favour on His part, that ye may be accounted among the thankful. He who hath divorced his wife may choose, upon the passing of each month, to remarry her when there is mutual affection and consent, so long as she hath not taken another husband. Should she have wed again, then, by this other union, the separation is confirmed and the matter is concluded unless, clearly, her circumstances change. Thus hath the decree been inscribed with majesty in this glorious Tablet by Him Who is the Dawning-place of Beauty.

If the wife accompany her husband on a journey, and differences arise between them on the way, he is required to provide her with her expenses for one whole year, and either to return her whence she came or to entrust her, together with the necessaries for her journey, to a dependable person who is to escort her home. Thy Lord, verily, ordaineth as He pleaseth, by virtue of a sovereignty that overshadoweth the peoples of the earth.

Section 5: "Should a woman be divorced in consequence…"

Should a woman be divorced in consequence of a proven act of infidelity, she shall receive no maintenance during her period of waiting. Thus hath the day-star of Our commandment shone forth resplendent from the firmament of justice. Truly, the Lord loveth union and harmony and abhorreth separation and divorce. Live ye one with another, O people, in radiance and joy. By My life! All that are on earth shall pass away, while good deeds alone shall endure; to the truth of My words God doth Himself bear witness. Compose your differences, O My servants; then heed ye the admonition of Our Pen of Glory and follow not the arrogant and wayward.

Take heed lest the world beguile you as it beguiled the people who went before you! Observe ye the statutes and precepts of your Lord, and walk ye in this Way which hath been laid out before you in

righteousness and truth. They who eschew iniquity and error, who adhere to virtue, are, in the sight of the one true God, among the choicest of His creatures; their names are extolled by the Concourse of the realms above, and by those who dwell in this Tabernacle which hath been raised in the name of God.

It is forbidden you to trade in slaves, be they men or women. It is not for him who is himself a servant to buy another of God's servants, and this hath been prohibited in His Holy Tablet. Thus, by His mercy, hath the commandment been recorded by the Pen of justice. Let no man exalt himself above another; all are but bondslaves before the Lord, and all exemplify the truth that there is none other God but Him. He, verily, is the All-Wise, Whose wisdom encompasseth all things.

Adorn yourselves with the raiment of goodly deeds. He whose deeds attain unto God's good pleasure is assuredly of the people of Baha and is remembered before His throne. Assist ye the Lord of all creation with works of righteousness, and also through wisdom and utterance. Thus, indeed, have ye been commanded in most of the Tablets by Him Who is the All-Merciful. He, truly, is cognizant of what I say. Let none contend with another, and let no soul slay another; this, verily, is that which was forbidden you in a Book that hath lain concealed within the Tabernacle of glory. What! Would ye kill him whom God hath quickened, whom He hath endowed with spirit through a breath from Him? Grievous then would be your trespass before His throne! Fear God, and lift not the hand of injustice and oppression to destroy what He hath Himself raised up; nay, walk ye in the way of God, the True One. No sooner did the hosts of true knowledge appear, bearing the standards of Divine utterance, than the tribes of the religions were put to flight, save only those who willed to drink from the stream of everlasting life in a Paradise created by the breath of the All-Glorious.

God hath decreed, in token of His mercy unto His creatures, that semen is not unclean. Yield thanks unto Him with joy and radiance, and follow not such as are remote from the Dawning-place of His nearness. Arise ye, under all conditions, to render service to the Cause, for God will assuredly assist you through the power of His sovereignty which overshadoweth the worlds. Cleave ye unto the cord of refinement with such tenacity as to allow no trace of dirt to be seen upon your garments. Such is the injunction of One Who is sanctified above all refinement. Whoso falleth short of this standard with good reason shall incur no blame. God, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Wash ye every soiled thing with water that hath undergone no alteration in any one of the three respects; take heed not to use water that hath been altered through exposure to the air or to some other agent. Be ye the very essence of cleanliness amongst mankind. This, truly, is what your Lord, the Incomparable, the All-Wise, desireth for you.

God hath, likewise, as a bounty from His presence, abolished the concept of "uncleanness", whereby divers things and peoples have been held to be impure. He, of a certainty, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous. Verily, all created things were immersed in the sea of purification when, on that first day of Ridvan, We shed upon the whole of creation the splendours of Our most excellent Names and Our most exalted Attributes. This, verily, is a token of My loving providence, which hath encompassed all the worlds. Consort ye then with the followers of all religions, and proclaim ye the Cause of your Lord, the Most Compassionate; this is the very crown of deeds, if ye be of them who understand.

God hath enjoined upon you to observe the utmost cleanliness, to the extent of washing what is soiled with dust, let alone with hardened dirt and similar defilement. Fear Him, and be of those who are pure.

Should the garb of anyone be visibly sullied, his prayers shall not ascend to God, and the celestial Concourse will turn away from him. Make use of rose-water, and of pure perfume; this, indeed, is that which God hath loved from the beginning that hath no beginning, in order that there may be diffused from you what your Lord, the Incomparable, the All-Wise, desireth.

God hath relieved you of the ordinance laid down in the Bayan concerning the destruction of books. We have permitted you to read such sciences as are profitable unto you, not such as end in idle disputation; better is this for you, if ye be of them that comprehend.

O kings of the earth! He Who is the sovereign Lord of all is come. The Kingdom is God's, the omnipotent Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Worship none but God, and, with radiant hearts, lift up your faces unto your Lord, the Lord of all names. This is a Revelation to which whatever ye possess can never be compared, could ye but know it.

We see you rejoicing in that which ye have amassed for others and shutting out yourselves from the worlds which naught except My guarded Tablet can reckon. The treasures ye have laid up have drawn you far away from your ultimate objective. This ill beseemeth you, could ye but understand it. Wash from your hearts all earthly defilements, and hasten to enter the Kingdom of your Lord, the Creator of earth and heaven, Who caused the world to tremble and all its peoples to wail, except them that have renounced all things and clung to that which the Hidden Tablet hath ordained.

This is the Day in which He Who held converse with God hath attained the light of the Ancient of Days, and quaffed the pure waters of reunion from this Cup that hath caused the seas to swell. Say: By the one true God! Sinai is circling round the Dayspring of Revelation, while from the heights of the Kingdom the Voice of the Spirit of God is heard proclaiming: "Bestir yourselves, ye proud ones of the earth, and hasten ye unto Him." Carmel hath, in this Day, hastened in longing adoration to attain His court, whilst from the heart of Zion there cometh the cry: "The promise is fulfilled. That which had been announced in the holy Writ of God, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved, is made manifest."

O kings of the earth! The Most Great Law hath been revealed in this Spot, this scene of transcendent splendour. Every hidden thing hath been brought to light by virtue of the Will of the Supreme Ordainer, He Who hath ushered in the Last Hour, through Whom the Moon hath been cleft, and every irrevocable decree expounded.

Ye are but vassals, O kings of the earth! He Who is the King of Kings hath appeared, arrayed in His most wondrous glory, and is summoning you unto Himself, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Take heed lest pride deter you from recognizing the Source of Revelation, lest the things of this world shut you out as by a veil from Him Who is the Creator of heaven. Arise, and serve Him Who is the Desire of all nations, Who hath created you through a word from Him, and ordained you to be, for all time, the emblems of His sovereignty.

By the righteousness of God! It is not Our wish to lay hands on your kingdoms. Our mission is to seize and possess the hearts of men. Upon them the eyes of Baha are fastened. To this testifieth the Kingdom of Names, could ye but comprehend it. Whoso followeth his Lord will renounce the world and all that is therein; how much greater, then, must be the detachment of Him Who holdeth so august a station!

Forsake your palaces, and haste ye to gain admittance into His Kingdom. This, indeed, will profit you both in this world and in the next. To this testifieth the Lord of the realm on high, did ye but know it.

How great the blessedness that awaiteth the king who will arise to aid My Cause in My kingdom, who will detach himself from all else but Me! Such a king is numbered with the companions of the Crimson Ark—the Ark which God hath prepared for the people of Baha. All must glorify his name, must reverence his station, and aid him to unlock the cities with the keys of My Name, the omnipotent Protector of all that inhabit the visible and invisible kingdoms. Such a king is the very eye of mankind, the luminous ornament on the brow of creation, the fountainhead of blessings unto the whole world. Offer up, O people of Baha, your substance, nay your very lives, for his assistance.

O Emperor of Austria! He Who is the Dayspring of God's Light dwelt in the prison of Akka at the time when thou didst set forth to visit the Aqsa Mosque. Thou passed Him by, and inquired not about Him by Whom every house is exalted and every lofty gate unlocked. We, verily, made it a place whereunto the world should turn, that they might remember Me, and yet thou hast rejected Him Who is the Object of this remembrance, when He appeared with the Kingdom of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. We have been with thee at all times, and found thee clinging unto the Branch and heedless of the Root. Thy Lord, verily, is a witness unto what I say. We grieved to see thee circle round Our Name, whilst unaware of Us, though We were before thy face. Open thine eyes, that thou mayest behold this glorious Vision, and recognize Him Whom thou invokest in the daytime and in the night season, and gaze on the Light that shineth above this luminous Horizon.

Say: O King of Berlin! Give ear unto the Voice calling from this manifest Temple:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Everlasting, the Peerless, the Ancient of Days."

Take heed lest pride debar thee from recognizing the Dayspring of Divine Revelation, lest earthly desires shut thee out, as by a veil, from the Lord of the Throne above and of the earth below. Thus counselleth thee the Pen of the Most High. He, verily, is the Most Gracious, the All-Bountiful. Do thou remember the one [Napoleon III] whose power transcended thy power, and whose station excelled thy station. Where is he? Whither are gone the things he possessed? Take warning, and be not of them that are fast asleep. He it was who cast the Tablet of God behind him when We made known unto him what the hosts of tyranny had caused Us to suffer. Wherefore, disgrace assailed him from all sides, and he went down to dust in great loss. Think deeply, O King, concerning him, and concerning them who, like unto thee, have conquered cities and ruled over men. The All-Merciful brought them down from their palaces to their graves. Be warned, be of them who reflect.

We have asked nothing from you. For the sake of God We, verily, exhort you, and will be patient as We have been patient in that which hath befallen Us at your hands, O concourse of kings!

Hearken ye, O Rulers of America and the Presidents of the Republics therein, unto that which the Dove is warbling on the Branch of Eternity: "There is none other God but Me, the Ever-Abiding, the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful." Adorn ye the temple of dominion with the ornament of justice and of the fear of God, and its head with the crown of the remembrance of your Lord, the Creator of the heavens. Thus counselleth you He Who is the Dayspring of Names, as bidden by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The

Promised One hath appeared in this glorified Station, whereat all beings, both seen and unseen, have rejoiced. Take ye advantage of the Day of God. Verily, to meet Him is better for you than all that whereon the sun shineth, could ye but know it. O concourse of rulers! Give ear unto that which hath been raised from the Dayspring of Grandeur: "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Lord of Utterance, the All-Knowing." Bind ye the broken with the hands of justice, and crush the oppressor who flourisheth with the rod of the commandments of your Lord, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

O people of Constantinople! Lo, from your midst We hear the baleful hooting of the owl. Hath the drunkenness of passion laid hold upon you, or is it that ye are sunk in heedlessness? O Spot that art situate on the shores of the two seas! The throne of tyranny hath, verily, been established upon thee, and the flame of hatred hath been kindled within thy bosom, in such wise that the Concourse on high and they who circle around the Exalted Throne have wailed and lamented. We behold in thee the foolish ruling over the wise, and darkness vaunting itself against the light. Thou art indeed filled with manifest pride. Hath thine outward splendour made thee vainglorious? By Him Who is the Lord of mankind! It shall soon perish, and thy daughters and thy widows and all the kindreds that dwell within thee shall lament. Thus informeth thee the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Section 6: "O banks of the Rhine! We have seen…"

O banks of the Rhine! We have seen you covered with gore, inasmuch as the swords of retribution were drawn against you; and you shall have another turn. And We hear the lamentations of Berlin, though she be today in conspicuous glory.

Let nothing grieve thee, O Land of Ta [Tihran], for God hath chosen thee to be the source of the joy of all mankind. He shall, if it be His Will, bless thy throne with one who will rule with justice, who will gather together the flock of God which the wolves have scattered. Such a ruler will, with joy and gladness, turn his face towards, and extend his favours unto, the people of Baha. He indeed is accounted in the sight of God as a jewel among men. Upon him rest forever the glory of God and the glory of all that dwell in the kingdom of His revelation.

Rejoice with great joy, for God hath made thee "the Dayspring of His light", inasmuch as within thee was born the Manifestation of His Glory. Be thou glad for this name that hath been conferred upon thee—a name through which the Day-Star of grace hath shed its splendour, through which both earth and heaven have been illumined.

Erelong will the state of affairs within thee be changed, and the reins of power fall into the hands of the people. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing. His authority embraceth all things. Rest thou assured in the gracious favour of thy Lord. The eye of His loving-kindness shall everlastingly be directed towards thee. The day is approaching when thy agitation will have been transmuted into peace and quiet calm. Thus hath it been decreed in the wondrous Book.

O Land of Kha [Khurasan]! We hear from thee the voice of heroes, raised in glorification of thy Lord, the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted. Blessed the day on which the banners of the divine Names shall be

upraised in the kingdom of creation in My Name, the All-Glorious. On that day the faithful shall rejoice in the victory of God, and the disbelievers shall lament.

None must contend with those who wield authority over the people; leave unto them that which is theirs, and direct your attention to men's hearts.

O Most Mighty Ocean! Sprinkle upon the nations that with which Thou hast been charged by Him Who is the Sovereign of Eternity, and adorn the temples of all the dwellers of the earth with the vesture of His laws through which all hearts will rejoice and all eyes be brightened.

Should anyone acquire one hundred mithqals of gold, nineteen mithqals thereof are God's and to be rendered unto Him, the Fashioner of earth and heaven. Take heed, O people, lest ye deprive yourselves of so great a bounty. This We have commanded you, though We are well able to dispense with you and with all who are in the heavens and on earth; in it there are benefits and wisdoms beyond the ken of anyone but God, the Omniscient, the All-Informed. Say: By this means He hath desired to purify what ye possess and to enable you to draw nigh unto such stations as none can comprehend save those whom God hath willed. He, in truth, is the Beneficent, the Gracious, the Bountiful.

O people! Deal not faithlessly with the Right of God, nor, without His leave, make free with its disposal. Thus hath His commandment been established in the holy Tablets, and in this exalted Book. He who dealeth faithlessly with God shall in justice meet with faithlessness himself; he, however, who acteth in accordance with God's bidding shall receive a blessing from the heaven of the bounty of his Lord, the Gracious, the Bestower, the Generous, the Ancient of Days. He, verily, hath willed for you that which is yet beyond your knowledge, but which shall be known to you when, after this fleeting life, your souls soar heavenwards and the trappings of your earthly joys are folded up. Thus admonisheth you He in Whose possession is the Guarded Tablet.

Various petitions have come before Our throne from the believers, concerning laws from God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of all worlds. We have, in consequence, revealed this Holy Tablet and arrayed it with the mantle of His Law that haply the people may keep the commandments of their Lord. Similar requests had been made of Us over several previous years but We had, in Our wisdom, withheld Our Pen until, in recent days, letters arrived from a number of the friends, and We have therefore responded, through the power of truth, with that which shall quicken the hearts of men.

Say: O leaders of religion! Weigh not the Book of God with such standards and sciences as are current amongst you, for the Book itself is the unerring Balance established amongst men. In this most perfect Balance whatsoever the peoples and kindreds of the earth possess must be weighed, while the measure of its weight should be tested according to its own standard, did ye but know it.

The eye of My loving-kindness weepeth sore over you, inasmuch as ye have failed to recognize the One upon Whom ye have been calling in the daytime and in the night season, at even and at morn. Advance, O people, with snow-white faces and radiant hearts, unto the blest and crimson Spot, wherein the Sadratu'l-Muntaha is calling:

> "Verily, there is none other God beside Me, the Omnipotent Protector, the Self-Subsisting!"

O ye leaders of religion! Who is the man amongst you that can rival Me in vision or insight? Where is he to be found that dareth to claim to be My equal in utterance or wisdom? No, by My Lord, the All-Merciful! All on the earth shall pass away; and this is the face of your Lord, the Almighty, the Well-Beloved.

We have decreed, O people, that the highest and last end of all learning be the recognition of Him Who is the Object of all knowledge; and yet, behold how ye have allowed your learning to shut you out, as by a veil, from Him Who is the Dayspring of this Light, through Whom every hidden thing hath been revealed. Could ye but discover the source whence the splendour of this utterance is diffused, ye would cast away the peoples of the world and all that they possess, and would draw nigh unto this most blessed Seat of glory.

Say: This, verily, is the heaven in which the Mother Book is treasured, could ye but comprehend it. He it is Who hath caused the Rock to shout, and the Burning Bush to lift up its voice, upon the Mount rising above the Holy Land, and proclaim:

> "The Kingdom is God's, the sovereign Lord of all, the All-Powerful, the Loving!"

We have not entered any school, nor read any of your dissertations. Incline your ears to the words of this unlettered One, wherewith He summoneth you unto God, the Ever-Abiding. Better is this for you than all the treasures of the earth, could ye but comprehend it.

Whoso interpreteth what hath been sent down from the heaven of Revelation, and altereth its evident meaning, he, verily, is of them that have perverted the Sublime Word of God, and is of the lost ones in the Lucid Book.

It hath been enjoined upon you to pare your nails, to bathe yourselves each week in water that covereth your bodies, and to clean yourselves with whatsoever ye have formerly employed. Take heed lest through negligence ye fail to observe that which hath been prescribed unto you by Him Who is the Incomparable, the Gracious. Immerse yourselves in clean water; it is not permissible to bathe yourselves in water that hath already been used. See that ye approach not the public pools of Persian baths; whoso maketh his way toward such baths will smell their fetid odour ere he entereth therein. Shun them, O people, and be not of those who ignominiously accept such vileness. In truth, they are as sinks of foulness and contamination, if ye be of them that apprehend.

Avoid ye likewise the malodorous pools in the courtyards of Persian homes, and be ye of the pure and sanctified. Truly, We desire to behold you as manifestations of paradise on earth, that there may be diffused from you such fragrance as shall rejoice the hearts of the favoured of God. If the bather, instead of entering the water, wash himself by pouring it upon his body, it shall be better for him and shall absolve him of the need for bodily immersion. The Lord, verily, hath willed, as a bounty from His presence, to make life easier for you that ye may be of those who are truly thankful.

It is forbidden you to wed your fathers' wives. We shrink, for very shame, from treating of the subject of boys. Fear ye the Merciful, O peoples of the world! Commit not that which is forbidden you in Our Holy Tablet, and be not of those who rove distractedly in the wilderness of their desires.

To none is it permitted to mutter sacred verses before the public gaze as he walketh in the street or marketplace; nay rather, if he wish to magnify the Lord, it behoveth him to do so in such places as have been erected for this purpose, or in his own home. This is more in keeping with sincerity and godliness. Thus hath the sun of Our commandment shone forth above the horizon of Our utterance. Blessed, then, be those who do Our bidding.

Unto everyone hath been enjoined the writing of a will. The testator should head this document with the adornment of the Most Great Name, bear witness therein unto the oneness of God in the Dayspring of His Revelation, and make mention, as he may wish, of that which is praiseworthy, so that it may be a testimony for him in the kingdoms of Revelation and Creation and a treasure with his Lord, the Supreme Protector, the Faithful.

All Feasts have attained their consummation in the two Most Great Festivals, and in the two other Festivals that fall on the twin days—the first of the Most Great Festivals being those days whereon the All-Merciful shed upon the whole of creation the effulgent glory of His most excellent Names and His most exalted Attributes, and the second being that day on which We raised up the One Who announced unto mankind the glad tidings of this Name, through which the dead have been resurrected and all who are in the heavens and on earth have been gathered together. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Ordainer, the Omniscient.

Happy the one who entereth upon the first day of the month of Baha, the day which God hath consecrated to this Great Name. And blessed be he who evidenceth on this day the bounties that God hath bestowed upon him; he, verily, is of those who show forth thanks to God through actions betokening the Lord's munificence which hath encompassed all the worlds. Say: This day, verily, is the crown of all the months and the source thereof, the day on which the breath of life is wafted over all created things. Great is the blessedness of him who greeteth it with radiance and joy. We testify that he is, in truth, among those who are blissful.

Say: The Most Great Festival is, indeed, the King of Festivals. Call ye to mind, O people, the bounty which God hath conferred upon you. Ye were sunk in slumber, and lo! He aroused you by the reviving breezes of His Revelation, and made known unto you His manifest and undeviating Path.

Resort ye, in times of sickness, to competent physicians; We have not set aside the use of material means, rather have We confirmed it through this Pen, which God hath made to be the Dawning-place of His shining and glorious Cause.

God had formerly laid upon each one of the believers the duty of offering before Our throne priceless gifts from among his possessions. Now, in token of Our gracious favour, We have absolved them of this obligation. He, of a truth, is the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful.

Blessed is he who, at the hour of dawn, centring his thoughts on God, occupied with His remembrance, and supplicating His forgiveness, directeth his steps to the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar and, entering therein, seateth himself in silence to listen to the verses of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Say: The Mashriqu'l-Adhkar is each and every building which hath been erected in cities and villages for the

celebration of My praise. Such is the name by which it hath been designated before the throne of glory, were ye of those who understand.

They who recite the verses of the All-Merciful in the most melodious of tones will perceive in them that with which the sovereignty of earth and heaven can never be compared. From them they will inhale the divine fragrance of My worlds—worlds which today none can discern save those who have been endowed with vision through this sublime, this beauteous Revelation. Say: These verses draw hearts that are pure unto those spiritual worlds that can neither be expressed in words nor intimated by allusion. Blessed be those who hearken.

Assist ye, O My people, My chosen servants who have arisen to make mention of Me among My creatures and to exalt My Word throughout My realm. These, truly, are the stars of the heaven of My loving providence and the lamps of My guidance unto all mankind. But he whose words conflict with that which hath been sent down in My Holy Tablets is not of Me. Beware lest ye follow any impious pretender. These Tablets are embellished with the seal of Him Who causeth the dawn to appear, Who lifteth up His voice between the heavens and the earth. Lay hold on this Sure Handle and on the Cord of My mighty and unassailable Cause.

The Lord hath granted leave to whosoever desireth it that he be instructed in the divers tongues of the world that he may deliver the Message of the Cause of God throughout the East and throughout the West, that he make mention of Him amidst the kindreds and peoples of the world in such wise that hearts may revive and the mouldering bone be quickened.

Section 7: “It is inadmissible that man, who hath been…”

It is inadmissible that man, who hath been endowed with reason, should consume that which stealeth it away. Nay, rather it behoveth him to comport himself in a manner worthy of the human station, and not in accordance with the misdeeds of every heedless and wavering soul.

Adorn your heads with the garlands of trustworthiness and fidelity, your hearts with the attire of the fear of God, your tongues with absolute truthfulness, your bodies with the vesture of courtesy. These are in truth seemly adornings unto the temple of man, if ye be of them that reflect. Cling, O ye people of Baha, to the cord of servitude unto God, the True One, for thereby your stations shall be made manifest, your names written and preserved, your ranks raised and your memory exalted in the Preserved Tablet. Beware lest the dwellers on earth hinder you from this glorious and exalted station. Thus have We exhorted you in most of Our Epistles and now in this, Our Holy Tablet, above which hath beamed the Day-Star of the Laws of the Lord, your God, the Powerful, the All-Wise.

When the ocean of My presence hath ebbed and the Book of My Revelation is ended, turn your faces toward Him Whom God hath purposed, Who hath branched from this Ancient Root.

Consider the pettiness of men’s minds. They ask for that which injureth them, and cast away the thing that profiteth them. They are, indeed, of those that are far astray. We find some men desiring liberty, and priding themselves therein. Such men are in the depths of ignorance.

Liberty must, in the end, lead to sedition, whose flames none can quench. Thus warneth you He Who is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. Know ye that the embodiment of liberty and its symbol is the animal. That which beseemeth man is submission unto such restraints as will protect him from his own ignorance, and guard him against the harm of the mischief-maker. Liberty causeth man to overstep the bounds of propriety, and to infringe on the dignity of his station. It debaseth him to the level of extreme depravity and wickedness.

Regard men as a flock of sheep that need a shepherd for their protection. This, verily, is the truth, the certain truth. We approve of liberty in certain circumstances, and refuse to sanction it in others. We, verily, are the All-Knowing.

Say: True liberty consisteth in man's submission unto My commandments, little as ye know it. Were men to observe that which We have sent down unto them from the Heaven of Revelation, they would, of a certainty, attain unto perfect liberty. Happy is the man that hath apprehended the Purpose of God in whatever He hath revealed from the Heaven of His Will that pervadeth all created things. Say: The liberty that profiteth you is to be found nowhere except in complete servitude unto God, the Eternal Truth. Whoso hath tasted of its sweetness will refuse to barter it for all the dominion of earth and heaven.

In the Bayan it had been forbidden you to ask Us questions. The Lord hath now relieved you of this prohibition, that ye may be free to ask what you need to ask, but not such idle questions as those on which the men of former times were wont to dwell. Fear God, and be ye of the righteous! Ask ye that which shall be of profit to you in the Cause of God and His dominion, for the portals of His tender compassion have been opened before all who dwell in heaven and on earth.

The number of months in a year, appointed in the Book of God, is nineteen. Of these the first hath been adorned with this Name which overshadoweth the whole of creation.

The Lord hath decreed that the dead should be interred in coffins made of crystal, of hard, resistant stone, or of wood that is both fine and durable, and that graven rings should be placed upon their fingers. He, verily, is the Supreme Ordainer, the One apprised of all.

The inscription on these rings should read, for men: "Unto God belongeth all that is in the heavens and on the earth and whatsoever is between them, and He, in truth, hath knowledge of all things"; and for women: "Unto God belongeth the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatsoever is between them, and He, in truth, is potent over all things". These are the verses that were revealed aforetime, but lo, the Point of the Bayan now calleth out, exclaiming, "O Best-Beloved of the worlds! Reveal Thou in their stead such words as will waft the fragrance of Thy gracious favours over all mankind. We have announced unto everyone that one single word from Thee excelleth all that hath been sent down in the Bayan.

Thou, indeed, hast power to do what pleaseth Thee. Deprive not Thy servants of the overflowing bounties of the ocean of Thy mercy! Thou, in truth, art He Whose grace is infinite." Behold, We have hearkened to His call, and now fulfil His wish. He, verily, is the Best-Beloved, the Answerer of prayers. If the following verse, which hath at this moment been sent down by God, be engraved upon the burial-rings of both men and women, it shall be better for them; We, of a certainty, are the Supreme Ordainer: "I came forth from God, and return unto Him, detached from all save Him, holding fast to His Name, the Merciful, the

Compassionate." Thus doth the Lord single out whomsoever He desireth for a bounty from His presence. He is, in very truth, the God of might and power.

The Lord hath decreed, moreover, that the deceased should be enfolded in five sheets of silk or cotton. For those whose means are limited a single sheet of either fabric will suffice. Thus hath it been ordained by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. It is forbidden you to transport the body of the deceased a greater distance than one hour's journey from the city; rather should it be interred, with radiance and serenity, in a nearby place.

God hath removed the restrictions on travel that had been imposed in the Bayan. He, verily, is the Unconstrained; He doeth as He pleaseth and ordaineth whatsoever He willeth.

O peoples of the world! Give ear unto the call of Him Who is the Lord of Names, Who proclaimeth unto you from His habitation in the Most Great Prison:

> "Verily, no God is there but Me, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Subduing, the Most Exalted, the Omniscient, the All-Wise."

In truth, there is no God but Him, the Omnipotent Ruler of the worlds. Were it His Will, He would, through but a single word proceeding from His presence, lay hold on all mankind. Beware lest ye hesitate in your acceptance of this Cause—a Cause before which the Concourse on high and the dwellers of the Cities of Names have bowed down. Fear God, and be not of those who are shut out as by a veil. Burn ye away the veils with the fire of My love, and dispel ye the mists of vain imaginings by the power of this Name through which We have subdued the entire creation.

Raise up and exalt the two Houses in the Twin Hallowed Spots, and the other sites wherein the throne of your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath been established. Thus commandeth you the Lord of every understanding heart.

Be watchful lest the concerns and preoccupations of this world prevent you from observing that which hath been enjoined upon you by Him Who is the Mighty, the Faithful. Be ye the embodiments of such steadfastness amidst mankind that ye will not be kept back from God by the doubts of those who disbelieved in Him when He manifested Himself, invested with a mighty sovereignty. Take heed lest ye be prevented by aught that hath been recorded in the Book from hearkening unto this, the Living Book, Who proclaimeth the truth:

> "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Most Excellent, the All-Praised."

Look ye with the eye of equity upon Him Who hath descended from the heaven of Divine will and power, and be not of those who act unjustly.

Call then to mind these words which have streamed forth, in tribute to this Revelation, from the Pen of Him Who was My Herald, and consider what the hands of the oppressors have wrought throughout My days. Truly they are numbered with the lost. He said:

> "Should ye attain the presence of Him Whom We shall make manifest, beseech ye God, in His bounty, to grant that He might deign to seat Himself upon your couches, for that act in itself would confer upon you matchless and surpassing honour. Should He drink a cup of water in your homes, this would be of greater consequence for you than your proffering unto every soul, nay unto every created thing, the water of its very life. Know this, O ye My servants!"

Such are the words with which My Forerunner hath extolled My Being, could ye but understand. Whoso reflecteth upon these verses, and realizeth what hidden pearls have been enshrined within them, will, by the righteousness of God, perceive the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafting from the direction of this Prison and will, with his whole heart, hasten unto Him with such ardent longing that the hosts of earth and heaven would be powerless to deter him. Say: This is a Revelation around which every proof and testimony doth circle. Thus hath it been sent down by your Lord, the God of Mercy, if ye be of them that judge aright. Say: This is the very soul of all Scriptures which hath been breathed into the Pen of the Most High, causing all created beings to be dumbfounded, save only those who have been enraptured by the gentle breezes of My loving-kindness and the sweet savours of My bounties which have pervaded the whole of creation.

O people of the Bayan! Fear ye the Most Merciful and consider what He hath revealed in another passage. He said:

> "The Qiblih is indeed He Whom God will make manifest; whenever He moveth, it moveth, until He shall come to rest."

Thus was it set down by the Supreme Ordainer when He desired to make mention of this Most Great Beauty. Meditate on this, O people, and be not of them that wander distraught in the wilderness of error. If ye reject Him at the bidding of your idle fancies, where then is the Qiblih to which ye will turn, O assemblage of the heedless? Ponder ye this verse, and judge equitably before God, that haply ye may glean the pearls of mysteries from the ocean that surgeth in My Name, the All-Glorious, the Most High.

Let none, in this Day, hold fast to aught save that which hath been manifested in this Revelation. Such is the decree of God, aforetime and hereafter—a decree wherewith the Scriptures of the Messengers of old have been adorned. Such is the admonition of the Lord, aforetime and hereafter—an admonition wherewith the preamble to the Book of Life hath been embellished, did ye but perceive it. Such is the commandment of the Lord, aforetime and hereafter; beware lest ye choose instead the part of ignominy and abasement. Naught shall avail you in this Day but God, nor is there any refuge to flee to save Him, the Omniscient, the All-Wise. Whoso hath known Me hath known the Goal of all desire, and whoso hath turned unto Me hath turned unto the Object of all adoration. Thus hath it been set forth in the Book, and thus hath it been decreed by God, the Lord of all worlds. To read but one of the verses of My Revelation is better than to peruse the Scriptures of both the former and latter generations. This is the Utterance of the All-Merciful, would that ye had ears to hear! Say: This is the essence of knowledge, did ye but understand.

And now consider what hath been revealed in yet another passage, that perchance ye may forsake your own concepts and set your faces towards God, the Lord of being. He [the Bab] hath said:

> "It is unlawful to enter into marriage save with a believer in the Bayan. Should only one party to a marriage embrace this Cause, his or her possessions will become unlawful to the other, until such time as the latter hath converted. This law, however, will only take effect after the exaltation of the Cause of Him Whom We shall manifest in truth, or of that which hath already been made manifest in justice. Ere this, ye are at liberty to enter into wedlock as ye wish, that haply by this means ye may exalt the Cause of God."

Thus hath the Nightingale sung with sweet melody upon the celestial bough, in praise of its Lord, the All-Merciful. Well is it with them that hearken.

O people of the Bayan, I adjure you by your Lord, the God of mercy, to look with the eye of fairness upon this utterance which hath been sent down through the power of truth, and not to be of those who see the testimony of God yet reject and deny it. They, in truth, are of those who will assuredly perish. The Point of the Bayan hath explicitly made mention in this verse of the exaltation of My Cause before His own Cause; unto this will testify every just and understanding mind. As ye can readily witness in this day, its exaltation is such as none can deny save those whose eyes are drunken in this mortal life and whom a humiliating chastisement awaiteth in the life to come.

Say: By the righteousness of God! I, verily, am His Best-Beloved; and at this moment He listeneth to these verses descending from the Heaven of Revelation and bewaileth the wrongs ye have committed in these days. Fear God, and join not with the aggressor. Say: O people, should ye choose to disbelieve in Him, refrain at least from rising up against Him. By God! Sufficient are the hosts of tyranny that are leagued against Him!

Verily, He revealed certain laws so that, in this Dispensation, the Pen of the Most High might have no need to move in aught but the glorification of His own transcendent Station and His most effulgent Beauty. Since, however, We have wished to evidence Our bounty unto you, We have, through the power of truth, set forth these laws with clarity and mitigated what We desire you to observe. He, verily, is the Munificent, the Generous.

Section 8: "He hath previously made known unto you…"

He hath previously made known unto you that which would be uttered by this Dayspring of Divine wisdom. He said, and He speaketh the truth: "He is the One Who will under all conditions proclaim: 'Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the One, the Incomparable, the Omniscient, the All-Informed."' This is a station which God hath assigned exclusively to this sublime, this unique and wondrous Revelation. This is a token of His bounteous favour, if ye be of them who comprehend, and a sign of His irresistible decree. This is His Most Great Name, His Most Exalted Word, and the Dayspring of His Most Excellent Titles, if ye could understand. Nay more, through Him every Fountainhead, every Dawning-place of Divine guidance is made manifest. Reflect, O people, on that which hath been sent down in truth; ponder thereon, and be not of the transgressors.

Consort with all religions with amity and concord, that they may inhale from you the sweet fragrance of God. Beware lest amidst men the flame of foolish ignorance overpower you. All things proceed from God and unto Him they return. He is the source of all things and in Him all things are ended.

Take heed that ye enter no house in the absence of its owner, except with his permission. Comport yourselves with propriety under all conditions, and be not numbered with the wayward.

It hath been enjoined upon you to purify your means of sustenance and other such things through payment of Zakat. Thus hath it been prescribed in this exalted Tablet by Him Who is the Revealer of verses. We shall, if it be God's will and purpose, set forth erelong the measure of its assessment. He, verily, expoundeth whatsoever He desireth by virtue of His own knowledge, and He, of a truth, is Omniscient and All-Wise.

It is unlawful to beg, and it is forbidden to give to him who beggeth. All have been enjoined to earn a living, and as for those who are incapable of doing so, it is incumbent on the Deputies of God and on the wealthy to make adequate provision for them. Keep ye the statutes and commandments of God; nay, guard them as ye would your very eyes, and be not of those who suffer grievous loss.

Ye have been forbidden in the Book of God to engage in contention and conflict, to strike another, or to commit similar acts whereby hearts and souls may be saddened. A fine of nineteen mithqals of gold had formerly been prescribed by Him Who is the Lord of all mankind for anyone who was the cause of sadness to another; in this Dispensation, however, He hath absolved you thereof and exhorteth you to show forth righteousness and piety. Such is the commandment which He hath enjoined upon you in this resplendent Tablet. Wish not for others what ye wish not for yourselves; fear God, and be not of the prideful. Ye are all created out of water, and unto dust shall ye return.

Reflect upon the end that awaiteth you, and walk not in the ways of the oppressor. Give ear unto the verses of God which He Who is the sacred Lote-Tree reciteth unto you. They are assuredly the infallible balance, established by God, the Lord of this world and the next. Through them the soul of man is caused to wing its flight towards the Dayspring of Revelation, and the heart of every true believer is suffused with light. Such are the laws which God hath enjoined upon you, such His commandments prescribed unto you in His Holy Tablet; obey them with joy and gladness, for this is best for you, did ye but know.

Recite ye the verses of God every morn and eventide. Whoso faileth to recite them hath not been faithful to the Covenant of God and His Testament, and whoso turneth away from these holy verses in this Day is of those who throughout eternity have turned away from God. Fear ye God, O My servants, one and all. Pride not yourselves on much reading of the verses or on a multitude of pious acts by night and day; for were a man to read a single verse with joy and radiance it would be better for him than to read with lassitude all the Holy Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Read ye the sacred verses in such measure that ye be not overcome by languor and despondency. Lay not upon your souls that which will weary them and weigh them down, but rather what will lighten and uplift them, so that they may soar on the wings of the Divine verses towards the Dawning-place of His manifest signs; this will draw you nearer to God, did ye but comprehend.

Teach your children the verses revealed from the heaven of majesty and power, so that, in most melodious tones, they may recite the Tablets of the All-Merciful in the alcoves within the Mashriqu'l-Adhkars. Whoever hath been transported by the rapture born of adoration for My Name, the Most Compassionate, will recite the verses of God in such wise as to captivate the hearts of those yet wrapped in slumber. Well is it with him who hath quaffed the Mystic Wine of everlasting life from the utterance of his merciful Lord in My Name—a Name through which every lofty and majestic mountain hath been reduced to dust.

Ye have been enjoined to renew the furnishings of your homes after the passing of each nineteen years; thus hath it been ordained by One Who is Omniscient and All-Perceiving. He, verily, is desirous of refinement, both for you yourselves and for all that ye possess; lay not aside the fear of God and be not of the negligent. Whoso findeth that his means are insufficient to this purpose hath been excused by God, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Bounteous.

Wash your feet once every day in summer, and once every three days during winter.

Should anyone wax angry with you, respond to him with gentleness; and should anyone upbraid you, forbear to upbraid him in return, but leave him to himself and put your trust in God, the omnipotent Avenger, the Lord of might and justice.

Ye have been prohibited from making use of pulpits. Whoso wisheth to recite unto you the verses of his Lord, let him sit on a chair placed upon a dais, that he may make mention of God, his Lord, and the Lord of all mankind. It is pleasing to God that ye should seat yourselves on chairs and benches as a mark of honour for the love ye bear for Him and for the Manifestation of His glorious and resplendent Cause.

Gambling and the use of opium have been forbidden unto you. Eschew them both, O people, and be not of those who transgress. Beware of using any substance that induceth sluggishness and torpor in the human temple and inflicteth harm upon the body. We, verily, desire for you naught save what shall profit you, and to this bear witness all created things, had ye but ears to hear.

Whensoever ye be invited to a banquet or festive occasion, respond with joy and gladness, and whoever fulfilleth his promise will be safe from reproof. This is a Day on which each of God's wise decrees hath been expounded.

Behold, the "mystery of the Great Reversal in the Sign of the Sovereign" hath now been made manifest. Well is it with him whom God hath aided to recognize the "Six" raised up by virtue of this "Upright Alif"; he, verily, is of those whose faith is true. How many the outwardly pious who have turned away, and how many the wayward who have drawn nigh, exclaiming: "All praise be to Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!" In truth, it is in the hand of God to give what He willeth to whomsoever He willeth, and to withhold what He pleaseth from whomsoever He may wish. He knoweth the inner secrets of the hearts and the meaning hidden in a mocker's wink. How many an embodiment of heedlessness who came unto Us with purity of heart have We established upon the seat of Our acceptance; and how many an exponent of wisdom have We in all justice consigned to the fire. We are, in truth, the One to judge. He it is Who is the manifestation of "God doeth whatsoever He pleaseth", and abideth upon the throne of "He ordaineth whatsoever He chooseth".

Blessed is the one who discovereth the fragrance of inner meanings from the traces of this Pen through whose movement the breezes of God are wafted over the entire creation, and through whose stillness the very essence of tranquillity appeareth in the realm of being. Glorified be the All-Merciful, the Revealer of so inestimable a bounty. Say: Because He bore injustice, justice hath appeared on earth, and because He accepted abasement, the majesty of God hath shone forth amidst mankind.

It hath been forbidden you to carry arms unless essential, and permitted you to attire yourselves in silk. The Lord hath relieved you, as a bounty on His part, of the restrictions that formerly applied to clothing and to the trim of the beard. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Omniscient. Let there be naught in your demeanour of which sound and upright minds would disapprove, and make not yourselves the playthings of the ignorant. Well is it with him who hath adorned himself with the vesture of seemly conduct and a praiseworthy character. He is assuredly reckoned with those who aid their Lord through distinctive and outstanding deeds.

Promote ye the development of the cities of God and His countries, and glorify Him therein in the joyous accents of His well-favoured ones. In truth, the hearts of men are edified through the power of the tongue, even as houses and cities are built up by the hand and other means. We have assigned to every end a means for its accomplishment; avail yourselves thereof, and place your trust and confidence in God, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

Blessed is the man that hath acknowledged his belief in God and in His signs, and recognized that “He shall not be asked of His doings”. Such a recognition hath been made by God the ornament of every belief and its very foundation. Upon it must depend the acceptance of every goodly deed. Fasten your eyes upon it, that haply the whisperings of the rebellious may not cause you to slip.

Were He to decree as lawful the thing which from time immemorial had been forbidden, and forbid that which had, at all times, been regarded as lawful, to none is given the right to question His authority. Whoso will hesitate, though it be for less than a moment, should be regarded as a transgressor.

Whoso hath not recognized this sublime and fundamental verity, and hath failed to attain this most exalted station, the winds of doubt will agitate him, and the sayings of the infidels will distract his soul. He that hath acknowledged this principle will be endowed with the most perfect constancy. All honour to this all-glorious station, the remembrance of which adorneth every exalted Tablet. Such is the teaching which God bestoweth on you, a teaching that will deliver you from all manner of doubt and perplexity, and enable you to attain unto salvation in both this world and in the next. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. He it is Who hath sent forth the Messengers, and sent down the Books to proclaim “There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Wise”.

O Land of Kaf and Ra! We, verily, behold thee in a state displeasing unto God, and see proceeding from thee that which is inscrutable to anyone save Him, the Omniscient, the All-Informed; and We perceive that which secretly and stealthily diffuseth from thee. With Us is the knowledge of all things, inscribed in a lucid Tablet. Sorrow not for that which hath befallen thee. Erelong will God raise up within thee men endued with mighty valour, who will magnify My Name with such constancy that neither will they be deterred by the evil suggestions of the divines, nor will they be kept back by the insinuations of the

sowers of doubt. With their own eyes will they behold God, and with their own lives will they render Him victorious. These, truly, are of those who are steadfast.

O concourse of divines! When My verses were sent down, and My clear tokens were revealed, We found you behind the veils. This, verily, is a strange thing. Ye glory in My Name, yet ye recognized Me not at the time your Lord, the All-Merciful, appeared amongst you with proof and testimony. We have rent the veils asunder. Beware lest ye shut out the people by yet another veil. Pluck asunder the chains of vain imaginings, in the name of the Lord of all men, and be not of the deceitful. Should ye turn unto God and embrace His Cause, spread not disorder within it, and measure not the Book of God with your selfish desires. This, verily, is the counsel of God aforetime and hereafter, and to this God's witnesses and chosen ones, yea, each and every one of Us, do solemnly attest.

Call ye to mind the shaykh whose name was Muhammad-Hasan, who ranked among the most learned divines of his day. When the True One was made manifest, this shaykh, along with others of his calling, rejected Him, while a sifter of wheat and barley accepted Him and turned unto the Lord. Though he was occupied both night and day in setting down what he conceived to be the laws and ordinances of God, yet when He Who is the Unconstrained appeared, not one letter thereof availed him, or he would not have turned away from a Countenance that hath illumined the faces of the well-favoured of the Lord. Had ye believed in God when He revealed Himself, the people would not have turned aside from Him, nor would the things ye witness today have befallen Us. Fear God, and be not of the heedless.

Beware lest any name debar you from Him Who is the Possessor of all names, or any word shut you out from this Remembrance of God, this Source of Wisdom amongst you. Turn unto God and seek His protection, O concourse of divines, and make not of yourselves a veil between Me and My creatures. Thus doth your Lord admonish you, and command you to be just, lest your works should come to naught and ye yourselves be oblivious of your plight. Shall he who denieth this Cause be able to vindicate the truth of any cause throughout creation? Nay, by Him Who is the Fashioner of the universe! Yet the people are wrapped in a palpable veil. Say: Through this Cause the day-star of testimony hath dawned, and the luminary of proof hath shed its radiance upon all that dwell on earth.

Fear God, O men of insight, and be not of those who disbelieve in Me. Take heed lest the word "Prophet" withhold you from this Most Great Announcement, or any reference to "Vicegerency" debar you from the sovereignty of Him Who is the Vicegerent of God, which overshadoweth all the worlds. Every name hath been created by His Word, and every cause is dependent on His irresistible, His mighty and wondrous Cause. Say: This is the Day of God, the Day on which naught shall be mentioned save His own Self, the omnipotent Protector of all worlds. This is the Cause that hath made all your superstitions and idols to tremble.

Section 9: "We, verily, see amongst you him who taketh…"

We, verily, see amongst you him who taketh hold of the Book of God and citeth from it proofs and arguments wherewith to repudiate his Lord, even as the followers of every other Faith sought reasons in their Holy Books for refuting Him Who is the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: God, the True One, is

My witness that neither the Scriptures of the world, nor all the books and writings in existence, shall, in this Day, avail you aught without this, the Living Book, Who proclaimeth in the midmost heart of creation:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

O concourse of divines! Beware lest ye be the cause of strife in the land, even as ye were the cause of the repudiation of the Faith in its early days. Gather the people around this Word that hath made the pebbles to cry out: "The Kingdom is God's, the Dawning-place of all signs!" Thus doth your Lord admonish you, as a bounty on His part; He, of a truth, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

Call ye to mind Karim, and how, when We summoned him unto God, he waxed disdainful, prompted by his own desires; yet We had sent him that which was a solace to the eye of proof in the world of being and the fulfilment of God's testimony to all the denizens of earth and heaven. As a token of the grace of Him Who is the All-Possessing, the Most High, We bade him embrace the Truth. But he turned away until, as an act of justice from God, angels of wrath laid hold upon him. Unto this We truly were a witness.

Tear the veils asunder in such wise that the inmates of the Kingdom will hear them being rent. This is the command of God, in days gone by and for those to come. Blessed the man that observeth that whereunto he was bidden, and woe betide the negligent.

We, of a certainty, have had no purpose in this earthly realm save to make God manifest and to reveal His sovereignty; sufficient unto Me is God for a witness. We, of a certainty, have had no intent in the celestial Kingdom but to exalt His Cause and glorify His praise; sufficient unto Me is God for a protector. We, of a certainty, have had no desire in the Dominion on high except to extol God and what hath been sent down by Him; sufficient unto Me is God for a helper.

Happy are ye, O ye the learned ones in Baha. By the Lord! Ye are the billows of the Most Mighty Ocean, the stars of the firmament of Glory, the standards of triumph waving betwixt earth and heaven. Ye are the manifestations of steadfastness amidst men and the daysprings of Divine Utterance to all that dwell on earth. Well is it with him that turneth unto you, and woe betide the froward. This day, it behoveth whoso hath quaffed the Mystic Wine of everlasting life from the Hands of the loving-kindness of the Lord his God, the Merciful, to pulsate even as the throbbing artery in the body of mankind, that through him may be quickened the world and every crumbling bone.

O people of the world! When the Mystic Dove will have winged its flight from its Sanctuary of Praise and sought its far-off goal, its hidden habitation, refer ye whatsoever ye understand not in the Book to Him Who hath branched from this mighty Stock.

O Pen of the Most High! Move Thou upon the Tablet at the bidding of Thy Lord, the Creator of the Heavens, and tell of the time when He Who is the Dayspring of Divine Unity purposed to direct His steps towards the School of Transcendent Oneness; haply the pure in heart may gain thereby a glimpse, be it as small as a needle's eye, of the mysteries of Thy Lord, the Almighty, the Omniscient, that lie concealed behind the veils. Say: We, indeed, set foot within the School of inner meaning and explanation when all created things were unaware. We saw the words sent down by Him Who is the All-Merciful, and We accepted the verses of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, which He presented unto Us, and

hearkened unto that which He had solemnly affirmed in the Tablet. This we assuredly did behold. And We assented to His wish through Our behest, for truly We are potent to command.

O people of the Bayan! We, verily, set foot within the School of God when ye lay slumbering; and We perused the Tablet while ye were fast asleep. By the one true God! We read the Tablet ere it was revealed, while ye were unaware, and We had perfect knowledge of the Book when ye were yet unborn. These words are to your measure, not to God's. To this testifieth that which is enshrined within His knowledge, if ye be of them that comprehend; and to this the tongue of the Almighty doth bear witness, if ye be of those who understand. I swear by God, were We to lift the veil, ye would be dumbfounded.

Take heed that ye dispute not idly concerning the Almighty and His Cause, for lo! He hath appeared amongst you invested with a Revelation so great as to encompass all things, whether of the past or of the future. Were We to address Our theme by speaking in the language of the inmates of the Kingdom, We would say:

> "In truth, God created that School ere He created heaven and earth, and We entered it before the letters B and E were joined and knit together."

Such is the language of Our servants in Our Kingdom; consider what the tongue of the dwellers of Our exalted Dominion would utter, for We have taught them Our knowledge and have revealed to them whatever had lain hidden in God's wisdom. Imagine then what the Tongue of Might and Grandeur would utter in His All-Glorious Abode!

This is not a Cause which may be made a plaything for your idle fancies, nor is it a field for the foolish and faint of heart. By God, this is the arena of insight and detachment, of vision and upliftment, where none may spur on their chargers save the valiant horsemen of the Merciful, who have severed all attachment to the world of being. These, truly, are they that render God victorious on earth, and are the dawning-places of His sovereign might amidst mankind.

Beware lest aught that hath been revealed in the Bayan should keep you from your Lord, the Most Compassionate. God is My witness that the Bayan was sent down for no other purpose than to celebrate My praise, did ye but know! In it the pure in heart will find only the fragrance of My love, only My Name that overshadoweth all that seeth and is seen. Say: Turn ye, O people, unto that which hath proceeded from My Most Exalted Pen. Should ye inhale therefrom the fragrance of God, set not yourselves against Him, nor deny yourselves a portion of His gracious favour and His manifold bestowals. Thus doth your Lord admonish you; He, verily, is the Counsellor, the Omniscient.

Whatsoever ye understand not in the Bayan, ask it of God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers. Should He so desire, He will expound for you that which is revealed therein, and disclose to you the pearls of Divine knowledge and wisdom that lie concealed within the ocean of its words. He, verily, is supreme over all names; no God is there but Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

The world's equilibrium hath been upset through the vibrating influence of this most great, this new World Order. Mankind's ordered life hath been revolutionized through the agency of this unique, this wondrous System—the like of which mortal eyes have never witnessed.

Immerse yourselves in the ocean of My words, that ye may unravel its secrets, and discover all the pearls of wisdom that lie hid in its depths. Take heed that ye do not vacillate in your determination to embrace the truth of this Cause—a Cause through which the potentialities of the might of God have been revealed, and His sovereignty established. With faces beaming with joy, hasten ye unto Him. This is the changeless Faith of God, eternal in the past, eternal in the future. Let him that seeketh, attain it; and as to him that hath refused to seek it—verily, God is Self-Sufficient, above any need of His creatures.

Say: This is the infallible Balance which the Hand of God is holding, in which all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth are weighed, and their fate determined, if ye be of them that believe and recognize this truth. Say: This is the Most Great Testimony, by which the validity of every proof throughout the ages hath been established, would that ye might be assured thereof. Say: Through it the poor have been enriched, the learned enlightened, and the seekers enabled to ascend unto the presence of God. Beware lest ye make it a cause of dissension amongst you. Be ye as firmly settled as the immovable mountain in the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

Say: O source of perversion! Abandon thy wilful blindness, and speak forth the truth amidst the people. I swear by God that I have wept for thee to see thee following thy selfish passions and renouncing Him Who fashioned thee and brought thee into being. Call to mind the tender mercy of thy Lord, and remember how We nurtured thee by day and by night for service to the Cause. Fear God, and be thou of the truly repentant. Granted that the people were confused about thy station, is it conceivable that thou thyself art similarly confused? Tremble before thy Lord and recall the days when thou didst stand before Our throne, and didst write down the verses that We dictated unto thee—verses sent down by God, the Omnipotent Protector, the Lord of might and power.

Beware lest the fire of thy presumptuousness debar thee from attaining to God's Holy Court. Turn unto Him, and fear not because of thy deeds. He, in truth, forgiveth whomsoever He desireth as a bounty on His part; no God is there but Him, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bounteous. We admonish thee solely for the sake of God. Shouldst thou accept this counsel, thou wilt have acted to thine own behoof; and shouldst thou reject it, thy Lord, verily, can well dispense with thee, and with all those who, in manifest delusion, have followed thee. Behold! God hath laid hold on him who led thee astray. Return unto God, humble, submissive and lowly; verily, He will put away from thee thy sins, for thy Lord, of a certainty, is the Forgiving, the Mighty, the All-Merciful.

This is the Counsel of God; would that thou mightest heed it! This is the Bounty of God; would that thou mightest receive it! This is the Utterance of God; if only thou wouldst apprehend it! This is the Treasure of God; if only thou couldst understand!

This is a Book which hath become the Lamp of the Eternal unto the world, and His straight, undeviating Path amidst the peoples of the earth. Say: This is the Dayspring of Divine knowledge, if ye be of them that understand, and the Dawning-place of God's commandments, if ye be of those who comprehend.

Burden not an animal with more than it can bear. We, truly, have prohibited such treatment through a most binding interdiction in the Book. Be ye the embodiments of justice and fairness amidst all creation.

Should anyone unintentionally take another's life, it is incumbent upon him to render to the family of the deceased an indemnity of one hundred mithqals of gold. Observe ye that which hath been enjoined upon you in this Tablet, and be not of those who overstep its limits.

O members of parliaments throughout the world! Select ye a single language for the use of all on earth, and adopt ye likewise a common script. God, verily, maketh plain for you that which shall profit you and enable you to be independent of others. He, of a truth, is the Most Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This will be the cause of unity, could ye but comprehend it, and the greatest instrument for promoting harmony and civilization, would that ye might understand! We have appointed two signs for the coming of age of the human race: the first, which is the most firm foundation, We have set down in other of Our Tablets, while the second hath been revealed in this wondrous Book.

It hath been forbidden you to smoke opium. We, truly, have prohibited this practice through a most binding interdiction in the Book. Should anyone partake thereof, assuredly he is not of Me. Fear God, O ye endued with understanding!

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BH11209: Salat-i-Saghir (Short Obligatory Prayer)

I bear witness, O my God, that Thou hast created me to know Thee and to worship Thee. I testify, at this moment, to my powerlessness and to Thy might, to my poverty and to Thy wealth. There is none other God but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Short obligatory prayer, to be recited once in twenty-four hours, at noon.

BH03447: Salat-i-Vusta (Medium Obligatory Prayer)

Whoso wisheth to pray, let him wash his hands, and while he washeth, let him say:

Strengthen my hand, O my God, that it may take hold of Thy Book with such steadfastness that the hosts of the world shall have no power over it. Guard it, then, from meddling with whatsoever doth not belong unto it. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

And while washing his face, let him say:

I have turned my face unto Thee, O my Lord! Illumine it with the light of Thy countenance. Protect it, then, from turning to any one but Thee.

Then let him stand up, and facing the Qiblih (Point of Adoration, i.e., Bahji, ʿAkka), let him say:

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. His are the kingdoms of Revelation and of creation. He, in truth, hath manifested Him Who is the Day-Spring of Revelation, Who conversed on Sinai, through Whom the Supreme Horizon hath been made to shine, and the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no

passing hath spoken, and through Whom the call hath been proclaimed unto all who are in heaven and on earth:

> "Lo, the All-Possessing is come. Earth and heaven, glory and dominion are God's, the Lord of all men, and the Possessor of the Throne on high and of earth below!"

Let him, then, bend down, with hands resting on the knees, and say:

Exalted art Thou above my praise and the praise of any one beside me, above my description and the description of all who are in heaven and all who are on earth!

Then, standing with open hands, palms upward toward the face, let him say:

Disappoint not, O my God, him that hath, with beseeching fingers, clung to the hem of Thy mercy and Thy grace, O Thou Who of those who show mercy art the Most Merciful!

Let him, then, be seated and say:

I bear witness to Thy unity and Thy oneness, and that Thou art God, and that there is none other God beside Thee. Thou hast, verily, revealed Thy Cause, fulfilled Thy Covenant, and opened wide the door of Thy grace to all that dwell in heaven and on earth. Blessing and peace, salutation and glory, rest upon Thy loved ones, whom the changes and chances of the world have not deterred from turning unto Thee, and who have given their all, in the hope of obtaining that which is with Thee. Thou art, in truth, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

(If any one choose to recite instead of the long verse these words: "God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting," it would be sufficient. And likewise, it would suffice were he, while seated, to choose to recite these words: "I bear witness to Thy unity and Thy oneness, and that Thou art God, and that there is none other God beside Thee.")

Medium obligatory prayer, to be recited daily, in the morning, at noon, and in the evening.

BH00987: Salat-i-Kabir (Long Obligatory Prayer)

Introduction

Whoso wisheth to recite this prayer, let him stand up and turn unto God, and, as he standeth in his place, let him gaze to the right and to the left, as if awaiting the mercy of his Lord, the Most Merciful, the Compassionate. Then let him say:

O Thou Who art the Lord of all names and the Maker of the heavens! I beseech Thee by them Who are the Day-Springs of Thine invisible Essence, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, to make of my prayer a fire that will burn away the veils which have shut me out from Thy beauty, and a light that will lead me unto the ocean of Thy Presence.

Let him then raise his hands in supplication toward God—blessed and exalted be He—and say:

O Thou the Desire of the world and the Beloved of the nations! Thou seest me turning toward Thee, and rid of all attachment to any one save Thee, and clinging to Thy cord, through whose movement the whole creation hath been stirred up. I am Thy servant, O my Lord, and the son of Thy servant. Behold me standing ready to do Thy will and Thy desire, and wishing naught else except Thy good pleasure. I implore Thee by the Ocean of Thy mercy and the Day-Star of Thy grace to do with Thy servant as Thou willest and pleasest. By Thy might which is far above all mention and praise! Whatsoever is revealed by Thee is the desire of my heart and the beloved of my soul. O God, my God! Look not upon my hopes and my doings, nay rather look upon Thy will that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth. By Thy Most Great Name, O Thou Lord of all nations! I have desired only what Thou didst desire, and love only what Thou dost love.

Let him then kneel, and bowing his forehead to the ground, let him say:

Exalted art Thou above the description of any one save Thyself, and the comprehension of aught else except Thee.

Let him then stand and say:

Make my prayer, O my Lord, a fountain of living waters whereby I may live as long as Thy sovereignty endureth, and may make mention of Thee in every world of Thy worlds.

Let him again raise his hands in supplication, and say:

O Thou in separation from Whom hearts and souls have melted, and by the fire of Whose love the whole world hath been set aflame! I implore Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the whole creation, not to withhold from me that which is with Thee, O Thou Who rulest over all men! Thou seest, O my Lord, this stranger hastening to his most exalted home beneath the canopy of Thy majesty and within the precincts of Thy mercy; and this transgressor seeking the ocean of Thy forgiveness; and this lowly one the court of Thy glory; and this poor creature the orient of Thy wealth. Thine is the authority to command whatsoever Thou willest. I bear witness that Thou art to be praised in Thy doings, and to be obeyed in Thy behests, and to remain unconstrained in Thy bidding.

Let him then raise his hands, and repeat three times the Greatest Name. Let him then bend down with hands resting on the knees before God—blessed and exalted be He—and say:

Thou seest, O my God, how my spirit hath been stirred up within my limbs and members, in its longing to worship Thee, and in its yearning to remember Thee and extol Thee; how it testifieth to that whereunto the Tongue of Thy Commandment hath testified in the kingdom of Thine utterance and the heaven of Thy knowledge. I love, in this state, O my Lord, to beg of Thee all that is with Thee, that I may demonstrate my poverty, and magnify Thy bounty and Thy riches, and may declare my powerlessness, and manifest Thy power and Thy might.

Let him then stand and raise his hands twice in supplication, and say:

There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful. There is no God but Thee, the Ordainer, both in the beginning and in the end. O God, my God! Thy forgiveness hath emboldened me, and Thy mercy hath

strengthened me, and Thy call hath awakened me, and Thy grace hath raised me up and led me unto Thee. Who, otherwise, am I that I should dare to stand at the gate of the city of Thy nearness, or set my face toward the lights that are shining from the heaven of Thy will? Thou seest, O my Lord, this wretched creature knocking at the door of Thy grace, and this evanescent soul seeking the river of everlasting life from the hands of Thy bounty. Thine is the command at all times, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names; and mine is resignation and willing submission to Thy will, O Creator of the heavens!

Let him then raise his hands thrice, and say:

Greater is God than every great one!

Let him then kneel and, bowing his forehead to the ground, say:

Too high art Thou for the praise of those who are nigh unto Thee to ascend unto the heaven of Thy nearness, or for the birds of the hearts of them who are devoted to Thee to attain to the door of Thy gate. I testify that Thou hast been sanctified above all attributes and holy above all names. No God is there but Thee, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious.

Let him then seat himself and say:

I testify unto that whereunto have testified all created things, and the Concourse on high, and the inmates of the all-highest Paradise, and beyond them the Tongue of Grandeur itself from the all-glorious Horizon, that Thou art God, that there is no God but Thee, and that He Who hath been manifested is the Hidden Mystery, the Treasured Symbol, through Whom the letters B and E (Be) have been joined and knit together. I testify that it is He Whose name hath been set down by the Pen of the Most High, and Who hath been mentioned in the Books of God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below.

Let him then stand erect and say:

O Lord of all being and Possessor of all things visible and invisible! Thou dost perceive my tears and the sighs I utter, and hearest my groaning, and my wailing, and the lamentation of my heart. By Thy might! My trespasses have kept me back from drawing nigh unto Thee; and my sins have held me far from the court of Thy holiness. Thy love, O my Lord, hath enriched me, and separation from Thee hath destroyed me, and remoteness from Thee hath consumed me. I entreat Thee by Thy footsteps in this wilderness, and by the words “Here am I. Here am I” which Thy chosen Ones have uttered in this immensity, and by the breaths of Thy Revelation, and the gentle winds of the Dawn of Thy Manifestation, to ordain that I may gaze on Thy beauty and observe whatsoever is in Thy Book.

Let him then repeat the Greatest Name thrice, and bend down with hands resting on the knees, and say:

Praise be to Thee, O my God, that Thou hast aided me to remember Thee and to praise Thee, and hast made known unto me Him Who is the Day-Spring of Thy signs, and hast caused me to bow down before Thy Lordship, and humble myself before Thy Godhead, and to acknowledge that which hath been uttered by the Tongue of Thy grandeur.

Let him then rise and say:

O God, my God! My back is bowed by the burden of my sins, and my heedlessness hath destroyed me. Whenever I ponder my evil doings and Thy benevolence, my heart melteth within me, and my blood boileth in my veins. By Thy Beauty, O Thou the Desire of the world! I blush to lift up my face to Thee, and my longing hands are ashamed to stretch forth toward the heaven of Thy bounty. Thou seest, O my God, how my tears prevent me from remembering Thee and from extolling Thy virtues, O Thou the Lord of the Throne on high and of earth below! I implore Thee by the signs of Thy Kingdom and the mysteries of Thy Dominion to do with Thy loved ones as becometh Thy bounty, O Lord of all being, and is worthy of Thy grace, O King of the seen and the unseen!

Let him then repeat the Greatest Name thrice, and kneel with his forehead to the ground, and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O our God, that Thou hast sent down unto us that which draweth us nigh unto Thee, and supplieth us with every good thing sent down by Thee in Thy Books and Thy Scriptures. Protect us, we beseech Thee, O my Lord, from the hosts of idle fancies and vain imaginations. Thou, in truth, art the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Let him then raise his head, and seat himself, and say:

I testify, O my God, to that whereunto Thy chosen Ones have testified, and acknowledge that which the inmates of the all-highest Paradise and those who have circled round Thy mighty Throne have acknowledged. The kingdoms of earth and heaven are Thine, O Lord of the worlds!

Long obligatory prayer, to be recited once in twenty-four hours

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Section 1: "Praise be to God Who, through His power…"

He is the One Who calls out in truth before the faces of all men!

Praise be to God Who, through His power, caused the Sun of Utterance to shine forth and, through His sovereignty, the Moon of Proof to appear—He Who by His command rolled up what was spread out over six days, whereupon the heavens of knowledge were raised up in less than the twinkling of an eye, and the Greatest Scene was revealed when He Who conversed on Sinai established Himself upon the throne of manifestation. The Divine Lote-Tree spoke before all faces, and thereby the call was raised from earth and heaven:

> "This is a Manifestation that has caused existence, both seen and unseen, to smile, that has brought joy to all eyes and illumined all sight. The command is God's, the One, the Mighty, the Unconstrained."

By God! The Day has come, yet the people are in wondrous doubt. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to assist His servants to draw nigh unto the Dayspring of lights, to grant them success in returning

to the gate of His grace and in making good what they have missed during the Lord of Days. And may peace and blessings, glorification and splendor rest upon the Hands of His Cause, whom neither the clamor of the people prevented from drawing near to God, the Lord of lords. They cast aside all else and turned to Him with such steadfastness as broke the backs of the wicked. Neither the opposition of the opposers nor the objections of the ungodly—who speak according to their idle fancies to turn people away from the straight path—could deter them. Say: He has come with that which draws you to the supreme horizon and brings you near to a station illumined by the lights of your Lord's utterance, the Lord of all beings.

O Nightingale! Upon thee be My glory and My loving-kindness. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of everlasting life from the hand of bounty and for having arisen to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as has disturbed those who sit still and caused the factions to lament, save those whom God, thy Lord, the Master of the Day of Resurrection, has willed. Praise be to God that thou art at all times occupied with remembrance and praise, and art steadfast in service.

Know of a certainty that God has commanded all to proclaim His Cause and to exalt His authoritative Word among all created things. After this binding decree which hath descended from the heaven of the will of the Lord of eternity, all are obligated to obey. If they attain unto the divine commandments and act as befitteth, they shall be accepted before God. Otherwise the matter returneth unto itself and the heedless are in manifest loss.

In former Books, God hath called all servants His children, and this was due to the effulgence of the light of His mercy which encompassed all. Yet many of those children opposed Him, and every fair-minded person hath testified and doth testify to that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. What say they about Satan who, despite his lofty rank and station, was deprived of the realms of nearness and the presence of God? According to some he was the teacher of the Kingdom—yet what can be said of this station that was bestowed upon him, when in an instant he fell from the highest station in the Kingdom to the lowest realm of the material world, and was debarred and deprived of all grace? What can one say to Him Who doeth what He willeth? At one time he was worthy of grace and mercy, at another deserving of wrath and punishment.

Reflect upon the consort of the Apostle of God. That holy Being—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake—said "Speak to me, O Humayra, speak!" This exalted word which issued forth from the Dayspring of the mouth of the Lord of all beings indicateth His supreme loving-kindness and compassion. Yet now the Shi'ih sect say concerning her that which all know. What was the cause of that acceptance, and what is the reason for this rejection by the Shi'ih sect? One of the bishops of Antioch said: "Why did your Prophet accept at first and make His intimate companion one who would ultimately be rejected?" Say: Ponder, O people, then judge with fairness concerning that which the Speaker of Sinai hath uttered when seated upon the throne of Manifestation, and be not of the wrongdoers.

One of the most distinguished of the Helpers, who was named Tu'mah, after the appearance of the Day-Star of Hijaz from the horizon of Yathrib, shared all he possessed with the Emigrants. Later, despite his evident nearness, there appeared from him that which made the very essence of truth to weep. After his rejected deed became known, he joined with the Jews. The Prophet was thoughtful and perplexed, for in

the early stages of the Cause such matters cause disturbance and upheaval among the servants. At that hour Gabriel descended and recited this verse:

> "We have sent down unto thee the Book in truth, that thou mightest judge between men by that which God hath shown thee, and be not thou an advocate for those who betray their trust."

In any case, let them refer to what the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Qur'an. Concerning the creation of man He saith: "Yet are they in doubt about a new creation." This moment is different from the moments before and after. Say: Reflect, that thou mayest take fairness as thy helper.

Apart from these matters, two aspects exist in man—one directed toward God and one toward his own self. When the glance of grace beholdeth the first aspect, it mentioneth concerning him that which hath no equal in all creation. O Nightingale! Upon thee be My glory!

Say: What sayest thou about Isma'il, the son of Ja'far the Truthful? This is the same Ismail to whom the Ismailis cling and adhere. His Holiness designated him as Imam and successor, and this decree was established. Later He removed him, which caused disturbance among the companions. Baghdadrah, who was among the most distinguished companions of His Holiness, asked whether it was possible for an Imam to be removed. In response, He said there was a change of divine will. The narrator of this tradition, Kulayni, and the objector Baghdadrah are both considered reliable by scholars of biographical evaluation. Say: Observe, that you may recognize what the Supreme Pen hath spoken in this mighty and wondrous station.

Furthermore, it is clear and evident what the opposers and objectors have said in this regard. Among them were those who said:

> "If he was unworthy from the beginning, why was he appointed leader of the people? And if he was worthy, why was he removed? The station of Imam is that of guiding people in the first degree, and in your belief, His Holiness possesses knowledge of the first and the last. Therefore, such a matter which is contradictory and inconsistent should not appear from him."

In any case, these matters are mentioned in relation to the beliefs of that group, as every fair-minded one, every learned one, and every trustworthy truthful one beareth witness.

In every age and century, some among the servants raised objections. After the Battle of Uhud, when the Bedouins of the surrounding areas went to congratulate the Quraysh, Sulafah, whose husband and sons were killed in battle, said to Sufyan that if anyone killed the murderer of her husband and children, she would give him a hundred camels. These words ignited the fire of greed and avarice in Sufyan. He sent seven Bedouins from Mecca who came to the presence of the Prophet and outwardly embraced Islam, saying "O Messenger of God, a group of us have attained to faith and acknowledge the oneness of God and thy prophethood. We request that thou command some of thy companions to come with us and teach us the divine laws regarding what is lawful and unlawful." Among others, they asked for Asim.

His Holiness chose ten from among the companions and commanded them to go among the tribes and teach the Quran and its laws. Asim and those with him set out for that region as commanded, and after their departure and arrival there occurred that which caused the greatest sorrow for the people of Yathrib. Some of the hypocrites arose in mockery, saying “Why did Muhammad’s God not inform him that this group had accepted Islam hypocritically?” And concerning what transpired, they judged His Holiness to be ignorant and lacking knowledge.RetryClaude can make mistakes. Please double-check responses.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! The objector hath been and ever will be. In one instance that same person hath spoken the truth, inasmuch as the deeds of this group in the early days were, we seek refuge in God, truly such that no man could bear to mention them. However, concerning this Wronged One he hath not spoken with fairness, as thou and the manifestations of justice, equity and truthfulness can testify that this Wronged One, after arrival in Iraq by permission of His Majesty the Sultan, arose with complete determination, night and day, to educate souls and purify minds and hearts. Through God’s grace and loving-kindness, exalted be His glory, We strictly forbade conflict, corruption and contention in the Book, and commanded the servants to praiseworthy deeds and pleasing conduct. For nearly forty years, in no place hath the fire of war been kindled; rather, through the living waters of divine counsels and heavenly wisdom, tranquility and peace were established to the extent possible. We hope that henceforth no trace of corruption, conflict and contention shall remain in the world. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to unite their hearts and aid them to reform the souls of men and improve the countries. Verily, He hath power over all things.

O Nightingale! Upon thee be My glory! Concerning the person mentioned, ask from God, exalted be His glory, whatsoever conduceth to the manifestation of justice and fairness. This Wronged One too asketh for him that which causeth return unto God. My God, my God! Aid Thy servants to perform such deeds as will diffuse the fragrance of Thy acceptance, and to speak such words as are adorned with the glory of Thy good-pleasure, and enable them to manifest such character as will spread abroad the sweet savors of Thy days. Then ordain for them return unto Thee and repentance before the waves of the ocean of Thy forgiveness. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent to do what Thou willest through Thy Will that prevaileth over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

That which those souls have uttered in response hath been adorned with the crown of acceptance. Every day objections have been raised by the heedless against His Holiness and His companions, yet God hath seized them through His power, and His Will hath effaced their traces through His sovereignty, and His Purpose hath taken hold of them with the grasp of One mighty and powerful. We have not mentioned some of these objections, for such matters are beyond reckoning. Were the eyes of the servants to be cleansed from the ophthalmia of desire and their hearts purified from the fire of hatred, they would witness that which they are deprived of today. Say: Know thou that We have commanded all to teach the Cause and have revealed regarding the conditions of teachers that which would enable every discerning one to recognize the bounty of this Revelation and its glory and generosity and favors and bestowals.

It behooveth everyone who desireth to turn towards the Most Exalted Horizon to purify his outward and inward being from whatsoever hath been forbidden in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds. And in the first step he must hold fast and act according to that which the All-Merciful hath revealed in the Furqan

where He saith: “Say: ʿGod’ then leave them to plunge in their idle diversions,” and to regard all else save God as but a handful of dust. Thus hath the light of the Cause shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of God’s Will, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Bestower. And in another step he must turn wholly towards the Divine Countenance and, with the tongue of the spirit and reality, advancing towards the Most Great House, arise and say: “I have abandoned the religion of a people who believe not in God and who are disbelievers in the Hereafter.”

When a soul hath attained these two stations and these two commands, verily it hath been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen as being of the people of Baha in the Crimson Book. Blessed is the soul that hath arisen before the Divine Kaaba and acted according to that which hath been revealed in this time from the True Commander and Dayspring of Divine Revelation.

O Nightingale! Upon thee rest My Glory! The radiant conditions for teachers shine forth like the sun from the horizons of the heavens of divine Tablets. Strange that until now they have not taken notice. The command to teach hath been sent down from the heaven of the Cause for all—that is, all are commanded to it. Likewise, concerning the conditions that have been mentioned, ask God to confirm all in that which is befitting. Some of the questioners who attend gatherings seek to learn of divine laws, while others merely mock and cast doubt in hearts. Verily thy Lord is with them, hearing and seeing all, for He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. And in one instance these exalted words were revealed: “It behooveth him who desireth to teach the Cause of his Lord to adorn his head with the crown of detachment and his temple with the robe of godliness.” And in another place: “It behooveth every teacher to ignore what he and others possess, fixing his gaze upon what is with God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting.” This Wronged One hath repeatedly mentioned in these instances that which no fair-minded person hath rejected.

Section 2: “By the life of God! Had a few…”

By the life of God! Had a few souls acted according to what God intended, surely the lights of the traces of the Supreme Pen would have encompassed the world. From some souls who have attributed and do attribute themselves to the Truth, there hath appeared that which hath caused the greatest terror. We have said, and Our word is the truth:

> “The affliction is not My imprisonment, nor what hath befallen Me at the hands of Mine enemies, but rather from those who claim attachment to My Person yet commit that which causeth My heart and My Pen to lament, and every informed one and every discerning one to weep.”

Time and again have such verses been sent down from the heaven of divine bounty, yet ears polluted with vain tales are deprived and forbidden from hearkening to these exalted and decisive words. If they would truly hearken to but one verse of the revealed verses, they would surely return from what they possess to what God possesseth, and would testify to the grace, bounty and justice of God, exalted be His glory, towards all. Concerning all, ye must beseech justice and fairness.

Say: O my God, my God! Aid Thy servants to return unto Thee and to behold in the traces of Thy Supreme Pen with Thine eye. O Lord! Deny them not the ocean of Thy generosity and the sun of Thy bestowal, and keep them not away from Thy holy courts. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the light of Thy Cause which, at its manifestation, effaced the traces of misbelief and hypocrisy, to transform the throne of ignorance into the seat of knowledge and wisdom, and the throne of tyranny and oppression into the chair of justice and fairness. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Glorious, the Bountiful.

In one passage this blessed verse was revealed, from which every hearing ear perceives the lamentation of this Wronged One:

> "Verily, Thou wert created for My help and the service of My Cause, yet thou didst aid Mine enemies through deeds more powerful than the hosts of kings and rulers."

In truth, today unseemly conduct from the people of God aids the enemies rather than the friends. O nightingale! We have manifested the pearls of wisdom and utterance from the treasuries of the Supreme Pen solely for those possessed of insight, that they might be drawn to the most exalted summit of justice and fairness. One must seek sight and hearing from God. That which had neither appeared before nor shall appear hereafter hath been made manifest in the world—to this beareth witness the Mother Book in the Kingdom of utterance. Blessed are they that hear, and blessed are they that attain!

Thou hast seen and knowest these people—most are occupied with the buzzing of flies, deprived and forbidden from the cooing of the doves of the Most Exalted Paradise. Consider the deniers of the Cause, who soar on wings of idle fancies in the atmosphere of vain imaginings. Until now they remain unaware that the Lord they have chosen as creator is exactly like the Shi'ih sect, occupied with the fanciful traditions of the deluded ones, heedless and veiled from the reality of the Cause. The Word hath ever been cast by God; thereafter, deeds return to their doers—"whoso doeth good works it is for his own benefit, and whoso doeth evil, it is to his own loss." Say: O servants of God! He hath come with the word "He doeth whatsoever He willeth," and before this word the objections of the world are as naught. He saith: "Were He to decree the earth to be heaven, or heaven to be earth, none hath the right to question His authority." Had there been ears to hear and eyes to see, that which would raise the earth above the heavens would have been revealed. But for those lost in fancy, the clear Book needeth not such ringing tones.

Say: O ear of the world! Hear but this one word: The Primal Point—that is, the Herald, may my spirit be sacrificed for all else but Him—in answer to a question from one of the Letters of the Living, concerning Him Whom God shall make manifest, exalted be His glory and abundant be His grace, and may the spirit of all creation be sacrificed for Him, spoke these words, mighty be their remembrance:

> "If thou shouldst recite but one verse from the verses of Him Whom God shall make manifest, this would be more meritorious in the sight of God than if thou shouldst inscribe the entire Bayan, for on that Day that single verse would grant thee salvation, whereas the entire Bayan would not."

Now observe what station they have abandoned through vain imaginings and to what station they cling! Leave them to their idle fancies, leave them to their heedlessness, leave them to their vain imaginings,

leave them to their idle conjectures wherein they disport themselves. There is no God but He, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

You have mentioned Akhtar, who has manifested such contention as hath no peer or likeness. Through unworthy means and vain desires he hath committed that which hath caused the reality of being to lament. You and all the friends know how that unrighteous one from Isfahan unjustly seized the property of the Afnan and other loved ones. He was so consumed by the fire of greed and passion that none save God can reckon its measure. In these days the government hath taken from him what he seized, yet until now it hath not reached its rightful owners. Let us see what will unfold hereafter and what fire greed and avarice will next ignite. In most of Our Tablets We have enjoined upon all trustworthiness, godliness, truthfulness and sincerity. Yet some have forsaken trustworthiness, chastity and truthfulness, clinging instead to treachery and calumnies in order to wrongfully devour people's wealth. And some in this land have engaged in unseemly deeds. Purely to protect them We commanded them to depart, yet they committed what no heedless one hath ever done. Our purpose in their departure was protection and care, but it gave rise to enmity. We desired for them light and protection, while they desired for Us oppression and calumny. The cry of the oppressors is nothing but error.

In any case, opposition and objection were not confined to the one from Isfahan and his companion. Haji Muhammad Karim Khan of Kirman wrote a book of refutation every year, as did other ignorant ones known as learned. And the author of Nasikhu't-Tawarikh wrote concerning the Bab what no atheist hath ever written. We beseech God to aid His servants to observe with justice and fairness His signs and what hath appeared from Him. Should they achieve this blessing, all would proclaim the blessed words "I have abandoned the ways of a people who have turned away from Thee and who dispute with falsehood." Verily aid is in His hand and confirmation in His grasp. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. But the deeds of His servants have prevented them from beholding the waves of the ocean of utterance of the One desired by all the worlds. Eyes are barred from seeing and ears from hearing. God willing, they shall hereafter attain unto that which beseemeth them.

Today deeds and character are supporters and helpers. You must adorn all with the ornament of goodly character and pure deeds, and remind them of justice and fairness. By God! The Wronged One, though in the dragon's mouth, mentioneth them and counseleth them for the sake of God, desiring from them neither recompense nor aught else, even while seeing Himself in grave danger, for We have concealed nothing but have clearly enjoined upon all that which leadeth to their elevation and advancement.

Regarding what you mentioned about the prisoners and the charity of some—praise be to God Who enabled them to perform a deed that hath attained the glory of His good-pleasure and been adorned with the ornament of His acceptance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to open before their faces the gates of grace and bounty, to draw them nigh unto Him, and to assist them to champion His Cause through the hosts of wisdom and utterance, of deeds and character. Verily, He hath power over all things.

O Nightingale! Dost thou see anyone who finds the sweetness of My utterance, or who dealeth justly concerning that which hath appeared from Me? And dost thou see anyone who soareth on the wings of detachment in this atmosphere? Say: O people, if ye deny this Most Great Cause, what matter is worthy

of affirmation or capable of proof? Say: No obliteration can efface this proof, and this standing is sanctified above sitting or reclining—it was and is. And whatsoever hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen shall assuredly be made manifest, and there shall remain not a single letter but the fair-minded shall behold it established upon the throne of revelation. Thy Lord knoweth and declareth, but most people know not.

Regarding what thou didst mention about the dissemination of Tablets and the spreading of the writings and the mention of the Most Great Branch—all were privileged to witness and hear this. Praise be to God Who hath confirmed thee in that which conduceth to the refinement of souls and the exaltation of God's binding Word. The Most Great Branch hath recently turned his attention to its execution. We beseech God to confirm him in aiding His Cause, exalting His Word and elevating His servants, and to grant him success in purifying hearts and sanctifying souls. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Bestowing.

Thou didst mention the son of the late honored Mirza Aqa, upon him be the Glory of God, the Most Glorious. Praise be to God, his thoughts are adorned with the maidens of praise and glorification, bedecked with eloquence and rhetoric. As he speaketh in praise of the Desired One of the righteous, he is mentioned before the Throne and illumined with the light of acceptance. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to aid him in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and through him to open the doors of hearts through His Name, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Nasru'llah! Thou hast been mentioned by one who hath soared in My atmosphere and clung to My cord. We have remembered thee with a remembrance through which faces have turned toward the Lord of generosity and bounty. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me and revealed unto me that which every letter thereof proclaimeth Thy tender mercy, Thy compassion, Thy grace and Thy bestowal. O my Lord! Thou seest me attracted by Thy verses and enkindled by the fire of Thy love. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast and firm in Thy Cause whereby hearts and minds have been shaken. There is none other God but Thee, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Loving.

O Nasru'llah! Upon thee be the Glory of God and His tender mercy. Remember on My behalf thy mother. She hath attained unto My mention aforetime. Blessed is she. We testify that she hath attained unto a gem beyond compare and unto a pearl which God hath sanctified above all likeness and similitude, and these are My love, the mighty, the wondrous. Remember her on My behalf and give her the glad-tidings of My tender mercy and illumine her with the lights of the Day-Star of My knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the Compassionate, the Generous.

O Nightingale! The souls mentioned in thy letter have attained unto remembrance. Praise be to God Who hath aided them to turn towards Him on a day wherein the fire of rejection was ablaze, and Who enabled them to hearken when most of mankind were debarred therefrom. Blessed are the hearts illumined by the light of recognition, and the faces that have turned towards the effulgent countenance of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and the eyes that have been solaced by the light of certitude, and the ears that have been privileged to hear the Call as it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. We beseech God to aid them to stand firm with supreme steadfastness in His Cause, the Most Mighty, the Most Exalted, the Most High, in such wise that neither the hosts of the earth and their ranks shall deter them, nor shall the

clamor of the ignorant and their leaders frighten them. May He ordain for them a light that shall go before their faces in all His worlds. Verily, He is the Mighty, the Generous, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

We have not mentioned their names, and this is a wisdom from Us, and I am the Ordainer, the All-Wise. The radiant light from the horizon of the heaven of My mercy be upon them and upon those women who have believed and turned unto the All-Informed, whether they be men or women who are sincere, devout, mindful, or turned towards God. All are remembered in the presence of the Wronged One, and that honored one should gladden them with these supreme tidings.

As for him who hath mentioned the matter of the veil and the revelation of a Tablet concerning it, most are content merely to hear and cling to that which their souls and desires dictate. O Nightingale! Had they been observed to be sanctified from transgression and iniquity and adorned with righteousness and the fear of God, all would have been illumined by the manifestations of the lights of certitude, assurance and wealth. They have taken what is with the people and cast behind their backs what is with God as a recompense for their deeds.

Section 3: "Thou art witness and God doth testify…"

Thou art witness and God doth testify that this Wronged One, after the rising of the Orb of the horizons from the horizon of Iraq, summoned the people of Iran to the horizon of the favor of the Lord of all worlds through two true messengers and spiritual heralds by night and by day. These two heralds were the pen and the inkwell. At all times the Kawthar of counsel flowed from the pen and the Salsabil of utterance appeared before all faces by His will. There was no purpose save the reformation of the world and the education of its peoples. In the early days of the Cause, deeds were observed to be so reprehensible that every person of insight would take refuge in God, and every hearing ear would, by night and by day, implore deliverance with humility and supplication, until through grace and favor, repugnant deeds were gradually transformed into goodly deeds and unacceptable conduct into acceptable behavior. Ask thou God to aid the people to recognize the purpose of this Wronged One, for should they become aware, they would themselves acknowledge that which they now deny. We ask for them success in all conditions. Verily, He is the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

They made mention of the departed and exalted Hasan Khan, who ascended to the Most Glorious Horizon and Supreme Companion while in the prison of the opposers and deniers. Blessed is he and joy be unto him! By My life, he hath attained to that which none before him attained. The near ones now behold him in an exalted station. We were with him when he desired to attain the presence and meet Us, and We mentioned him in such wise that the ocean of forgiveness surged in all existence and the fragrance of God's loving-kindness, the Lord of all worlds, was diffused. We revealed for him that which brought solace to the eyes of the mystics and We sent it to the Land of Ta. Verily, the mercy of thy Lord hath encompassed all existence, both seen and unseen. Woe unto those who recognized not his station and committed that which caused every fair-minded soul to lament and the tears of the lovers to flow.

Will the oppressors endure, or will they find for themselves, at the time of reckoning, any escape or refuge? Nay, by My utterance, through which the realities of the Supreme Concourse, the Most Glorious Paradise, and the Highest Heaven were attracted! Say: My God, my God! Unite the hearts of Thy servants

and cause them to know what Thou hast desired for them through Thy bounty. Were they to know, they would surely lament their own selves and weep for what hath escaped them in Thy days. O Lord! Leave them not to themselves, and withhold them not from drawing nigh unto the sun of Thy knowledge. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. Then make the reward of those who transported him a treasure with Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Trustworthy, the Guardian, the Helper, the Sustainer.

Mention of other souls who were with him hath been revealed and sent down in Tablets from the Divine Pen. Happy are they!

They made mention of the wife of Qasim Khan, upon her be the Glory of God. When We desired to make mention of her, We heard the call from the direction of grandeur and majesty of her arrival in the highest Paradise and her settlement in a chamber above whose door was inscribed: “This chamber hath been built for the people of Baha.” We beseech God to send down upon her at all times that which will comfort her eyes and gladden her heart. He is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Ye made mention of the mother and two sisters. Blessed are they and joy be unto them! The Wronged One, in the Most Great Prison, desireth to make mention of them in such wise that their names shall endure throughout the kingdom of God, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Blessed art thou, O my handmaiden and my leaf, in that God hath manifested through thee one who hath arisen to serve My Cause, to make mention of Me amongst My servants, and to praise Me amidst My creation. God, blessed and exalted be He, hath enabled him to spread His signs by whose light earth and heaven were illumined and hearts and minds were enlightened. We have ordained for thee a portion of his reward in teaching the Cause and manifesting the Word with wisdom and utterance. O Nightingale! Convey My glorification unto her and give her the glad-tidings of My loving-kindness and mercy which have preceded all things, and My light whereby existence hath been illumined.

And We make mention of thy sister at this time and give her the glad-tidings of God’s loving-kindness, the Lord of the mighty throne. O My leaf! Upon thee be My glory and My mercy. We beseech God, blessed and exalted be He, to adorn thee with the robe of recognition and illumine thee with the lights of certitude, and to ordain for thee what He hath ordained for His handmaidens who circle round the throne. He is, verily, the Hearer, the Answerer.

And We make mention of My other handmaiden. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call “O My handmaiden” and “O My servant,” and blessed is the heart that hath turned unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee and glorify the praise of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great.

We make mention of My handmaidens in all regions and give them glad tidings of what hath been ordained for them from God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Verily, she who hath attained unto acceptance is regarded by God as among the most exalted of men. Blessed are they, men and women, who have attained. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

You made mention of Ghulam-Ali. O Ghulam-Qabli-Ali! Canst thou hear My utterance with such steadfastness as to open thereby the ears of all creation? And canst thou speak with such utterance as to

cause the tongues of the world to speak? Say: Nay, by thy life, except through Thy might and power. Unto God belong the treasuries of utterance. Were He to reveal but one verse therefrom, or manifest one pearl thereof, thou wouldst surely behold people intoxicated by the choice wine of God's utterance, the Lord of all beings. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth, and He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. He who arose to serve My Cause and soared in the atmosphere of My love hath made mention of thee. We have remembered thee with verses whose outer meaning is light and whose inner meaning is mercy, and within their innermost meaning is that which proclaimeth this momentous News. The glory rest upon thee and upon those whom the might of every heedless doubter hath not frightened.

O Nightingale! Those souls who have turned unto God and associated in love with thee, and who have accepted that which thou didst speak concerning this Most Great Cause, and likewise those handmaidens who have sought His good-pleasure and besought mention from the Lord of Remembrance—all have been blessed with the effulgences of the Sun of loving-kindness of the Desired One of the worlds. Today the ocean is surging, the sun is shining, and the light is radiant. Whosoever hath turned unto God and attained unto service to His loved ones is accounted among the people of Baha in the Qayyumu'l-Asma', recorded by the Most Exalted Pen.

Convey My greetings and praise to the loved ones of that land, and likewise to the assured handmaidens who outwardly are veiled in names but inwardly are manifest and evident. In these days divine wisdom hath prevailed. Verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book.

You made mention of Haji Ali and likewise of his turning toward the Most Holy Court. Divine ordinances and laws are each conditional upon the requirements of wisdom. Haji Ali, upon him be My glory, must observe that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. If it accordeth with movement, let him move, and if it accordeth with stillness, let him be still. Moreover, he must first determine the means of the journey, and thereafter proceed. The sale of property is not beloved in the sight of this Wronged One, save for the payment of debts. Many souls desired to sell their property for the payment of the Huququ'llah, but We forbade them.

O Nightingale! The greatest cause of this Wronged One's tribulations hath been the gathering of people around Him. In the prison are assembled people of every kind. Now there are nearly three hundred souls, young and old, male and female. The rest is clear and evident. Some are firm as mountains and steadfast, some are like brilliant light, and others rise at times and fall at others. God dealeth with all with supreme loving-kindness. For twenty-one years have We dwelt in prison with this company. Say: Power belongeth unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Wisdom belongeth unto God, the Goal of them that know. Mercy belongeth unto God, the Object of worship of all in the heavens and the earth. Compassion belongeth unto God, the Lord of the first and the last. Jalal had permission to come, and as for the other two, after arriving in Port Said they sought permission and were not deprived of the ocean of grace. Verily thy Lord is the Hearer, the Answerer.

In brief, these are the conditions for those who have permission to visit: first, a sound constitution and healthy body; second, the means for travel including funds and other requirements. And the condition which is the greatest of conditions is to obtain permission in the place and station. Even if all else be

present, if wisdom does not require it, movement and visitation is not permitted. God says: “Pilgrimage to the House is a duty unto God for mankind,” and then He says: “for those who are able to make their way there.” We beseech God to aid all to perform that which they are commanded.

From the Dayspring of God’s Command naught appears save that which leads to the exaltation, elevation, love, fellowship and unity of His servants. He, verily, is the Commander, the All-Wise.

Regarding what thou didst mention about the eagerness of the servants and their enthusiasm, that each year a great multitude, inspired by the encouragement of the chavushes, intend to journey to the Most Exalted Horizon and the Supreme Summit—this is a cause for thanksgiving, for the penetrating influence of the Supreme Pen hath brought the servants to this station. Despite the opposition of all, it hath taken hold of the gems of existence through His absolute Will. This, notwithstanding that it hath appeared in days when ranks upon ranks, thousands upon thousands, cannons and swords were arrayed against it. Yet, detached from all else, We summoned all to that which conduceth to the upliftment of existence, the advancement of souls, the tranquility of servants and the development of countries.

This Revelation is the Revelation of the Most Great Mercy and Supreme Bounty, for it hath erased and forbidden the decree of holy war from the Book, and hath enjoined fellowship with the followers of all religions in a spirit of fragrance and joy. His honor hath witnessed what hath been revealed from the Supreme Pen in scriptures and tablets. Corruption, conflict and disputation have been forbidden. Likewise have We commanded the reading of the books of all peoples. All these matters are a great bounty for the servants, for previously they were forbidden and commanded to wage holy war. The wearing of foreign dress and the perusal of the books of other peoples were formerly forbidden, and traces of this prohibition can be found in the books. However, in this Most Great Revelation, the barrier of prohibition hath been lifted and freedom hath been granted and bestowed in its place.

God willing, may his honor be aided to conquer the cities of hearts with fragrance and joy, and be assisted in spreading the divine verses with wisdom and utterance. Verily, He will aid thee with the hosts of utterance. He, verily, is powerful over all things. We give thee glad tidings at this moment of the presence of that which was born of the maidens of thy thoughts and hath dawned from the horizon of thy sincerity, submissiveness and humility, and hath been read before all faces. We beseech God to grant thee a reward in every world of His worlds and to ordain for thee that which shall endure as long as His Kingdom shall endure. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous, the Helper, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Convey to the loved ones in every place greetings and glory from the Wronged One, and illumine them with the lights of the Luminary of utterance of the All-Merciful. Thy work of reasoning hath attained the Most Holy Court. God willing, it shall be considered in these days. We beseech God to manifest for thee in His mention and praise that which shall attract the hearts. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved. The light that shineth from the heaven of My utterance be upon thee and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning this Most Great Announcement and this Mighty Matter.

BH00501: Lawh-i-Karim

In the Name of the One True God

O Karim! God grant that, through the bounty of the Most Generous [Karim], thou art reposing beneath the shade of the Tree of the Lord of all worlds, and that thou hast attained the gracious outpourings which have come down from the heaven of bestowal. Mention of thee hath been and will continue to be made before the Throne, and this is accounted as one of the greatest of God's bounties.

O Karim! Gird up the loins of service, that haply, in mentioning the King of creation, weak souls may come forth with the utmost love and strength of the heart, in such wise that the world and all that lieth therein shall not keep them back from God, and all will appear with a godly character in these radiant days.

O Karim! The mystic Wine of the spirit is prepared and the celestial Cup-bearer is present, but most men are seen to be debarred and deprived. God is manifest, conspicuous as can be, and His creation are yearning with the utmost longing, yet the lovers are bereft of their Beloved, and they burn in the wilderness of separation. Hence, they require a Guide, a Counselor, a Teacher, that they may come to know the reason for their debarment and the cause of their remoteness.

Some servants are not in need of teaching. They can be seen as like unto the eye, in that the eye need not be taught to see; so too the ear with hearing. The moment the eye is opened by the aid of the Spirit, it is able to see on its own, yet at all times must it seek refuge with the Face of God, lest bleariness or some other impairment develop and become a barrier. They are those servants who have turned toward the Supreme Horizon after the call was lifted up, so steadfast that none hath the power to divert the gaze of those well-assured souls from the direction of God. At every moment have they drunk and do they drink still from the living waters of the utterance of the Merciful; they read the divine Words with intimate familiarity and eagerness. Those apart from these souls stand in need of goodly exhortations and compassionate counsels. Therefore, the loved ones of God must carry out this weighty task with wisdom and clarity. Let some teach with their words, some with their deeds and actions, and some with their characters, drawing others toward God. Virtuous deeds and spiritual conduct are themselves teachers of the Cause.

Certain people should not be sad that they are unlearned and have not acquired human knowledge. Consider the time of the Apostle [Muhammad]: Following the appearance of that Most Great Luminary, all the divines, men of letters, and sages remained deprived of that Path to the recognition of the All-Merciful, while the instant that Abu Dhar—a mere shepherd—accepted Him Who is the All-Possessing and the Most High, oceans of wisdom and utterance flowed from his heart and his tongue. Thou seest how all the learned ones humble themselves today at the very mention of his name, whereas in the early days of that Revelation, none paid him any mind. Exalted be the Ancient of Days, the Lord of grace abounding! He, verily, ordaineth as He pleaseth; He is the Almighty, the Most Powerful. It is thus that each and every loved one of God who hath truly turned to the horizon of eternity shall be bountifully given what will guide mankind aright.

Say: O My loved ones! Ye are the world's spiritual physicians. It is incumbent upon you, through the power and might of God, to heal by the sovereign remedy of the Most Great Name the soul-sickness of the kindreds of the earth and clarify the vision of all mankind, that all may set their faces toward the shores of the Most Great Ocean in the days of the Ancient King. It behoveth ye all so to adorn your inner

and outer beings that, robed in trustworthiness, girt with righteousness and arrayed in truthfulness and rectitude, ye may become a means for the exaltation of the Cause and the education of the human race.

This Revelation hath not come to enforce earthly commandments, as were recorded in the Bayan by the Pen of the Merciful, but rather to manifest the evidences of perfection in human souls—that their spirits may be lifted up to eternal stations and that which their minds can scarcely believe may brilliantly appear—till all may ultimately tread above the kingdoms of earth and heaven. By My life! Were I to rend asunder the veil in this connection, men's souls would soar unto the Court of thy Lord, He Who causeth the dawn to break. Since, however, We have enjoined wisdom, We have kept some of these stations undisclosed, in order that the ecstasy of the Unconstrained may not seize the reins of volition, and so that all might walk amongst men with evident rectitude and lead the people aright.

It may be that certain minds might not believe in some of the aforementioned boundaries laid down in the Books of God due to an unawareness of their hidden benefits, but that which hath streamed forth from the Ancient Pen in this Most Great Revelation with regard to men's gathering together and becoming unified—along with their morals, conduct, and occupation with that which will profit humanity—hath not been and cannot be denied by anyone, unless they are altogether senseless. Should the loved ones of God not be adorned with the ornaments of trustworthiness, truthfulness, and rectitude, the detriment thereof will redound both to those people themselves and all mankind more generally. In the first place, those people will never be trusted with the divine Word and the hidden celestial mysteries. Secondly, they shall mislead men and cause them to turn away, and beyond that will they incur the wrath of God and His fury, His chastisement and His malediction.

O Karim! Hear thou the heavenly voice from the Pen of the Spirit in the Persian tongue. By My life! It shall attract thee to such a degree that thou wilt behold naught else in the world but the effulgences of this Cause, which hath shone forth above the horizon of the bestowals of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Were the whole of humanity to rend the veils that hinder them—and hearken to the shrill voice of the Supreme Pen which is lifted up, by the leave of the Possessor of Names, in this luminous Spot—they would all turn, with their very souls, to the direction of the All-Merciful. But lo, their corrupt desires have kept them back, and they are dumbfounded in this day.

O Karim! The sun of the Word of God, which hath dawned resplendently from the dayspring of Divine Will, can be perceived by every person of insight. Even as the physical sun, that Word shineth with brilliance and radiance amidst the words of all mankind. This is not a day for the Pen of the Most High to busy itself with these utterances. It behoveth every soul in this day, when he hath heard the Call coming from the Most Exalted Horizon, to cast the world behind his back; arise by the power of God, with his face turned to his Lord; and say,

> "Here am I, O Best-Beloved of all who dwell in heaven and on earth!"

The Tongue of the All-Merciful hath proclaimed these blessed words in the garden of the Bayan; the utterance of that Most Great Luminary hath ever been and shall always be,

> "No God is there but Me . . . O, My creatures! Me alone do ye worship."

That which hath streamed forth in this connection from the Pen of Him Who is the Fashioner of the heavens and the Creator of every attribute hath been revealed in view of the all-pervading mercy that hath encompassed all created things, that haply the people of the earth may not remain deprived of the living waters that are flowing from the right hand of the clemency of the Most Compassionate. He is, in truth, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful, though He Himself can well dispense with all creatures.

Some of the people of the Qur'an and the Bayan who have halted on the steep path of hesitation, or that of doubt and other such paths, have done so as a result of the idle fancies that prevailed among men in the past. Say: O My servants! This is the day in which ye must rend all the veils asunder and do away with every vain imagining; the day for ye to turn, in complete acceptance and with all your hearts, toward the horizon of Beauty, inasmuch as the footpath hath been blocked by reason of what the hands of the oppressors have wrought; and the day wherein ye are not to gaze on any cause but the One that hath appeared from this Revelation, for many are the words current among men which are illusory and unprofitable. It is those very illusions that have debarred some of the people of the Bayan from the Daystar of the All-Merciful that hath risen above the world's horizon, and those souls are seen to be utterly bereft of insight and reason.

Say: "O ye who wander lost in the valley of error! Which one of the idle fancies purported by you to be a verity hath proved genuine, that from it you have inhaled the fragrance of truth? Nay, by Myself, the True One! They have all reverted to your so-called 'truths,' vainly imagined as they are, while the Cause hath persisted for God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. For a thousand years or more, ye had given credence to an imaginary person in a fictitious city, along with a number of women and children, and to those illusions did ye devotedly cling."

Reflect on that whereunto they held fast in those thousand years. By Him Who hath caused Me to speak in truth! My Pen is ashamed to mention those veiled and deluded souls. Regarding what was prevalent among that people as it concerned the mention of that Most Great Luminary, which is to say the Qa'im, not a single letter thereof hath had any truth to it, nor hath it been worthy of mention in the estimation of God, as was made clear and evident unto all after the advent of this Revelation.

This was but one of the illusions of those people. After the Hand of Divine Power rent the veil, some became informed, and in that same way must they regard other illusions which exist among men and have yet to be dispelled. Perchance God may tear them apart for whomsoever He willeth. With a purged breast and radiant heart, one must turn toward the Cause sanctified from all allusions and words. Say: This is not a day for doubt and suspicion; burn them with the fire of the Word of your Lord, the Almighty, the Most Bountiful.

O My loved ones! I call on you to look with the eye of fairness. This Wronged One is caught in the maw of the serpent, and at all times such calamities befall Him as are known only to God. He hath offered up His life that haply ye might rise above the horizon of detachment, and that through you the kingdoms of creation and invention may be thoroughly illumined. Know ye the value of your own selves, and abstain from things that will harm the Cause in the eyes of men. Say: O would that ye knew the waves of this Sea and what lieth concealed therein from the pearls of the wisdom of your Lord, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised!

O Karim! Though the melodies of the Supreme Pen are without end, yet have We now set Ourself to a different tone.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name—through which the rain of Thy mercy hath fallen, the signs of Thy power have appeared, the sun of Thy Will hath dawned forth, and Thy mercy hath encompassed all who are in Thy heaven and on Thine earth—to clothe them that have believed with the vesture of trustworthiness and detachment. Draw them, then, unto that Dayspring from which the Orb of inaccessible glory shineth resplendent, that through them may be manifested the holiness of Thy Cause amidst Thy servants and the sanctity of Thy laws within Thy realm.

O Lord! Thou art the Rich and they are poor; lay not hold on them by reason of their negligence. Have mercy on them and pardon them, for they have endured hardships in Thy Path. Though they have neglected to observe some of Thy commandments, yet have they hastened to Thee both with their hearts and their feet. Look not upon their sins, rather do Thou behold the splendors shining from the horizons of their hearts, as well as the afflictions that have struck them on Thy Path—then aid them, in light of this, to do that whereby the banners of Thy Cause may be hoisted in Thy cities and the standards of Thy grandeur upraised in Thy lands. Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee, and in Thy grasp Thou holdest the kingdom of creation. No God is there but Thee, the Most High, the Sovereign Protector, the Exalted, the Mighty.

O Karim! Recount and recite for every soul the divine admonitions, that perchance they may carry out what God hath purposed.

Give My remembrance to whosoever is with thee, every man and woman alike. Say: Praised be Thou, O My Lord, the All-Glorious, the Ever-Forgiving!

BH00513: Suriy-i-Dhabih (= Lawh-i-Dhabih)

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious!

My spirit and soul be a sacrifice unto thee! The blessed letter, adorned with the ornament of love for the Beloved of all worlds, was perused by this evanescent servant. Praise be to God that in this Most Great Prison He gladdeneth us with the sweet fragrances of love wafting from the direction of them who are nigh unto the threshold of His oneness. God the One is my witness that at all times thy mention hath been and is upon my heart and tongue. That which indicated the well-being of your honor was the source of boundless joy, while that which was written regarding certain deeds of those who claim to love the Cause brought infinite sorrow. For thou knowest that unseemly acts have become the cause of veiling and have deprived most of humanity from the shores of oneness. In all His Tablets, the Exalted Truth hath called His loved ones to sanctity and detachment, and hath forbidden all from corruption, conflict, contention and the consumption of others' wealth. Thus in one of His exalted Tablets He hath revealed—the meaning whereof in Persian is:

> "The people of Baha are those who, should they pass through cities of gold, would not deign to look thereon, and should all the women of the earth appear before them in their finest ornament and most wondrous beauty, they would not gaze upon them with lustful intent."

Thou thyself knowest how abundantly such themes have flowed from the Pen of the Lord of eternity. Yet despite this, as thou observest, they are not content with their vile and reprehensible deeds but occupy themselves with blocking the way. Strange it is that such souls should associate themselves with the Truth. We beseech God to aid all to do that which He loveth and which pleaseth Him, and to cause them to return unto Him, repentant, submissive, lowly, devoted and detached. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Likewise hath He commanded all to observe wisdom, yet most have failed to act accordingly. Had the loved ones of God acted in accordance with that which they were bidden, thou wouldst have witnessed all hearts turned toward the Qiblih of the worlds and all faces directed to the countenance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

After the receipt of that honoured person's letter, at a fitting time I attained the station of being present in the Most Holy Presence, and submitted, in its entirety, whatsoever had been set down therein. Tokens of sorrow were perceived upon the Blessed Countenance. Thereupon did these firm and unassailable words shine forth from the Day-Spring of the Cause of the Lord of Names and Attributes:

His Word—exalted be His glory and magnified be His utterance: O Dhabih! In the greater number of the divine Tablets, revealed from the Pen of My Cause, We have enjoined upon all the loved ones of God that they suffer not the holy hem to be sullied with the clay of forbidden deeds and the dust of reprehensible morals. Likewise have We admonished them to gaze upon that which hath been sent down in the Tablets. Had they hearkened, with the ear of the soul, unto the divine counsels which have shone forth from the Dayspring of the Pen of the All-Merciful, and had they attained unto the blessing of attentive obedience, thou wouldst now behold the greater part of all created things adorned with the robe of guidance. But what hath been decreed hath been decreed.

Now once again doth the Tongue of Grandeur, in this Most Great Prison, upon this snow-white scroll proclaim: O loved ones of God! Hasten forth from the narrow wastes of self and passion unto the hallowed expanses of the Divine and take up your abode in the garden of sanctity and detachment, that the fragrance of your deeds may cause all creation to turn towards the shores of the glory of oneness. It is in no wise permissible to speak about worldly matters and whatsoever pertaineth thereunto, or about the leaders that govern them. God, exalted and glorified be He, hath bestowed the visible kingdom upon its rulers. It is not permissible for anyone to commit that which would be contrary to the views of the leaders of the realm. That which He hath desired for Himself are the cities of men's hearts, and the loved ones of God are in this day as the keys thereto. Through the power of the Most Great Name they must all strive to unlock those gates. This is the divine assistance which hath been recorded in all the Scriptures and Tablets by the Pen that cleaveth the dawn.

Moreover, they must associate with all people with the utmost kindliness and conduct themselves with perfect sanctity, detachment, truthfulness and fairness, in such wise that all people may regard them as the trustees of God amongst His servants. Now observe in what heaven the bird of God's command doth soar, and in what realm those feeble souls do dwell. Blessed are they who, on the wings of certitude, have soared in the atmosphere which hath wafted from thy Lord, the All-Merciful.

O Dhabih! Consider the doings of God and say: exalted, exalted is His power that hath encompassed the worlds; exalted, exalted is His detachment that hath transcended all created things; exalted, exalted is His

martyrdom which hath set ablaze the hearts of them that are nigh unto Him. Though afflicted with countless tribulations at the hands of Our enemies, We have proclaimed unto all the rulers of the earth, one after another, that which His Will had purposed, that all nations might know that no affliction can hinder the Pen of the Ancient of Days. Verily, it moveth by the leave of God, the Fashioner of all bones that have crumbled to dust. Now, given this supreme occupation, it behooveth all the loved ones to gird up the loins of endeavor and turn their attention to the triumph of God's Cause, rather than engage in reprehensible deeds.

Wert thou to observe but slightly the manifest actions and deeds of the Truth, thou wouldst surely fall upon thy face in the dust and say: O Lord of Lords! I testify that Thou art the Master of existence and the Educator of both the seen and the unseen. I testify that Thy power hath encompassed all created things, that the hosts of the earth cannot frighten Thee, nor can the might of its peoples hinder Thee. And I testify that Thou hast desired naught save the life of the world, the unity of its peoples, and the salvation of all that dwell therein.

Consider carefully what station the friends of God must move in, and in what atmosphere they must soar. I beseech God, thy Lord, the All-Merciful, at all times, to aid them to achieve what He desires. He is verily the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing.

O Dhabih! The harm to this Wronged One has not been and is not from imprisonment, plunder, captivity, martyrdom and outward abasement. Rather, the harm lies in the deeds which the loved ones of God commit and attribute to Him. This is My harm, by His Self that dominates the worlds! And another greatest harm is that each day someone from among the people of the Bayan claims the Cause, some clinging to one of the Branches, and some independently saying what they have said and doing what they do. O Dhabih! The Tongue of Grandeur proclaims: By My Self, the Truth! All Revelations have ended with this Most Great Revelation, and whoever claims after it is indeed a lying impostor. We beseech God to guide him to recant; if he repents, He is verily the Forgiver, and if he persists in what he claims, He will send against him one who will show no mercy. He is verily the Mighty, the Powerful.

Observe how the people of the Bayan have not understood that whatever My Herald and the Herald of My Beauty uttered was in anticipation of this Revelation and its establishment of the Cause. Otherwise, by His True Self, they would not utter a single word of what He revealed. These ignorant ones have regarded the Cause of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High as child's play. Each day they move according to some fancy and wander in some wilderness. Were the Cause as they claim, how could thy Lord's Cause be established upon the throne of tranquility? Reflect and be of the discerning ones. Reflect and be of those who perceive. Reflect and be of the steadfast ones. Reflect and be of the assured ones, to such degree that should all humanity make every possible claim or beyond it, thou wouldst not turn to them but would leave them behind thee, advancing toward the Qiblih of all worlds. By My life! The Cause is mighty, mighty, and the Day is mighty, mighty. Blessed is he who hath cast the world behind him, turning toward the countenance of Him through Whose light the heavens and earth were illumined.

O Dhabih! A penetrating vision is needed, and a steadfast heart, and legs of brass, lest one slip through the whisperings of the hosts of self. This is the firm decree which hath been sent down through the pen of the Most Great Name by the will of the Ancient King. Preserve it as thou wouldst preserve thine eye,

and be of the thankful ones. By day and by night occupy thyself with the service of God, detached from all else. By My life! Whatever thou seest today shall pass away, and thou shalt find thyself in the most exalted station if thou remainest steadfast in what thy Lord hath commanded thee. Unto Him is thy return and thy abode. Here end the words of God.

Concerning what thou hadst written about the trials and tribulations that had befallen thee, it produced in me, on the one hand, grief beyond endurance, and on the other, boundless joy. The grief was due to the fact that, outwardly, diverse afflictions and manifold trials had descended upon thee. The joy was because this servant knoweth with certainty that ere long the heedless, sleeping souls shall, after becoming conscious and awakening, all make mention of thy name and shall wail and weep for what befell thee, though now they perceive it not. Moreover, in tribulation and hardship and trials thou hast been a partner with the Truth, and hast borne all difficulties for the Cause of God. I swear by the Truth, this is a station whose description can never be exhausted by the pen nor concluded by speech. We beseech God to make thee hold fast unto Him, to be detached from all else save Him, and to speak forth His remembrance and praise amongst His servants.

As for what thou hadst written about thy distress, it is evident—property plundered and thy person afflicted with hardships and trials. I beseech God to assist thee in all conditions. Verily, He is powerful over all things.

Some time ago, fifty tumans were transferred. The draft and letter of this servant were, by the Most Holy Command, written to the known person and given to Husayn of the people of Ya, that he might give it to that person to deliver to thee. God willing, it will reach thee. May thy honor be ever engaged in the service of the Truth. The rectification of all matters, both outward and inward, hath been and shall be through this Most Great Cause. May my spirit be a sacrifice for thy sorrow and trials and exile.

The Tablet which thou hadst mentioned specifically for Andalib, upon him be the Glory of God, hath been revealed from the Dawning-Place of Revelation and sent. Perfect bounty concerning him is shining and radiant from the horizon of the Sun of Eternity. Blessed is he, and again, joy be unto him. If thou seest him, convey the greetings of this evanescent one unto him. We beseech God to preserve him and make him steadfast in His Cause. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Verily, the Glory be upon thee, then Remembrance be upon thee, then the Spirit be upon thee and upon those whom God hath related to thy presence.

BH01034: Lawh-i-Jamal-i-Burujirdi

He is the Most Exalted!

The Ocean of Revelation, concealed within the Most Exalted Pen, hath distilled these words: O Jamal! Thou hast attained unto the Most Holy Court and been blessed with the Most Great Vision. With thine outward eye thou hast beheld the waves of the divine ocean of meanings, and with thine own ears thou hast hearkened unto the perfect Words, each a treasury of the pearls of wisdom and utterance. Thou hast comprehended, insofar as is possible and befitting thee, the outpouring grace of the All-Merciful and the vast divine mercy extended to all created things.

O Jamal! On this day ye must manifest such love, kindness, humility, submissiveness, sanctity and detachment that no one among all people might detect from your deeds, actions, character and words any trace of the deeds and words of former peoples who, upon hearing a single word, would curse and revile one another.

Verily, We have created souls with different capacities: Some soar in the highest realms of understanding, while others remain below. For instance, one soul beholds the Unknowable and Inaccessible Mystery manifest in the Temple of Revelation without separation or connection, while another regards the Temple of Revelation as the Manifestation of God and His commandments and prohibitions as the very commandments of Truth. Both these stations are acceptable before the Divine Throne. However, should the holders of these two stations dispute and contend regarding these two ranks, both shall be and are rejected. For the purpose of understanding and expressing the highest stations is to attract hearts, unite souls, and promote the Cause of God. Through the disputation and contention of those who hold these two stations, the Cause of God hath been and will be compromised. Therefore, both are destined for the fire, even though in their own estimation they soar in the highest horizon of understanding.

O Jamal! The Unknowable and Inaccessible Mystery lamenteth and weepeth, for He perceiveth not that which is well-pleasing on this day. The people of truth must reflect His attributes. Verily, He is the Concealer of faults, the Knower of all that is hidden, and the Forgiver of sins.

This is the Day whereon the Ocean of God's mercy hath been manifested unto men, the Day in which the Daystar of His loving-kindness hath shed its radiance upon them, the Day in which the clouds of His bountiful favor have overshadowed the whole of mankind. Now is the time to cheer and refresh the downcast through the invigorating breeze of love and fellowship, and the living waters of friendliness and charity.

They who are the beloved of God, in whatever place they gather and whomsoever they may meet, must evince, in their attitude towards God, and in the manner of their celebration of His praise and glory, such humility and submissiveness that every atom of the dust beneath their feet may attest the depth of their devotion. The conversation carried by these holy souls should be informed with such power that these same atoms of dust will be thrilled by its influence. They should conduct themselves in such manner that the earth upon which they tread may never be allowed to address to them such words as these: "I am to be preferred above you. For witness, how patient I am in bearing the burden which the husbandman layeth upon me. I am the instrument that continually imparteth unto all beings the blessings with which He Who is the Source of all grace hath entrusted me. Notwithstanding the honor conferred upon me, and the unnumbered evidences of my wealth—a wealth that supplieth the needs of all creation—behold the measure of my humility, witness with what absolute submissiveness I allow myself to be trodden beneath the feet of men."

Consider the divines and mystics of the past: Though they soared in the atmosphere of unity and spoke in praise of the stations of detachment and glorification, not a single word from those souls was acceptable in the presence of the Word. Those who never achieved acceptance were nonetheless accepted, and those unable to utter the word of divine unity, upon recognizing the Manifestation, found their unperformed deeds accepted and their unspoken praise beloved. Take heed, O ye who possess insight!

I swear by the waves of the ocean of meanings that are hidden from sight that none has been or is capable of describing this Most Great Revelation as it truly is. Therefore,

Show forbearance and benevolence and love to one another. Should anyone among you be incapable of grasping a certain truth, or be striving to comprehend it, show forth, when conversing with him, a spirit of extreme kindliness and goodwill. Help him to see and recognize the truth, without esteeming yourself to be, in the least, superior to him, or to be possessed of greater endowments.

The whole duty of man in this Day is to attain that share of the flood of grace which God poureth forth for him. Let none, therefore, consider the largeness or smallness of the receptacle. The portion of some might lie in the palm of a man's hand, the portion of others might fill a cup, and of others even a gallon-measure.

Every eye, in this Day, should seek what will best promote the Cause of God. He, Who is the Eternal Truth, beareth Me witness! Nothing whatever can, in this Day, inflict a greater harm upon this Cause than dissension and strife, contention, estrangement and apathy, among the loved ones of God. Flee them, through the power of God and His sovereign aid, and strive ye to knit together the hearts of men, in His Name, the Unifier, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Beseech ye the one true God to grant that ye may taste the savor of such deeds as are performed in His path, and partake of the sweetness of such humility and submissiveness as are shown for His sake. Forget your own selves, and turn your eyes towards your neighbor. Bend your energies to whatever may foster the education of men. Nothing is, or can ever be, hidden from God. If ye follow in His way, His incalculable and imperishable blessings will be showered upon you. This is the luminous Tablet, whose verses have streamed from the moving Pen of Him Who is the Lord of all worlds. Ponder it in your hearts, and be ye of them that observe its precepts.

Those souls who are today commanded by God to teach His Cause and have been specially favored with His particular bounties—all must show humility toward them, for that humility is shown unto God, and since it is by God's command it returns unto Him. However, those souls who have been specially chosen must demonstrate perfect unity among themselves. Furthermore, their levels of knowledge and stations are and will remain evident before God. Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance among all possibilities. Blessed is he who hath acquired from its niche and been illumined by its lights. He is among the successful ones who are honored. And praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

BH00587: Lawh-i-Siyyid Mihdiy-i-Dahaji

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most High

O My Name! Yield thou praise unto God for having graciously chosen thee to be a shower of bounty for that which We have sown in the pure and blessed soil and enabled thee to serve as a springtime of tender mercy for the wondrous and sublime trees We have planted. Indeed so great is this favor that of all created things in the world of existence, none can ever hope to rival it. We have moreover given thee to drink the choice wine of utterance from the chalice of the heavenly bestowals of thy merciful Lord, which is none other than this Tongue of holiness—a Tongue that, as soon as it was unloosed, quickened

the entire creation, set in motion all beings and caused the Nightingale to pour forth its melodies. This is the Fountain of living water for all that dwell in the realm of being.

Oftentimes have We wafted upon thee the sweet savors of the All-Merciful from this Branch which moveth over the Tablet of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. By the righteousness of the One true God! Were all created things, visible and invisible, to direct themselves towards Him, thou wouldst find them winging their flight unto the Supreme Goal, the Spot wherein the divine Lote-Tree exclaimeth: Verily, no God is there but Me, the Almighty, the All-Bountiful.

Great is thy blessedness, inasmuch as thou hast been journeying throughout the lands of God, and been the embodiment of joy and assurance for the people of Baha who have renounced all else but Him, and set their hearts towards this Court which hath shed its radiance upon all realms, and sprinkled them with the surging waters of this Ocean wherewith thou thyself hast been sprinkled—an Ocean which hath encompassed all created things.

Indeed thou didst grasp the significance of rendering assistance unto God and didst arise to achieve this through the power of wisdom and utterance. Say: To assist Me is to teach My Cause. This is a theme with which whole Tablets are laden. This is the changeless commandment of God, eternal in the past, eternal in the future. Comprehend this, O ye men of insight. They that have passed beyond the bounds of wisdom fail to understand the meaning of assisting God as set forth in the Book. Say: Fear ye God and sow not the seeds of dissension amongst men. Observe ye that which hath been enjoined upon you by your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing. He knoweth the reality of victory and hath taught it to you with an utterance that the vain imaginings of them that rove distraught in the wilderness of doubt can never corrupt.

O My Name! Suffer all created things to quaff once again from this chalice which hath caused the seas to rise. Kindle then in the hearts the blazing fire which this crimson Tree hath ignited, that they may arise to extol and magnify His Name amidst the adherents of all Faiths.

Numerous letters from thee have been presented before Our Throne. We have perused them as a token of grace on Our part, and for each name thou didst mention therein We have revealed that which will stir the minds of men and will cause the spirits to soar. Moreover We have repeatedly enabled thee to hearken unto the warblings of the birds of heaven and to incline thine ear to the songs of the nightingales pouring forth their melodies upon the branches. Thus was the Pen of God set in motion in thy remembrance that thou mightest admonish men through the power of this utterance which is divinely ordained to be the revealer of the signs of His glory.

Blessed is the spot wherein the anthem of His praise is raised, and blessed the ear that hearkeneth unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful.

Exhort thou the servants of God unto that whereunto We have exhorted thee that they may abstain from whatsoever is forbidden them in the Mother Book. Those who perpetrate deeds that would create turmoil among the people have indeed strayed far from helping God and His Cause and are numbered with the mischief-makers in the Tablet which God hath designated to be the dawning-place of all Tablets.

Say: If it be Our pleasure We shall render the Cause victorious through the power of a single word from Our presence. He is in truth the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling. Should it be God's intention, there would appear out of the forests of celestial might the lion of indomitable strength whose roaring is like unto the peals of thunder reverberating in the mountains. However, since Our loving providence surpasseth all things, We have ordained that complete victory should be achieved through speech and utterance, that Our servants throughout the earth may thereby become the recipients of divine good. This is but a token of God's bounty vouchsafed unto them. Verily thy Lord is the All-Sufficing, the Most Exalted.

Say: Fear ye God and commit not such deeds as would cause My loved ones on earth to lament. Thus biddeth you this Pen which hath set the Pen of Glory in motion within the arena of wisdom and true understanding.

Convey My greetings unto those whose faces mirror forth the radiance of Baha, then mention to them this utterance which cheereth the eyes of the righteous. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon such as have firmly clung to the Cord of God, the Revealer of verses.

O My Name! Some people have not grasped the meaning of assistance, as it is observed that good and evil are still unknown to some—that is, they have not distinguished between them. In most Tablets, they have been explicitly forbidden from corruption, conflict, contention and matters that cause sedition and tumult among the people. Nevertheless, they have risen to pursue matters that have caused disturbance to minds and hearts.

It is said that one of the Arab kings said to one of his companions, "Is it possible for someone to have never eaten faloodeh and not know what it is?" The companion submitted that indeed, there are many who have never eaten it and do not know it. One day an Arab came before the king. The companion suggested that this might be one of those who had never experienced faloodeh and didn't know what it was. The king said if this proved true, he would give him a purse of gold. Then he ordered a feast to be spread with all manner of foods. They placed the faloodeh before the Arab, who began to eat. From his manner of eating, they realized he did not know what it was. The companion asked him what it was. He replied, "In the Qur'an, God, exalted be His glory, mentions date palms and pomegranates. We have date palms in our land; I assume this must be pomegranate." The companion said, "O king, you should give me two purses of gold, for he doesn't know pomegranate either!"

This story was related without its beginning and middle, as we have mentioned what was relevant to the point.

Restrain thou the inhabitants of those regions from provocative acts, from strife, dissension or aught else that would create trouble. That which is praiseworthy in these days is the promotion of the Cause. For instance if those people who pursue certain aims were to dedicate themselves to the teaching of the Cause, all the dwellers of those regions would, ere long, be invested with the mantle of faith.

Should anyone perceive the sweetness of the following passage in the Tablet revealed in honor of Nabíl of Qa'in, he would readily comprehend the significance of assistance: Human utterance is an essence which aspireth to exert its influence and needeth moderation. As to its influence, this is conditional upon

refinement, which in turn is dependent upon hearts which are detached and pure. As to its moderation, this hath to be combined with tact and wisdom as prescribed in the Holy Scriptures and Tablets.

O My Name! Utterance must needs possess penetrating power. For if bereft of this quality it would fail to exert influence. And this penetrating influence dependeth on the spirit being pure and the heart stainless. Likewise it needeth moderation, without which the hearer would be unable to bear it, rather he would manifest opposition from the very outset. And moderation will be obtained by blending utterance with the tokens of divine wisdom which are recorded in the sacred Books and Tablets. Thus when the essence of one's utterance is endowed with these two requisites it will prove highly effective and will be the prime factor in transforming the souls of men. This is the station of supreme victory and celestial dominion. Whoso attaineth thereto is invested with the power to teach the Cause of God and to prevail over the hearts and minds of men.

O My Name! The Daystar of utterance, shining resplendent from the dayspring of divine Revelation, hath so illumined the Scrolls and Tablets that the kingdom of utterance and the exalted dominion of understanding vibrate with joy and ecstasy and shine forth with the splendor of His light, yet the generality of mankind comprehend not.

The reason why the subject of aid and assistance hath time and again streamed and will continue to stream from the Pen of Providence is to warn the friends of God lest they engage in activities that would give rise to strife and turmoil. It is incumbent upon them, one and all, to diligently seek ways to help the Cause of God in such manner as We have explained. This is but a token of His grace especially conferred upon His loved ones that every one of them may attain the station characterized by the words: "Whoso quickeneth a soul hath verily quickened all mankind."

Temporal ascendancy hath been and will continue to be under the shadow of this station. Its appointed hour is preordained in the Book of God. He is truly cognizant thereof and it will be manifested through the potency of His might. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Subduing, the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The sanctified souls should ponder and meditate in their hearts regarding the methods of teaching. From the texts of the wondrous, heavenly Scriptures they should memorize phrases and passages bearing on various instances, so that in the course of their speech they may recite divine verses whenever the occasion demandeth it, inasmuch as these holy verses are the most potent elixir, the greatest and mightiest talisman. So potent is their influence that the hearer will have no cause for vacillation. I swear by My life! This Revelation is endowed with such a power that it will act as the lodestone for all nations and kindreds of the earth. Should one pause to meditate attentively he would recognize that no place is there, nor can there be, for anyone to flee to.

In such manner hath the Kitab-i-Aqdas been revealed that it attracteth and embraceth all the divinely appointed Dispensations. Blessed those who peruse it. Blessed those who apprehend it. Blessed those who meditate upon it. Blessed those who ponder its meaning. So vast is its range that it hath encompassed all men ere their recognition of it. Ere long will its sovereign power, its pervasive influence

and the greatness of its might be manifested on earth. Verily, thy God is the All-Knowing, the All-informed.

O My Name! Hearken thou unto My Voice coming from the direction of My Throne. He wisheth to make mention of thy name at all times inasmuch as thou hast proved thyself steadfast in extolling His virtues amongst men. Indeed thy Lord loveth fidelity as found in the realm of creation, and He hath given it precedence over most of the praiseworthy qualities. Verily, He is Potent and Powerful.

Know thou moreover that We have heard the praise thou hast uttered in thy communion with God, thy Lord, the Exalted, the Gracious. Great indeed is the blessedness awaiting thee, inasmuch as thou hast curtailed thine own affairs in favor of this inviolable, this mighty and enlightened Cause. We entreat God to make thy call a magnet which will attract the embodiments of names in the world of existence that all beings may spontaneously hasten to heed it. No God is there besides Him, the Exalted, the Preeminent, the Ever-Blessed, the Sublime, the Most August, the Most Glorious, the Most Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH03116: The petition of Jinab-i-Haji Faraj—upon him be…

…The petition of Jinab-i-Haji Faraj—upon him be the glory of God—was submitted. This is what was revealed from the Kingdom of Power:

> "In these days let him be engaged in service there; afterwards We shall inform what is intended."

And regarding the laws of marriage and divorce which you had requested—that which was revealed in this connection in the Kitab-i-Aqdas was sent previously. Likewise, in these days a marriage sermon has been revealed from the heaven of unity. After the consent of both parties and the consent of the parents, they should gather in a place among the God-fearing and recite this blessed sermon with the utmost joy and fragrance. After the recitation of the sermon, the beloved and his beloved should, in a separate place, recite these two blessed verses that were revealed in the Bayan. [The verses mentioned in the Bayan should be written.] Then the husband should deliver the dowry to his wife, and both parties should sign the document, as well as the witnesses. If there be a place where the people are unable to recite the sermon, there is no harm; the recitation of the two verses suffices….

BH01825: O family of Jamal! Hearken to the divine call…

In the name of the one God.

O family of Jamal! Hearken to the divine call in the Persian tongue from the mystic Tree. Every soul that today has attained to hearing the call of Truth has become detached, sanctified and free from the allusions of creation and what lies with them. Praise ye the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that ye are associated with a Name that is truly associated with Him. Though today the station of this is not known, yet soon shall ye behold this station as having no equal. Today, whosoever is enkindled with the fire of the divine Word and has drunk from the Euphrates of the All-Merciful shall live and endure forever, his

name recorded and inscribed by the Pen of the Command in the divine Tablets. No created thing past or future can equal this bounty. Well is it with them that understand.

Be not grieved by differences in outward matters. Fix your gaze at all times upon the Dawning-Place of God's Cause and exert your utmost effort that perchance, through the blessing of the Most Great Name which has encompassed the world, ye may drink of this most pure and luminous nectar that hath been unsealed through the key of remembrance of the Lord of Power. Happy are ye, O people of Beauty, were ye to be of them that drink thereof.

God willing, through the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful, transcend the contingent world and cling to the hem of the bounty of the Lord of nations. Be ablaze with the fire of the love of the Beloved—such a blaze that the people of those regions may turn toward the sanctuary of oneness from that spiritual heat.

O Muniru'd-Din! Hearken unto the call from this manifest Prison. He is, verily, none other than Him, the Almighty over the worlds. Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord in a manner befitting these days, then summon the people to the horizon from which were illumined the heavens and earth. Be not perturbed today by the intimations of the divines and what they possess. Consider when the Sun of the Cause dawned from the horizon of Batha, the divines and men of learning opposed Him, and before that when the Spirit appeared with the signs of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great, the greatest among the people turned away from Him. Thus was it ordained aforetime. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Soon will God obliterate the traces of those who disbelieved today, even as thou hast witnessed what the hand of might and power wrought in the past. Nothing can frustrate what He willeth—all are within the grasp of thy Lord's power, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Wise.

O Muhyi'd-Din! Rejoice in that thou hast been mentioned by the Pen of the Command, and stand firm in the service of thy Lord in this mighty Revelation. Beware lest the conditions of them that are on earth veil thee. Leave them to themselves and turn thy heart to God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest thou deprive thyself of the breezes of the days of thy Lord. We love to see thee soaring in the atmosphere of remembrance and utterance, and speaking forth the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, throughout all possibility, that through thee may awaken those servants whom the wine of passion hath overcome and held back from this resplendent horizon. We beseech God to assist you in His love and good-pleasure and to make you among those who have fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and who have stood firm in the Cause in such wise that neither the doubts of the transgressors, nor the intimations of the oppressors, nor the onslaught of the heedless held them back. The glory be upon you both, and upon your mother and sister, from One mighty, praiseworthy.

Hear with the ear of the spirit what hath been mentioned and reflect upon the divine verses, that ye may behold all the world as non-existent and null. This is the counsel of the Wronged One which hath flowed from the Pen of Command. Blessed are they that act, and blessed are they that are patient. Grieve not at hardship, for ease is in His hand. Verily, He is powerful over all things. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02435: The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Exalted

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Exalted

Hearken unto the Call from the direction of tribulation, from God, thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious. Verily, I am God, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Generous. I have created all things for My Name and have raised them up through My sovereignty, and I call unto them from this luminous Quarter. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and cast away all else—he is indeed among the sincere ones.

Say: O people, if ye be fair in this Cause—should ye deny the Manifestation of God, His sovereignty, His proof and His evidence—by what proof do ye uphold that which ye possess? Bring it forth if ye be of the truthful. Nay, by Him Who hath caused Me to speak the truth, there is no path for anyone except this Path which We have revealed in truth. By God, this is verily the Most Great Path among the nations and the Most Straight Way for those in the heavens and on earth.

The imaginary hath vanished through the dawning of My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and that which was known hath come with a wondrous command. Say: This is indeed His Most Great Mystery among you, and His Book within you, and His proof unto you. Ponder upon it that ye may recognize the Temple of God which ye were promised in a preserved and mighty Tablet. The Dove hath warbled that which the Spirit uttered and that which Muhammad, the Messenger of God, brought. Were ye to inhale the fragrance of all the Books, ye would find from them naught but the sweet scent of My wondrous Name.

Those who have been kept back from the Path are indeed among the bewildered ones. Look not at the size of their turbans nor the swaying of their necks—they are indeed among the lost. Blessed is the learned one who hath not been veiled, and the ignorant one who hath recognized his Lord, and the woman who hath rent asunder the veils. Thus have We imparted unto thee the truth that thou mayest be among those who know.

Say: Hearken unto My call when My lamentation is raised and My heart doth groan by reason of what hath befallen Me at the hands of the oppressive hosts. Know thou that My tribulation is greater than can be reckoned. To this testifieth the Lord of destiny and the dwellers of the Most Great Scene who have witnessed somewhat of that which We have endured in the path of God, the King, the Most High, the Most Great. Were I not to fix My gaze upon the Command of God, I would not have uttered a word nor would I have spoken a letter of that which I have been commanded by the presence of One mighty and generous. By My life! The Tablet hath well-nigh taken flight through the wafting breaths of the verses of thy Lord. Blessed is he who hath found and rendered thanks. Woe unto those who have turned away.

O servant! Take fast hold of the cord of God. We have indeed manifested it in the form of a Tablet. Thy Lord is verily the Strong, the Powerful. When thou dost inhale My fragrance from the garment of My utterance, arise from thy place, turning toward the direction of thy Lord.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my Beloved and the Beloved of the worlds! I testify that through Thee the suns have shone forth, the moons have appeared, and the faces of those near unto Thee have been illumined. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the words of the deluded

ones and the signs of the heedless ones shall not keep me back from Thee. Thou art verily the Mighty, the Merciful.

BH02870: Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses in truth that He might guide thereby such servants as have been pervaded by the fragrance of faithfulness. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. He calleth betwixt earth and heaven and summoneth the people unto this Path which hath appeared in truth—and it is, verily, the straight path. They who have cast away vain imaginings—these are they who are possessed of certitude, as doth attest the Pen of the All-Merciful, moved by the Finger of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. They who have broken the Covenant—these are they who are the hypocrites, in a guarded Tablet. They who have fulfilled their pledge—these are they who are the people of Baha, in a noble Book.

O kings! The Sovereign hath come and calleth you unto the Cause whereby every wise command hath been made manifest. Say: O princes! Take heed lest names hold you back from their Lord. Cast away what ye possess, then hasten unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation, and be not of them that tarry. By My life! No name shall endure save through its connection with this Most Great Name, nor shall any matter endure except by My leave. Thus hath it been sent down in the Book, were ye of them that understand. Purify yourselves from the world and its ornaments, then turn ye unto this Manifestation wherein the divine Sinai proclaimeth: "Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Fear God and commit not that which causeth the denizens of Paradise to lament. Do that which ye have been commanded by One Mighty, Praiseworthy. Will armies profit you? Nay, by the Self of the Worshipped One! Or will treasures suffice you? Nay, by this resplendent Beauty! We created you from dust and unto it shall We return you—a promise binding upon Us. Verily, We are able to do this.

O concourse of divines! By what proof did ye believe in My previous Manifestations yet deny this Manifestation at Whose appearance all things have cried out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing"? Do ye imagine that ye are the beneficent? Nay, rather ye are among the most lost! Ye have cast away what is known and followed that which ye were forbidden in the Book of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Fear God and follow not your desires. This is better for you, did ye but know. Glory not in your learning, for the Known One hath appeared with manifest sovereignty.

O servant! Stand firm in thy Lord's Cause in such wise that the imaginings of them that imagine shall not cause thee to waver. When any misbeliever argueth with thee, turn away from him and say:

> "I have turned my face unto Him Who created me and sustained me and made me to be of the triumphant."

BH04484: In His name, Who abideth after the passing…

In His name, Who abideth after the passing of all things! The spheres of bounty have been set in motion by the breaths of grace, and the ocean of generosity hath been stirred by the winds of the favor of thy

Lord, the All-Compelling over what was and what shall be. The banner of My Most Glorious Name hath been raised between earth and heaven, and the standard of this Most Great Remembrance hath been planted upon every lofty and towering mountain.

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My prison. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Then give thanks unto thy Lord for having remembered thee in the presence of the Prisoner, and for having revealed unto thee this Tablet, with which the treasures of what was and what shall be cannot compare.

Were We to say it is the sun, this would be true by virtue of My being, for it hath dawned from this praiseworthy horizon. And were We to say it is the heaven, this too would be true, for it hath been adorned with brilliant stars and luminous planets formed of the words of thy Lord, Who in the heaven of eternity was called the Ancient Truth, and in the realm of the cloud the Most High, the Most Great, and in the kingdom of names the Everlasting God, and then by this Name in the world of creation—the Name whereby the dwellers of earth and heaven were seized with trembling, save whom thy Lord, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, did will.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Most Great Ocean and drunk the sealed wine from My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden. Be thou steadfast in the love of God, then make mention of thy Lord among the handmaidens, that haply they may catch the fragrance of these days and turn unto this manifest horizon. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God and perceived the fragrance of this perfumed shirt.

BH04681: In the name of the Ever-Abiding, the All-Knowing…

In the name of the Ever-Abiding, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Blessed is He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and through them hath caused all things to speak in praise of the Dayspring of His Cause, through Whom was manifested the sovereignty of God and His power over all who are in the heavens and on earth, and through them His proof was perfected and His evidence encompassed all things. These verses are, in the estimation of the people of Baha, the Temple that hath appeared through the Most Great Name, and it speaketh: “There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Powerful.” Were it to be said that it is the Source of verses, this is indeed the truth concerning which there is no doubt, and were it to be said that they are His very Self, verily He hath spoken the truth, as doth God’s Tongue bear witness thereunto, yet most of the people are heedless.

O thou who art mindful! We have heard thy mention and thy letter hath come before the Countenance, and We found therein thy longing and thy yearning for God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to aid thee to remain steadfast in thy love for thy Master and to bestow upon thee that which hath been sent down from the heaven of grace, and to give thee to drink from the cup whereof whoso drinketh attaineth unto all good from the presence of One knowing and informed.

Blessed art thou, for thy letter hath come and the Wronged One hath answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet. Were the people to know, they would expend all they possess, even their very souls, that My Most Exalted Pen might move upon their names, yet today they remain veiled by following the

daysprings of idle fancies. Thy Lord hath indeed recorded all knowledge in a preserved Tablet. Rejoice thou in My mention of thee, then read thou the Tablet; verily it shall draw thee to a station which none hath encompassed save God, the Mighty, the Praised.

BH04837: In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over…

In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over all who are in earth and heaven! We behold the sinners hastening unto their desires, and them that are nigh unto God hastening unto the Fountain of guidance. These, verily, are of them that have attained. They that in these days have been deprived of the bounties of their Lord, the Lord of mankind—these have lost both this world and the world to come, and for them is grievous torment. And they that have cast away all that is with men, turning unto God—these are numbered with the people of Baha in the Tablet of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Tongue of Grandeur speaketh amongst creation: “Unto Me, unto Me, O people of faithfulness!” Yet most of the people are veiled. They hear not the Call of God after it hath been raised aloft in such wise as to fill earth and heaven. Thus hath the matter been ordained and the decree issued from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

Say: O people! That which ye possess of idle fancies shall profit you not. Hold fast unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of divine Revelation, then read ye this perspicuous Tablet. Therein is mentioned none save God and His sovereignty. Ponder ye, that ye may be of them that comprehend.

How many a servant awaited My days, yet when I manifested My Self he turned away and was numbered with the idolaters. Blessed the eye that hath been solaced in the days of God by gazing toward His court, and the hand that hath taken His resolute and wise Book.

Thou shalt not forget God’s covenant and favor; rather remember it amongst the servants, that haply they may become aware. Thus doth My Most Exalted Pen move while in the grasp of the oppressors, and mention thee with grace that thou mayest thank Him and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the sincere ones!”

BH04950: Praise be to God that the sealed wine has…

In the name of the one Friend

Praise be to God that the sealed wine has been opened by the hands of divine favors, and the breezes of grace have wafted from the right hand of oneness upon all. Blessed is the soul that has attained unto it, and blessed is the heart that has drunk of that wine.

O handmaiden of God! Reflect upon the Cause of the Lord of Names, that thou mayest recognize Him with the eye of certainty and receive thy portion of His bounty. It is clear and evident that there hath never been, nor shall there ever be, any interruption in the outpouring of the All-Bountiful. Those souls who have remained deprived of this exalted bounty have done so because they have followed vain imaginings and remained devoted to the idols of self and desire.

The Truth hath ever been, and shall forever remain, manifest in the sublimity of Its inaccessibility and the exaltation of Its transcendence, sanctified above all things. Whosoever hath beheld with His eye hath known Him, and whosoever hath remained heedless of this station hath failed to find Him.

Beseech thou God that thou mayest not be debarred from the wondrous outpourings of the Most Great Ocean of His bounty, nor be deprived of the fragrances of His days. He is the One Bestower, Who giveth whatsoever He willeth. None in the heavens or on earth can withhold His grace. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. There is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the All-Compelling.

BH05176: This is the Day wherein the veils have been…

In His Name Who abideth after the passing of all things!

This is the Day wherein the veils have been rent asunder, the verses sent down, and every destined matter made distinct. Therein hath the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimed betwixt earth and heaven:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting."

He who hath been drawn by hearing the utterance of his Lord, the All-Merciful—he is of the people of Baha, inscribed in a preserved Tablet. And whoso turneth away, no mention hath he with his Lord. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Say: O people! We have lit, by the hand of grace, the lamp of guidance for all in creation. Beware lest ye extinguish it through the gusts of the winds of denial. Seize ye the Day and follow not every rejected idolater. Turn with illumined hearts toward the court of your Lord, the Lord of Names. This is the foundation of all good, would ye but know it.

Verily, he who preventeth you this Day from the path of God—he is indeed Satan. Thus doth He instruct you, in Whose grasp is the reins of all knowledge. When the clamor of the wicked and the croaking of the impious are raised, pay no heed, but hold fast unto God, your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

Verily in the surging of the Most Great Sea in the Most Great Prison, and the wafting of the fragrance of the Robe amongst the people of creation, are signs from God—yet most of the people know not. Thus hath spoken He Who hath caused all things to speak His praise and glorification. He, verily, is the All-Powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

BH05287: The Object of remembrance saith: O concourse of creation!…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

The Object of remembrance saith: O concourse of creation! Ye have been created for My remembrance, did ye but know it. Arise to mention your Lord, the All-Merciful—this will profit you, if ye but understood. Follow Him Who hath come to you with the truth from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. This is better for you than all that hath been created on earth. Blessed are they who understand.

Be ye lamps of guidance among the people—thus have ye been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Verily, he who is silent today in remembrance of his Lord is cast into the wilderness of error and

is accounted among the dead. Grief hath seized the All-Merciful while the people are in joy and delight. Blessed is he who hath been given piercing sight and hath turned with his heart to this glorious horizon.

O thou who hast turned to God! Arise to mention thy Lord. Say: O concourse of creation! This is the Day of Bounty when the Creator of the heavens hath come with the kingdom of names. Beware lest your desires withhold you from this grace that hath encompassed the seen and the unseen. Hasten with your hearts to the court of the Beloved and cling not to that which the transgressors cling. Aid the Cause of your Lord with such steadfastness as will cause spirits and minds to be amazed. Thus have We adorned the Tablet with the ornament of inspiration. Blessed are they who read.

BH05503: A Tablet from Us to him who desireth…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficient, the Eternal

A Tablet from Us to him who desireth to turn his face toward his Lord and to know his Ancient Master. We testify that thy hesitation was better in the sight of God than those who claimed acceptance but from whom appeared that which appeared not from those of old. We perceive from thee the fragrance of love, wherefore We have sent down Tablets unto thee before, and this glorious Tablet. Thy Lord knoweth what no one else knoweth. He is, verily, the All-Encompassing over the worlds.

Hearken unto that wherewith the Prisoner counseleth thee, while wronged in the hands of the oppressors. Attach not thy acceptance to any hopes. Reflect upon the greatness of God's Cause and His sovereignty, then enter into it, detached from all who are on earth. This is better for thee, if thou be of them that know. He hath desired naught for Himself—My imprisonment and tribulation bear witness to this, blessed are the fair-minded. For him who turneth unto Him, He ordaineth what is best for him. He is, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

Deprive not thyself of the outpourings of the days of God, which equal not the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's bounty and cling to the hem of His Name, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. He hath appeared in such wise that none denieth it save every heedless and remote one. We beseech God to assist thee to be steadfast in His Cause and to make thee among the triumphant ones.

BH05921: In the Name of Him Who is exalted above…

In the Name of Him Who is exalted above all things and sanctified from all names! This is a Book We have sent down in truth unto people who know. There is nothing that doth not attest the Book of God and His sovereignty, yet most among mankind believe not. The people have veiled themselves by their own vain imaginings, and thereby have they been debarred from this outstretched Path.

Say: O people! By what cord do ye hold fast, and through what cause do ye turn away from Him Who created you for the recognition of His Self, the One Who dominateth every witness and witnessed thing? That which was promised in the Books of God and treasured up in His knowledge hath appeared. Open your eyes, for verily He hath appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty. Those who are heedless this

Day are wandering in the wilderness of error, while those who have hastened after turning unto Him are drinking from the choice wine of revelation.

Be thou steadfast then in thy love for thy Lord, and make mention of Him amongst the servants with the wisdom wherewith We have commanded all in a preserved Tablet. Be thou in such wise that neither the allusions of them that have turned away, nor the words of them that have disbelieved in God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the Best-Beloved, shall affect thee.

Thus have We sent down unto thee that which the Dove hath warbled upon the twigs of the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing, whereby all things are drawn, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord and say, turning unto the Desired One: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence!

BH05886: In the name of God, the Most Holy…

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted. This is a Book sent down in truth from the kingdom of God's will, the Most High, the Most Great. Indeed it is the ornament of the Tablets of creation and the exposition of what was sent down aforetime from the presence of the Mighty, the Generous.

Say: Every word that proceeds from the mouth of God contains a treasury of meanings that none has ever discovered save the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed are they who have taken the gems of what We have revealed and have cast aside interpretation in this mighty Revelation. Say: None knows the interpretation of the Book save God. It is not for anyone to speak of it or ponder it. Thus has the matter been decreed by One Who is mighty and powerful.

Say: Take what We intend and the outward meanings of what We have revealed in the Book. This is better for you, if you be of those who understand. Behold the people of the Furqan—they interpreted but did not attain save those whom God aided with the truth. Thus does the All-Knowing teach you.

The laws of wisdom and utterance have been scattered through the disagreements of the followers of religions—they are indeed among the distracted ones. Hold fast to the cord of unity, then hearken with a single ear to that which the Tongue of Grandeur speaks. Thus does the Lord of creation command you in this radiant dawn.

When thou hast attained to the mention of the Remembered One, say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of those who remember Thee!

BH11656: Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses…

Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses as He willeth! He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge; His knowledge encompasseth all who are in the heavens and on earth. How many a servant hath been debarred from the choice wine of revelation, and how many a handmaiden hath turned unto it, partaken thereof, and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!" Verily, grace is in the hand of God; He bestoweth what He willeth upon whom He willeth, and withholdeth from whom He willeth what He desireth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and that this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. By God! Nothing that hath been created on earth can compare with it. Blessed is the one who hath attained unto this mighty bounty. Remember thou thy Lord at all times. Thus doth thy Ancient Master command thee.

Reflect upon the favors of thy Lord. He remembereth His servants and His handmaidens even while imprisoned in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands of the idolaters have wrought. Thus have We adorned thee with the ornament of remembrance from this wise Remembrance. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the mystics and Goal of all worlds!

BH07622: In the Name of Him Who prevaileth over all…

In the Name of Him Who prevaileth over all names! This is a remembrance from Us unto him who was stirred by the breezes of the mercy of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and turned towards the Countenance through which the cities of names and all who dwell on earth and in heaven were illumined. We have, verily, been ever-knowing.

We found thee turning unto God, wherefore We have sent down unto thee this Tablet, from which the fragrance of reunion in the future hath been wafted. Know thou its worth and be of the thankful. We have heard thy call and have answered thee in truth. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Thou hast attained unto that which most of the servants have failed to attain, and hast discovered the fragrance of the days of thy Lord, the Supreme Ruler of all worlds. Beware lest the affairs of creation sadden thee. Soar upon the wings of longing in this expansive and subtle atmosphere.

We have accepted thee through grace—this is a bounty that nothing in the heavens and earth can equal. Give thanks unto God for this manifest favor. Then preserve this Tablet and recite it in thy days with such devotion as to cause the hearts of the sincere ones to be attracted.

BH09091: O My handmaidens! Follow not the promptings of self…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Mighty

O My handmaidens! Follow not the promptings of self, but follow that which hath come by a clear command. Ye are the leaves of My divine Tree—know ye this glorious and exalted station. Stand firm in the Cause of God and His sovereignty, and follow not every ignorant one far removed from truth. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto My days, heard My call and turned unto the horizon of My loving-kindness. Woe unto the handmaiden who hath turned away from the Face and was among the idolatresses in the Tablets of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O My handmaidens! Know ye the value of these days and give thanks unto God in this wondrous Revelation. Be ye circling around the Cause of God and steadfast in that which ye have been commanded by the One Who is the Powerful, the Ancient.

BH09540: A Book from Us to her who hath submitted…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

A Book from Us to her who hath submitted to her Lord when He appeared with this Name whereby necks were brought low, that the verses of God might attract her and strengthen her in her love for God, her Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in this remembrance, then prostrate thyself before God, the Lord of Lords. Beware lest the veils of them that have glory in attributes prevent thee, or the accusations of the wicked grieve thee. Know thou that We have accepted what thou didst send aforetime. Verily He accepteth what He willeth from whom He willeth and writeth for whom He desireth. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Thus hath the Bird of Sorrow warbled upon the twigs of the Prison. Blessed is he who hath attained thereunto, and woe betide every heedless denier.

BH01015: The servant hath been honored by thy letter…

In the name of the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

The servant hath been honored by thy letter, from whose horizon shone forth the sun of the love of God, unobscured by any veil that might conceal its lights or barrier that might prevent its radiance—as if it were a spirit by which all created things were revived, and a fire by which all beings were set ablaze. Whoso possesseth a sense of smell will perceive from it the fragrance of the Intended One and the perfume of the Beloved. When the servant found this ladder, he ascended by it to the Dawning-Place of Names and Attributes, until he was present before the Throne and submitted what was therein with humility and supplication. Thereupon the ocean of favors surged in such wise that this evanescent one and those immersed in the depths of wisdom and utterance are powerless to describe it.

This evanescent servant submitteth that he was honored by your letter, from which wafted the sweet savors of divine love and from which emanated the fragrance of the garment of heavenly affection. Praise be to God that the glad tidings of your arrival in that land caused joy to the heart, delight to the soul, and a happiness beyond description. I beseech God, exalted be His glory, that I may ever be blessed and sustained by this spiritual fragrance.

Regarding what you wrote about not having received the Tablets revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, and your request for copies of those exalted Tablets—a special volume hath been revealed from the divine heaven of authority specifically for you, and the answer to the questions of the Afnan [the Kitab-i-Iqan], upon them be the Most Glorious Glory of God, hath also been revealed therein. Now the copy of that treatise is being sent. Since its beginning was separately copied in the book of verses, it is now also being sent separately along with the volume. Glory be to God Who revealed it in truth! By God! It hath been revealed in such wise as to astound the minds of the mystics and the hearts of the eloquent. Blessed is he who findeth its sweetness and attaineth unto the oceans that surge in its words and letters. Were people to look upon it with the eye of fairness, they would testify that it alone sufficeth as proof for all who are in the heavens and on earth.

And as to what thou hadst written concerning the ascension of the exalted father, the departed and revered gentleman, Aqa Siyyid Ja'far—upon them both be the splendour of Baha'u'llah and His majesty—

mighty Tablets were revealed and sent, addressed in particular to those he hath left behind; and for his honoured sister likewise was a Tablet revealed and dispatched.

Thou hadst further written that, after thy arrival in this land, praised be God and thanks be unto Him, all thy kindred are come to recognize the truth, and that this servant hath not been subjected to denial, as is the wont. First: this feeble body is not worthy of such watchfulness and such guarding. Second: the True One hath, in stations where outwardly fear and agitation were at their height, Himself preserved and protected. There is not a being that can dread the might of the sovereign—how much less others besides.

After these passages were submitted, the Tongue of Grandeur and Majesty, in the presence of the Throne, spake thus:

> "Even so it behoveth the Khalil; yet We command him to preserve himself, that he may arise in the service of God and His Cause. And this preservation, in this lofty and unassailable station, is higher than martyrdom. O my Khalil! Concerning what you mentioned about this body not being worthy of such protection and preservation—yes, this is an undoubted truth. Those souls who are clinging and holding fast to the Truth, and through the wondrous outpourings of divine grace have reached a station wherein they see themselves lacking nothing while under the shadow of Truth—such souls, out of their love for God, surely seek martyrdom and the sacrifice of their spirit. Some of the mature and knowledgeable ones consider the sacrifice of the body a great triumph, that they may be freed from outward tribulations and attain to everlasting bounties. However, you should not fix your gaze upon these stations, nor [diligently] pursue thoughts of your own deliverance. You must exercise the utmost care in preservation—thus does the All-Knowing Truth command you. For one such as yourself must remain steadfast among the people and, with perfect wisdom and utterance, enable receptive souls to attain the bounties of the All-Merciful. This is what God has chosen for you—verily He is the Ordainer, the Unconstrained. Protection has ever been and shall ever be in God's hands, but since its means are also from God, you must be mindful of them."

This servant submits that now that you have arrived in that land, if matters gain prominence beyond the bounds of moderation, most people will withdraw themselves, thereby causing the work of teaching to fall into delay. However, if one proceeds with perfect wisdom, perhaps through association with people, some receptive souls may be awakened from the sleep of heedlessness and turn to the Truth. The supplication that was submitted to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence was presented before the Face on one of the nights, and a Tablet was revealed from the heaven of divine favors and sent forth. I beseech you to convey countless greetings from this evanescent servant to the loved ones of God in that land.

Furthermore, write to the Afnan—upon him and them be the Glory of God and His sweetest remembrance—who reside in the land of China, that everything they sent to the Most Holy Court has been received in full, for the sons of Jinab-i-Z had requested in their letters to the land of S that a receipt for the items be written and sent. Therefore, your honor should write expressions of utter servitude and the Most Wondrous, Most Exalted, Most Glorious greetings on my behalf to them, and mention the receipt of the items. Perhaps later a Tablet of God will be specifically revealed and sent to them. I submit again that besides the two Most Exalted Tablets sent, another Tablet has been revealed specifically for

your honor and is immersed in the ocean of verses, but due to the press of occupations, there is no opportunity to search through the books and send it. I hope for forgiveness. May the Most Glorious Glory and the Most Splendid Light rest upon your honor and upon those who are honored to serve you there from among the loved ones of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

The servant 66 [of God], 22 Rabi'u'th-Thani 1290

BH00564: How many a loved one have We found…

He is the Most Great, the Most Bountiful!

How many a loved one have We found to be but froth on the water, and how many a friend has turned apostate, having followed his passions, heedless of his Ancient Lord! Say: O people, follow not your idle fancies, but follow true guidance. Verily, He hath appeared with a light that hath illumined the heavens and the earth. Be steadfast in the Cause, then summon the people to this Most Great Name.

Say: O concourse of princes! Take from the mighty the rights of the weak, and let not the rich exercise dominion over the poor. Thus doth command you the Lord of Names. He, verily, is the Knower of all things. Blessed is the rich one whom riches have not kept back from the Creator of earth and heaven, and whom the world hath not hindered from submitting unto them that are the people of Baha. By My life! He is of the people of the Crimson Ark. The denizens of the Concourse on High glory in him. How excellent is this most exalted station! Honour him, O people of truth, for he is among the choicest of creation. Thus hath it been decreed in justice by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O concourse of divines! Judge with justice amongst My servants. Beware lest anything prevent you from turning toward the poor. Look not to the right, but to the manifest truth. We are with you in all conditions. We hear what issueth from your mouths and behold what ye do. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Turn away your eyes from the left; be ye of them on the right hand who judge with pure justice for the sake of God. These, verily, are of the sincere ones. Blessed is the divine who judgeth with truth. He is of the people of this noble station. From him We perceive the fragrance of the All-Glorious, and We bless him with this Tongue that hath spoken that there is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Follow those divines from whose faces ye perceive the radiance of the All-Glorious. They are as eyes unto bodies. Thus hath decreed the Most Merciful Who created all possibility by His binding command, the All-Wise.

Say: O concourse of men of letters! By God, your cryptic verses and intricate riddles, your enigmas and palindromes, will profit you nothing this Day. Cast them aside in My Name, then take what your Lord of all worlds commandeth you. Hold back the reins of your pens, for the Pen of God moveth in the arena of the Tablets with wisdom and utterance. This is the source of prosperity, did ye but know. Adorn your speech with the mention of the All-Merciful and with verses for the Revealer of verses. Thus doth command you the Lord of attributes, Who hath come from the kingdom of proof with manifest sovereignty.

Restrain your tongues from satire, for ye were created for praise. This is His Day, were ye but endowed with insight. Can mention of tresses and locks profit you? Nay, by the Lord of Power! Turn ye unto the Most Sublime Vision, this radiant station. Say: The eloquent one is he who hath conveyed My Cause, and

the articulate one is he who hath spoken forth when questioned about this momentous News. Blessed is the poet who hath perceived in the days of God and from whose words hath wafted the fragrance of his Lord's love throughout all creation—he is indeed of the triumphant. Woe unto the poet who hath brandished the spear of satire amidst the concourse of creation and hath remained heedless of this wondrous Remembrance. Remember the favour of God in having made your tongues the keys of treasures and the means to wisdom and mysteries. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. This is the Day of praise wherein the Creator of the heavens hath come with the kingdom of your Lord, the Mighty, the Most Praised.

Say: O concourse of the followers of Moses! The discourse of the Fire hath returned by the command of your Lord, the Chosen One, and from its roaring ye hear: "There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Gracious." O followers of the Son! The Kingdom hath been adorned with My Name and the Realm of Power with My sovereignty, and the Spirit lamenteth by reason of that which hath befallen Me at the hands of the oppressors. Verily, the Temple beareth witness unto the Lord of all causes, yet most of the peoples are among the silent ones. It was built through piety, not through idle fancy, were ye of those who perceive. It was raised by the hand of the Divine Will, and none knoweth it save every discerning one possessed of insight. This is He through Whom the Spirit hath spoken, and through Whose mention both the Torah and the Gospel have been adorned. Every mouldering bone hath been quickened by the breeze of Revelation, yet the people, for the most part, are among the dead. Arise from the graves of heedlessness and desire, in the name of the Creator of heaven, then turn ye toward the horizon of the Cause through this glorious Name.

This is the Righteous One Who was in heaven and of Whom Christ gave you tidings. He hath come with His mighty glory. The Most Great Law hath appeared—that which was mentioned in the scriptures of the Messengers. Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow ye the Truth to which the Most Exalted Word hath testified and wherewith the Kingdom of Names hath been adorned. Turn ye unto Him with illumined hearts and be not of them that turn aside. Say: O people of the Qur'an! By God, the All-Merciful Spirit lamenteth because of your deeds, when He came from the heaven of utterance with clear sovereignty. Ye have denied Him by Whose leave all things were created, and turned away from Him unto Whom every radiant countenance hath turned. Say: He hath appeared in such wise that none can deny Him save those who are veiled by the clouds of hatred and wrapped in the shrouds of desire, and are among the most lost. Have mercy upon yourselves and break not God's Covenant and His Testament, and be of the equitable ones. Your turning away harmeth Me not, even as your turning toward Me profiteth Me not. Verily, He is independent of all the worlds.

Say: O concourse of the Bayan! This is the Best-Beloved of all possible worlds, Who hath come with the Kingdom of verses, yet ye remain heedless. Was this Revelation made conditional upon any conditions, and doth the Cause rest in your hands or in the hand of God? Consider well, and be not of the ignorant. If the Cause be in God's hand, then He hath raised me up and sent me forth, and caused me to speak by His will. He, verily, is the Ordainer of whatsoever He pleaseth. He hath manifested me with a proof round which circle the proofs of all the Messengers. By my Self have I raised the standards of power, which none denieth save every malicious sinner. Were the Cause in my hands, I would not have uttered a word

amongst you. I kept the Cause hidden until His irrevocable and firm decree came. His will hath prevailed over my will, and He hath manifested me despite the arrows of the ungodly that have pierced me.

And if the Cause be in your hands, why do ye denounce as unbelievers the people of the Gospel and the Torah, and the followers of the Friend? They say what ye say. They have clung to their vain imaginings and idle fancies, and have turned away from the Dayspring of certitude and my most luminous horizon. Ye are in the greatest of veils, and these are but tales of the ancients that persist among you. He knoweth what is in your breasts and what hath prevented you from this noble horizon. Ye are deaf, by the Lord of the mighty Throne! And ye are blind, by the Lord of the exalted Seat! The earth and heaven have been illumined by the light of the countenance of your most glorious Lord, yet ye see not. Clear proofs have appeared, yet ye know them not. Verses have been sent down, yet ye comprehend them not. All things have testified to the Lord of Names, yet ye hear not. The Pen is ashamed to recount what ye have uttered concerning me, though ye were commanded not to allude to this holy, exalted, inaccessible and forbidden station.

Ye have embraced him whom We cast into the sea, and have clung to his vain imaginings. Do ye know by what authority ye turned to him and turned away from Him by Whom the horizon of your Lord's power, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, was illumined? And did ye recognize Him? Nay, by the Self of the Beloved! We testify that ye worship idle fancies and are unaware. Thus have We recounted unto thee the tale of the people who today shall find no helpers. O thou who hast turned to God! Leave them and what they possess, then stand firm in this irrevocable Cause.

The seal of the Wine of Mysteries hath been broken by the fingers of might. Blessed are they who are free, who have drunk in the name of their Chosen Lord on this Promised Day. We have sent down from the heaven of bounty that which shall gladden faithful servants. When thou hast attained unto the Tablet of God and found from it the fragrance of verses, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Source of clear evidences. I testify that Thou art the Omnipotent over what was and what shall be. Blessed is he who has remained steadfast in the Cause and was not hindered by the intimations of those who disbelieved in God when He came with His name, the Self-Subsisting. Remember those on whose faces thou findest the radiance of Baha. Say: Rejoice in that ye have been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation. By My life! Ye are the triumphant ones. Let not what hath escaped you grieve you, for He is the Mighty, the Forgiving.

Let not the affairs of creation disturb you. Verily, the Truth is with you; this sufficeth you, did ye but know. Say: Read ye the verses of God, then ponder upon them that ye may know what hath befallen Us. Within them is revealed every hidden matter. Afflictions have encompassed Me which none can reckon save God, Knower of the unseen and the seen. the ungodly have gathered against Me from every direction with tyranny, to this bear witness honored servants. Every harm hath been ordained for My person and every affliction for My beauty, yet the people understand not. We, in all conditions, summon the servants unto the Mighty, the Loving. What befalleth Us deterreth Us not, even as what befell Us in the past deterred Us not, and thy Lord is witness to what I say. Be thou as steadfast as thy Lord, that the words of those who have disbelieved in God and believed in falsehood may not deter thee. Thus doth the Pen of Knowledge teach thee from the presence of the Truth, the All-Knowing. Take what thou hast been given

by the power of thy Lord, then remember Him in thy days. This is better for thee than what was and what shall be.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I know not by what fire Thou didst kindle the lamp of Thy sovereignty in the midst of Thy lands, nor by what light Thou didst manifest Thy countenance in Thy realms. The more the waters of opposition were poured upon the former, the more its radiance increased; and the more the veils of the heedless obscured the latter, the more its gleaming and effulgence grew. Thus dost Thou see, O my God, the lamp of Thy Revelation among the people of darkness and rebellion, and Thy abiding Face among the people of loss. I beseech Thee by Thy name, the All-Merciful, through which the breaths of life were wafted over all who are in the heavens and on earth, to raise up from among those possessed of power one who shall arise to aid Thy Cause, exalt Thy Word, and establish Thy laws among Thy servants. Then strengthen through him, O my God, Thy loved ones who have turned unto Thee and sought the sanctuary of Thy presence. Though Thou hast strengthened them in Thy kingdom, yet I desire their exaltation in the realm of creation, by Thy glory, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of all names! There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

BH00968: A remembrance from Us unto him who hath been…

In the Name of Him Who hath dominion over all who are in the kingdom of names!

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath been remembered by the Mention and turned unto the Countenance when it appeared in truth, and was among them that turned, and hath been inscribed by the Pen of Command upon the Tablet. Know thou the measure of this station, then act in accordance with that which beseemeth this Day which was promised in the Tablets.

Immerse thyself at all times in the seas of wisdom and utterance. Thus doth the All-Merciful command thee as a token of His grace, for verily He hath knowledge of all things. Be thou in such wise that what the people possess entereth not thy heart, nor is that which is falsely spoken among men mentioned before thy face.

Among the people are those whom the winds of idle fancies have stirred and held back from the shore of My Name, the Manifest, the Hidden. Thus hath the matter been decreed. And among them are those whom the attraction of the Call hath so seized that they have cast aside all created things and turned toward the horizon which shineth with the lights of revelation.

Say: The mountains have been moved by the fragrances of the Day of Return, and the Mount hath borne witness to this Manifestation which hath been known by its own Self. Say: The people's possessions alter Him not, nor doth the might of those who have been deprived of justice restrain Him. He speaketh at all times that which He is bidden by the Lord of all religions. To this testifieth he who hath witnessed Beauty from the horizon of glory.

Among the people are those who have cast aside what was commanded in the Tablets and have taken their own desires for a path. And among them are those who have been veiled by knowledge from the Sovereign of all knowledge and have followed every vain imagination, having halted upon the path.

Say: Beware lest the multitude of the people's books hold you back from Our Name, the Self-Subsisting. Consider the sinful one: he hath filled his house with books, yet not a single letter thereof profited him. Thus was the matter decreed, as witnesseth he who was endowed with true vision. Had these things profited him, he would not have rejected the Book of God behind his back, nor would he have opposed Him by Whose Name all religions have been sent down in truth from the heaven of revelation.

Among the divines are those who write what their idle fancies inspire them, turning aside from the Pen from which have flowed the springs of wisdom and utterance. Woe unto him and unto those who follow him! Soon shall they find themselves in fires kindled by the wrath of God.

O My loved ones! Be not grieved by what hath befallen you. By God, ye shall behold yourselves in a station illumined by the lights of the Throne. That which ye behold hath no permanence. All in the kingdom shall perish, and there shall endure only that which hath been ordained for you in a dominion raised up in the name of God.

Among the people is he who claimeth the inner meaning and thereby holdeth back the people from a path which hath been straight in the eternal past. Say: The inner meaning is this Outward One Who proclaimeth from the midmost heart of the world that the Lord of all nations hath come—He Who was hidden behind the veils of the unseen in glory. Whoso speaketh today what the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken, verily he is of the people of infallibility. God hath preserved him through a sovereignty that encompasseth the worlds.

Thy letter hath come before the Face, and We found therein thy passion for God, thy yearning for the ocean of His presence, and thy burning in separation from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. He beareth thee witness of attainment and hath ordained for thee the reward of one who hath gained His presence, the Inaccessible, the Most High. Blessed art thou, for thy letter hath been presented and read in a presence wherein its very dust particles proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Lord of all worlds.

God hath thereby forgiven thy mother and thy sisters and admitted them beneath the shadow of His mercy which hath preceded all things. Glorify their countenances, then mention them from Me through this bounty which hath appeared from the horizon of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We have ordained for thee what thou didst desire of God's grace and mercy. Be thou assured and of those who are thankful. Make mention of My loved ones in that place. Say: Follow that which ye have been commanded in the Tablets. This is better for you, if ye be of those who know.

It behooveth every soul to follow that which he hath been commanded, detached from all else in creation. This is the religion of God, from before and after. Blessed is every discerning scholar. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and thy sisters and upon those who have held fast to this firm cord.

In the Name of the One Friend:

God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, you must be the cupbearer of the wine of recognition, that perchance lifeless souls may attain eternal life through this enduring wine. The divine call hath been raised in such wise that it hath encompassed all creation; nevertheless, most weak souls remain heedless and veiled in the veils of idle fancies. By the Sun of Truth! From the inception of this wondrous creation until now, no such call hath been raised, yet through desire they have been debarred from hearkening unto it. Some are occupied with interpretation, heedless of the explicit text, while others cling to the branch, veiled from the root. Were the veil to be lifted, they would bewail their own selves—but they are among the dead.

The matter which is and shall ever be obligatory and essential is the teaching of God's Cause, as hath been revealed in most of the Tablets. Your honor must engage in this most great, most mighty cause with perfect wisdom and protect the weak from the vain imaginings of those who count themselves among the learned, that all may drink from the spring of supreme steadfastness and attain unto this station which is the most exalted summit and ultimate purpose. Should souls be found in that land who would arise to teach God's Cause in surrounding villages, purely for the sake of God, this would be most beloved. However, such souls must be the knights of the field of detachment, in such wise that they regard all save God as utter nothingness and behold the banner of "There is no God but Him" raised over all regions. They must move for God, speak for God, and strive in God, and journey unto God.

O servant turning unto the Face! The Cause is extremely mighty, and the plotters lie in ambush with the utmost cunning and deceit. The souls must be reminded at all times, lest through the promptings of malicious souls they be debarred from the path of oneness. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions, to make thee one who speaketh in His name, who gazeth toward His direction, and who moveth by His leave. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty. And praise be to God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

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BH01262: The Most Holy, The Most Great, The Most Glorious

The Most Holy, The Most Great, The Most Glorious

The remembrance of God to all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through it the spirit of life was breathed into the world. Blessed are they who know. Verily it is the Lamp of God unto all who are in the worlds. When it issueth forth from the mouth of God the whole creation is perfumed with its fragrance, yet none can perceive it save those who have turned to His Countenance with manifest sincerity. At times thou seest it as fire among the righteous, and at times as water whereby God quickeneth every mouldering bone, and at times in human form. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath sent it forth with truth and caused it to speak with verses that all within the heavens and earth cannot equal. Blessed are they who reflect!

Say: If ye desire the Sun, behold, it hath appeared in its form and hath shone forth from the horizon of might and power with rays that have encompassed the worlds. From it all things draw their sustenance,

and verily it is the Most Great Bounty unto all who are in the realm of possibility, yet the people are debarred therefrom by following their desires, save those who have cast away what they possessed and taken what they were bidden by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

At times thou seest it as the surging ocean, and from each of its waves thou hearest:

> "This is He at Whose mention God's scrolls were sent down aforetime, and this is He Who was promised you in God's Tablets—the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Praised."

And verily it is the Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Blessed is he who dwelleth beneath its shade; he is indeed of those who have attained. Then doth the Tree lament what hath befallen it from the heedless ones, when the people stone it with the rocks of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Verily it speaketh the truth and calleth all unto God, the Mighty, the Peerless. They are barred by what they possess from what God possesseth. Fie upon them for having broken God's Covenant and His Testament, and for having followed every obstinate infidel!

Is there anyone who will abandon prejudice and look with the eye of fairness? Nay, by My life! None shall attain thereunto save honored servants who have rent asunder the veils in the name of God, the Lord of Names, and have arisen among the people with this all-compelling Remembrance of what was and what is to come. Such is the station of the lions of possibility, not of the foxes of earth. Thus hath the Pen of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, spoken the truth.

O My loved ones! By God, ye are the stars of the heaven of power. All good hath been created for you, did ye but know it. Grieve not for what hath escaped you. It behooveth everyone possessed of glory to serve you and circle round about you. How wonderful is this praiseworthy station! Subdue hearts through the name of the Best-Beloved and adorn your heads with the crown of the remembrance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Leave carrion to the dogs and immerse yourselves in the ocean of detachment. Thus doth the Lord of creation command you. Blessed are the people who understand.

Ponder the state of the people and what they possess, that thou mayest be assured that they wander distraught in the wilderness of error and are unaware. They acknowledge what was revealed aforetime yet fail to recognize it. Have they recognized the Resurrection and what hath appeared therein? Nay, by My Self, they are a blind people. They say the Bridge is true, and the Balance is true, and Paradise is true, and Hell is true, and the Hour is sure to come. Yet when thou questionest them about what they mention, thou findest them in the darkness of ignorance. Lo! They are the heedless ones. If thou asketh them about the Qa'im, they say He is in a known place. They speak that which causeth children to laugh, let alone those servants who have soared in the atmosphere of knowledge and are assured of God's signs.

We have rent asunder those veils for the people of the Bayan and taught them what We desired through Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Yet when We removed the veil from them, thou findest them in a greater veil than before. Lo! They are confounded! Among them are those who have attained the presence of God and His manifestation, and have drunk the choice wine of life in the name of their Lord, the All-Merciful, detached from every idolater and outcast. And among them are those who have clung to the fancies of the past and have been prevented by the contrived succession

from Him by Whose finger the Preserved Tablet was inscribed. We see him more veiled than the followers of the Furqan. To this testifieth the Lord of Religions, but the people hear not.

Say: Fear God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who possesseth knowledge of all things, did ye but know. This is He Who, were He to rule on earth as in heaven, none would have the right to object, as attesteth He Who came with the truth through this Most Great Name. Say: O people, purify your hearts and ears from that which ye have heard from the followers of the Furqan. By God, they possessed naught but their own desires which appeared unto them thus. Thus did their souls entice them, and they were among the worshippers. Blessed is he who remaineth steadfast in the Cause, and the strong one who rendeth the veils asunder through the power of his Lord. He is indeed among the firmly rooted.

Grieve not at what the idolaters say. Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth from the right hand of the luminous Spot:

> "This is My Beauty wherewith We have revealed Ourselves unto all who are in the heavens and on earth."

Were the breezes of God's Word to pass over thee, thou wouldst be so attracted that thou wouldst cast aside the people and all that they possess, calling out with this Most Great Name. When thou art illumined by the lights of the Tablet, turn with thy heart to the Kaaba of Glory and Power. Say: Praise be unto Thee for having remembered me through the tongue of the Wronged One while He was imprisoned in the hands of the oppressors.

BH01508: O Temple! Rejoice within thyself, for We have built…

He is the Most Holy

O Temple! Rejoice within thyself, for We have built thee from the tablets of the Utterance, reared thee through the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and sanctified thee from doubts and imaginings. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thou dost speak at all times: "O concourse of creation! Is the temple built of clay better, or that which was fashioned by the hands of the mercy of your Lord, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate? Say: I am the Temple of God amongst you. Beware lest ye forsake Me, turning to your vain imaginings. Fear God and follow not every remote doubter. God hath created Me through His Name and made Me adorned with the ornament of His remembrance amidst the concourse of creation. Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath made Me the source of His Cause and the dawning-place of His revelation among the worlds. Say: God hath intended by this Name in the Book naught else but My Temple, were ye of those who know.

God hath raised Me by His sovereignty and made Me the standard of guidance among His servants. Hasten unto Me and be not of those who tarry. Say: Through My rising the Cause of God hath risen in all things, and through My manifestation hath been perfected what was sent down in the Tablets and what was mentioned in the Torah and the Gospel. Beware lest ye alter the Temple of God. Know ye what We

have informed you of before, then aid your Lord, the Mighty, the Wise. This, verily, is the righteousness of God, were ye of those who perceive. Say: This, verily, is the Word of God, were ye of those who know.

O concourse of the Spirit! Beware lest ye deny that whereby the remembrance of God hath been established among you, and beware lest ye follow the veiled ones. Blessed is the dead one who is quickened by the Spirit of God and stirred by the breeze that wafteth from the garment of grace and bounty. Woe unto the deniers! Follow not those who claim faith in Him Whom We sent aforetime, yet when He appeared Who was intended, they denied Him and clung to what they possessed. They are indeed in manifest loss.

Say: Verily the Word of God speaketh and walketh, were ye of the discerning ones. When it walketh, the breezes of glorification pass over all who are in creation, and the fragrances of the All-Merciful are diffused throughout contingent being. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else, who hath drawn near, found and said:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the dominion of creation and the kingdom of invention. I testify that Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous. Through Thee were the faces illumined, the Hour appeared, the Dove warbled, and what was mentioned in the Books of God from time immemorial was fulfilled."

Thus was the matter decreed, but the people are in a great veil.

Say: Have ye turned to temples made by the hands of Our servants while setting aside the Temple of God? This is naught but manifest wrong. Do ye imagine ye worship God your Lord? Nay, rather your vain imaginings, were ye of the perceiving ones. If ye were worshipping Him, when He appeared in truth, why did ye deny Him? Bring forth your proof if ye be of those who know. Blessed is he who hath forsaken the pool and hastened to the Kawthar which floweth from the finger of the Almighty. He is truly among the triumphant ones. Whoso turneth unto this Countenance in less than the twinkling of an eye, by My life, he is accepted before the Beloved, and whoso turneth away is indeed among the people of the Fire. The Call hath been raised in such wise that every ear hath heard it, yet ye are heedless and are among the remote ones. Cast away what ye possess, then hearken to the rustling of this Pen through which the Kawthar and Salsabil have flowed. When it speaketh, all things proclaim: "There is no God but He, the Almighty, the Powerful."

Say: I am He through Whose name the Tablets were sent down and the pages of God, your Lord, were adorned, were ye of the perceiving ones. Do ye prevent yourselves from meeting your Lord? Open your eyes and follow not every sinful idolater. He is in the luminous spot and the white land, calling all unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. He hath borne afflictions and tribulations in such measure as no Son bore before, nor any of the Prophets and Messengers. The raiment of sanctity hath been altered through the calumnies of those who disbelieved in the clear signs, and when the verses are recited unto them, they say: "This is naught but manifest sorcery." They speak as spoke those before them. Verily they are among the most lost. Blessed is the face illumined by the lights of the Countenance, and the eye that hath turned to this noble prospect.

BH01590: In His Name, Who is manifest above all things!…

In His Name, Who is manifest above all things! Say: O Pen! When the appointed time came, the eye was bewildered and the breezes of tribulation seized the ungodly. Among them was he who cast away the Book of God and opened his mother's book. Thus did the ignoble one. O people of the realm of possibility! I adjure you by your Lord, the All-Merciful: Have you seen a countenance more beautiful than what hath appeared, found an utterance more wondrous than what hath come forth, heard a call more exalted than what hath been raised, or witnessed a youth more comely than this wondrous Youth? By God! At that moment I heard the cry and lamentation of all things. Nay, by Thy beauty, O Glory of the worlds! Through Thy name the Most Great Ocean was stirred, and through Thy remembrance the mouth of them that are nigh unto God was perfumed. None hateth Thee save he who knoweth not his father. Then must the question be referred to his mother, were he to be of the fair-minded.

Time hath brought Me low, to such extent that the dumb now speaketh, since the gates of utterance have been opened through this human being who proclaimeth at the midmost heart of creation:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Speaking One, the True, the Articulate, the Trustworthy."

Abasement hath reached such a pass that the mute claimeth to have heard the melodies that were raised between earth and heaven. Even so did the Impostor make his claim when he beheld those who were secluded now clothed as men, who prostrate themselves before every remote idol. He who is unable to speak as common folk speak hath risen in whispering delusion, claiming for himself what none among the ungodly have claimed.

The feeble one desired to speak amidst the cooing of the Dove. Fie upon those who turned unto him and were among the abased! The desires of those who know not their left from their right have raised him up. Say: O people! Fear God, and follow not those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. If thou marvel, then marvel at him who turned toward the croaking of the raven, turning away from the melodies of the Spirit whereby existence itself was quickened. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this manifest Prison.

Those who cannot distinguish between the valuable and the worthless, the fat and the lean, have taken him as their protector instead of God. They are assuredly among the lost. Say: Ye are the deaf who hear not My sweetest call, and ye are the blind who behold not this luminous Scene. By My life! Mine eye beholdeth My beauty, Mine ear heareth My most wondrous and matchless verses, My pen moveth by My name and remembrance, and My tongue speaketh forth My praise in this vast expanse wherewith Paradise and all within it converseth, saying:

> "Blessed art thou, O most exalted Station, wherein the Beloved of the world hath appeared and speaketh by His Most Great Name, and wherein the might of the nations that rose up in opposition and were among the oppressors hath not hindered Him."

O Bird of the Divine Throne! It seemeth Thou hast found a place of security; We behold Thee soaring in all directions and singing with all melodies. Hast Thou forgotten the talons of the malevolent ones and the

arrows of the ungodly? The people have been prevented by the croaking of the croaker. Pay them no heed, but speak forth in this Paradise the praise of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thus doth the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days command thee. The Kingdom hath been stirred by the melodies of the Bird of the Realm of Might, and the mortal world hath been seized by the breezes of the verses of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. All things have been attracted by the call of God, yet We see that the people are as though dead.

Arise over the graves in the name of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving! Say: O ye who lie in the tomb! The Promised One hath come, and the Sovereign of existence hath appeared in His mighty glory. How long will ye slumber in the cradle of vain imaginings? Arise at My leave and My call, then drink of the choice wine which floweth from the direction of the Throne through His name, the Mighty, the Generous.

Blessed art thou, O thou who hast turned to God, for this luminous Tablet hath been sent down in thy name, and for thy remembrance hath the mouth of God, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful, been opened. Were creation to endure forever, such a bounty could not be equaled, if thou be of them that know. Convey My greetings to My loved ones who have recognized Me, turned away from Mine enemies, circled round My Cause, been gladdened by the expansion of My commandments, and rejoiced at My mention and praise in My days. They are assuredly among the sincere ones.

Thus have We informed thee, apprised thee, and caused thee to hear the call of this lonely Stranger. The glory from the Beloved be upon thee and upon them. He is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH01679: I pray that through the grace and favors…

In the name of the one true Friend

I pray that through the grace and favors of the Lord of Names you may be the cup-bearer of the wine of immortality that flows from the fountainhead of the Supreme Pen. At all times, drink and give others to drink of this life-giving water in the name of the All-Merciful. Today it is incumbent and obligatory upon souls like yourself to serve the Cause, and His service has been and will continue to be the teaching of His Cause amongst humanity. Consider the heedlessness of the peoples—though the Most Great Luminary shines at its zenith, all walk in darkness, oblivious to it, save whom thy Lord willeth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath cast away vain desire and turned unto guidance, detached from all else but God.

This is the Chief of all days and the King thereof. Great is the blessedness of him who hath attained, through the sweet savor of these days, unto everlasting life, and who, with the most great steadfastness, hath arisen to aid the Cause of Him Who is the King of Names. Such a man is as the eye to the body of mankind. Thus hath decreed the Ordainer of destiny. Verily, He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

God willing, you must bring to life the decaying bodies through the outpourings of the divine ocean of bounty and the breath of the All-Merciful. At all times strive to give the far one to drink from the Kawthar of nearness and let the deprived one taste the living waters of reunion. For the mercy of God hath taken precedence and will continue to do so. Therefore, with utmost kindness and compassion, you must invite people to the court of the Friend and detach them from all else. Some among the people, with complete

deception and guile, have been and continue to be lying in wait for the souls who have accepted the Faith. Be not heedless, and protect the paradise of the hearts of the loved ones from the poisonous winds of the deniers and the treachery of the thieves.

Great is this Day and mighty the Cause, while most people are weak. Where are they who stood firm in the Cause such that neither the tempests of deception nor the storms of the Evil One could move them? And where are they who cast away the world and held fast to the cord of the name of their Lord, the Lord of Names? And where are they who arose to aid the Cause of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise?

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Hearken unto the call from the Prison wherein speaketh the Dawning-Place of Names: There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Arise to serve thy Lord in such wise that neither the might of kings nor the whispers of the lowly shall hold thee back. Thus doth command thee He through Whom hath appeared the Kingdom of thy Lord's command, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Say: In the Name of God and by God! Take the chalice of certitude with the hand of assurance in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Then drink from it at all times in My Name, the All-Encompassing over the worlds. Thou art he whose mention hath moved the Supreme Pen. Know thou the station of this rank and be of the thankful ones. Shun those in whom thou findest words without deeds—they are among the contemptible ones. Were all the peoples of the earth to gather against Me with swords of hatred and rancor, I would not believe any of them regarding their satanic deeds.

Say: O people! Avoid that which ye have been forbidden in the Book of God. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. Grieve not over anything. Remind the people of that which thou hast been commanded by the Presence. We have willed for thee a station among stations which We shall soon reveal in truth. Verily, He is the Powerful over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Immerse thyself in the ocean of thy Lord's favors and glorify His wondrous Name. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who show in their faces the radiance of faith in these days of the All-Merciful—they are indeed among the near ones.

BH01967: For every matter there is an appointed time. When…

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficient

For every matter there is an appointed time. When its hour comes, it appears with the truth and nothing can prevent it. Thus has it been ordained in a guarded Tablet. Can anyone outstrip it? No, by His binding Command, the Mighty, the Wise! Nothing escapes His knowledge, nor can the might of the oppressors frustrate Him. He does what He wishes by His sovereign authority and decrees what He wills. He is, verily, the Omnipotent, the Powerful.

His Cause is not limited by the bounds of idle fancies nor by the vain imaginings of the doubtful ones. Can the veils of allusion prevent Him from what He desires? No, by His Beauty that shines upon all the worlds! His Cause has been sanctified from the laws of the people and what they possess.

Blessed is he who recognizes the [new creation] in this wondrous Creation through which all in the heavens and earth were created anew. Were anyone to understand the meaning of new creation in this Revelation, he would soar with longing toward God, the One, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

Say: This is the Remembrance that no remembrance can rival, and this is the Creation that no thought can encompass. Thus has the matter been decreed by the Pen of your Lord, the Chosen One, which We made the Herald of this Great Name.

Those who have detached themselves from all else—these are they who have a portion of the knowledge of this most exalted, most mighty, most wondrous, most novel Station. Blessed is he who beholds My Cause with Mine own eyes—he is of those who know. Whoso gazes upon aught else or clings to what My creatures possess—he is far from My nearness and is debarred from knowing Me—he is of the perishing ones.

O My loved ones! It behooves you to empty your hands of what the people possess. Thus have you been commanded in the Tablets from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. I created ears to hearken unto My call, hearts to turn to the Kaaba of My knowledge, and eyes to behold My luminous horizon. Will what they possess profit those who have been heedless of this Cause? No, by thy Lord, the Mighty, the Generous! Will what they cling to avail them this Day? No, by My beautiful Beauty! We shall show them wandering in the wilderness of error while punishment hastens after them, yet they are of the heedless ones.

Those who have drunk the choice sealed wine from the hand of the bounty of their Lord, the Self-Subsisting—these are they whom nothing can prevent. They are indeed the triumphant ones. Through them was adorned the Tablet of Creation and beautified the Temple of Knowledge with the ornament of certitude. They are indeed the sincere ones.

Say: O people! Seize these days! Beware lest what you possess prevent you from beholding the perspective of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Reflect on what will come upon you hereafter, that the circumstances of this world and what is therein may not grieve you, and that you may turn to the Dayspring of your Lord's grace, the Most High, the Most Great.

Say: We counsel you for the sake of God. Your acceptance profits Us not, even as your rejection harms Us not. He is indeed independent of all created things.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee to recognition in this Revelation wherein the Mount has proclaimed:

> "The Kingdom belongs to God, the One, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Inaccessible!"

At all times do We remember the loved ones of the All-Merciful purely for the sake of God. Blessed is he who has found the fragrance of remembrance and is of the steadfast ones.

Be not grieved by the hardships of the age. The greatest joy lies before you. With Him is the knowledge of all things, yet most people are among the ignorant.

Thus have We adorned the crown of thy knowledge with the ornament of remembrance and its temple with the decoration of the Tablet. Thy Lord is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH01997: This is a letter from the King of existence…

In the name of the One Bestower

This is a letter from the King of existence to one of His handmaidens, that she may be gladdened through God's favor and be detached and free from creation.

O handmaiden of God! This is a Day wherein all relationships have been severed and all parties have become separated. Whosoever has turned to the Truth and has drunk from the Cup of Life in the days of the All-Merciful is reckoned as being of God, and all others are recorded in the Most Great Vision as being among the people of hell-fire. Give thanks to the Ancient King that through His all-encompassing grace thou hast attained the honor of recognition and hast drunk from the Cup of Certitude. What bounty is greater than that the Tongue of Grandeur should mention thee from the Most Great Prison? Be thou therefore grateful unto thy Lord for this manifest grace.

Be not grieved concerning thy brethren. Whosoever has turned to the Truth is thy brother and is of thee, and whosoever has been deprived of this supreme honor is separate from thee. By My life! My Name, the Most Glorious, sufficeth thee and those like thee, for the ultimate purpose is the recognition of God and steadfastness in His Cause. Whosoever has attained this station has been and shall ever be accounted before God as the most exalted of all creation and its essence.

The reason some souls were prevented from entering the Divine Law was the reprehensible deeds of certain believers, for in the early days of the Cause some were engaged in actions contrary to His good-pleasure while imagining God was pleased with them. Thus some souls, upon witnessing such actions, hesitated in accepting the Self-Sufficient Lord's Cause while others arose in opposition. Another reason was that their outward asceticism prevented them from accepting the Divine Law, even though they had not truly understood asceticism.

Consider how most of the Jews in the time of Christ were occupied day and night in their places of worship reciting the Torah, yet these very acts prevented them from recognizing the Dayspring of the Cause of the All-Glorious, for all deeds are meant for attaining unto God and His good-pleasure. Since they failed to attain unto the Truth, all such deeds were and shall ever be rejected. Even now there are some Jews who have secluded themselves in Jerusalem and are engaged in extreme austerities and scripture reading, with some fasting for three consecutive days and nights, yet they are and shall remain rejected in the sight of God. This is the greatest veil that has prevented most of humanity from the Most Great Vision.

In brief, the aforementioned matters became the cause of most people's veiling. If they would truly turn to God and fix their gaze upon the essence of the Cause, they would become illumined by the dawning lights of the Sun of Divine Utterance shining from the horizon of the Will of the All-Merciful.

Be not grieved at anything. Rather, rejoice in God's remembrance of thee and be thou among the thankful ones preserved in a mighty Tablet. Know thou that We have, out of Our grace, forgiven thy daughter who is before the Throne and accepted her. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH02420: O My earth! Hast thou found one who soars…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O My earth! Hast thou found one who soars on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of the love of the Lord of creation? And hast thou discovered one who forsakes all else for this All-Wise Remembrance?

O My heaven! Hast thou witnessed one who cast away all save Me for My Name's sake, whose heart was consumed in My atmosphere, who became detached from all else but Me, who entered the kingdom of My steadfastness, and attained unto My mighty Cause?

O My sea! Hast thou beheld the people of the Crimson Ark, whose mention hath flowed from the Pen of God, the Most High? And have the breaths of their remembrance and the fragrances of their knowledge in this mighty Remembrance wafted over thee?

O My mountain! Hath there walked upon thee one who calls upon the Lord with this Name, whereby the hearts of them that have recognized Him were attracted?

O Supreme Pen! Turn to another mention, that perchance through Thy sweet remembrance faces may be turned unto God, the Lord of Names, and the standards of remembrance may be raised between the heavens and the earth.

Grieve not at the fewness of helpers. Let the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Unconstrained, suffice thee. He will verily aid thee under all conditions, and He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Move at My mention every morn and eve. This is thy mission, and what We have ordained for thee. Be not saddened by what the hands of the wrongdoers have wrought. Beware lest the cawing of them that have disbelieved in God prevent thee, or the imaginings of the doubters veil thee. Stand firm in what thou hast been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Look not unto the people and what they possess, but unto My grace which dominateth all creation.

O My Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned unto God and attained His knowledge in days wherein the faces of them that disbelieved were darkened and the faces of them that were nigh unto God were illumined, that the rapture of his Lord's verses may seize him in such wise that he will arise amidst the servants with a steadfastness which the imaginings of Satan cannot shake. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy temple hath been adorned with the ornament of the Covenant and thou hast attained unto the recognition of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Sublime. Know thou this station which We have given thee, then preserve it through this Great Name.

Counsel the servants with what hath been sent down in the Tablets, that they may arise unto that which they have been commanded by One Mighty, Powerful. Say: Aid Me through virtuous character and refined conduct, whereby My Cause will be manifested amidst My creatures and the sanctification of My Self amongst My servants. Blessed are they that act. Be ye trustees of the Merciful One amidst all possibilities, and adorned with the ornament of His virtues amongst the worlds. Thus have We counseled them before and in this Tablet, from which everyone possessed of spiritual sense perceiveth the fragrance of God, the Mighty, the Praised.

Convey My glory unto the faces of My loved ones who have attained unto the lights of guidance in this resplendent Dawn. Say: Be ye steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the tales of the past nor what is with them who have disbelieved in God when He came with His kingdom, the Mighty, the Sublime, shall cause you to slip.

BH02472: O Mihdi, who hath visited the House! Upon thee…

O Mihdi, who hath visited the House! Upon thee be the Glory of God, the Most High, the Most Great. The Book of Glory hath been sent down from the presence of the Glory unto him who hath believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. We have arisen this day with the remembrance and praise of God, and have sent down verses and made them clear signs for those who were created by His command “Be, and it is.”

Should anyone inquire about the Dayspring of thy Lord’s most great signs, say: He is in the hands of the wicked ones who have committed that which was forbidden them in the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Can the Pen flow with what hath befallen it? Can the Tablet bear mention of His tribulations? Nay, by My life! Did ye but know, all pens and tablets would be exhausted, yet what hath befallen the Wronged One at the hands of them that have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, would not be finished.

O My loved ones! Hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness and patience. Thus doth the Chosen One command you. He is, verily, the Almighty over the seen and unseen. How many a servant hath witnessed and denied, and how many a servant hath been present and acknowledged. Each acteth according to his way. Thy Lord, verily, is the True One, the Knower of things unseen. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else, turning unto his Lord. He is, assuredly, of the people of Baha, in a preserved Tablet.

Draw nigh with your hearts unto the Best-Beloved, and follow not every rejected idolater. Whoso is hindered today by the books of the earth and what is mentioned therein of ancient tales is indeed far removed and deprived. Say: O people! Cast behind you what is on earth and what they possess, and turn unto the horizon wherefrom shone forth the lights of the countenance of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Say: None encompasseth the knowledge of aught save God, but the people understand not. With Us is the knowledge of what is in the Books and the knowledge of what hath been and what shall be. Leave the idols and what ye have heard from them. They are indeed a people of deniers.

Say: Turn not unto the turbans and their size, but remember the days wherein the Spirit came, and the divines turned away from Him while he who caught fish turned towards Him. Then consider when

Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came: the noble ones of the people and their divines turned away from Him, while he who sold dates believed in Him. Thus was the matter decreed, would ye but understand. The Word hath distinguished between the wicked and the righteous. It is, verily, God's balance and His path for all who are in the unseen and the visible realms.

When thou hast quaffed the pure wine which hath flowed from the Pen of the Lord of destiny, arise and say: O people! The imagined hath perished and the Known One hath appeared. Beware lest the turning away of them that have turned aside, or the objections of them that have objected to God when He came with His Hidden Name, prevent thee. Thus have We adorned the heaven of thy recognition with the star of utterance and thy heart with this treasured remembrance.

BH02458: In the name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal! This…

In the name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal! This is a remembrance from Us unto him who turned toward the Prisoner and was of those who are guided. Say: This is the righteousness of God wherewith the Spirit hath spoken, and this is verily the Most Great Law, and this is His Hidden Name which hath appeared in truth in the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Wise. But for Him, that which was uttered in the tablets of God would not have been established. Through Him was revealed that which was concealed, and the Ancient Beauty shone forth amidst the peoples, yet the people remain in a mighty veil.

This is the horizon from which the suns of names have dawned, and the springtime whereby the gardens in the hearts of the mystics have been adorned. This is the dayspring of guidance among creation and the lamp of oneness for those in the heavens and the earth. At His call all things cried out, and at His grief the Concourse on High lamented and the Faithful Spirit cried aloud. This is verily the Book wherein there is no doubt, and the light of God for whoso turneth unto Him, and a burning meteor against the devils. This is the proof of God unto all who are in the realm of possibility, and His enduring testimony unto those in all the worlds. Through Him the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafted throughout creation, and the atoms cried out: "Power belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Most High, the Omnipotent!" Through Him were the veils rent asunder and that which was inscribed on a preserved tablet was made manifest. Were We to expound the verses of this Revelation, the seas would be exhausted, by My steadfast and ancient resolve. They who are heedless this day shall find themselves in manifest loss.

Blessed is the lion who hath emerged from the thicket of divine power to aid his Lord, the Mighty, the Generous. Arise to promote the Cause, detached from the allusions whereby the servants have been prevented from turning toward God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When the leaves of hypocrisy spread throughout all regions, leave them behind thee, turning toward God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou steadfast in such wise that through thee may be established the hearts of those who hesitate and the minds of the doubters be assured.

The Cause hath reached such a pass that the lowliest of servants hath risen against Us and the most despicable among the people hath oppressed Us. Thus have We been afflicted by these heedless ones. The Pen is unable to recount the tales of the Youth. By My life, He is in grievous tribulation. Whenever He

desireth to reveal that which hath befallen Him at the hands of the wicked ones, His name, the Concealer, preventeth Him. Thy Lord is verily the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Grieve thou not. Be as thy Lord hath been, in such wise that tribulation preventeth thee not from the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of all names, nor doth the opposition of the opposers disturb thee. Seek thou the help of God. Verily He sufficeth against the evil of those who have disbelieved, and He is the best of helpers. We beseech God to assist thee in His remembrance and to strengthen thee in aiding His Cause, and to make thee among those who have cast aside all else but Him and have held fast to His Strong Cord. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto the lights of guidance in this wondrous dawn.

BH02702: A book from God to all who are…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A book from God to all who are in the heavens and earths. Behold none except My luminous, resplendent Beauty and follow naught save what I have commanded you in My Preserved Tablet. This is My Day—arise therein to aid My Cause and to praise My Being among those who have hesitated in this mighty Revelation. Verily, he who is attracted by the fragrances of revelation speaks the truth, while he who is deprived is among the cawers. By God! The tongue was created for My remembrance, the ears for My call, the eyes for My beauty, and the hands to be raised toward the heaven of My bounty. But veils of the deluded have enveloped the people, save him who has cast away desire and turned to the horizon of guidance. He is among the people of Baha, inscribed in a Tablet by the finger of your Lord's will, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

The Ancient Beauty has been established upon the throne of His Most Great Name, and calls the peoples unto this luminous Dawn. Say: The morning has dawned from the horizon of Syria—thus was it ordained by One mighty and powerful. This is a land wherein We raised up servants possessed of great sovereignty, who arose to aid the Cause of their Lord—verily, they are among the Messengers. This is a land wherein the call of the Spirit was raised and wherein Moses heard "Verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous," and wherein Abraham proclaimed "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful."

O My loved ones! When you hear the call, arise to aid the Cause of your Lord, the King of Names, through remembrance and praise. Beware lest you commit that which would cause sedition and disturb the hearts of the believers. Be among the concourse of all created things with spirit and fragrance, that they may inhale from you the sweet savors of the Beloved. This, verily, is true victory, were you of those who know. Beware lest there appear from you that which would cause division in the Cause. Be dawning-places of divine attributes among the earth and heavens—thus does the Revealer of verses command you. Blessed are they who act accordingly. Blessed is the eye that has attained, the ear that has heard, and the heart that has turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

Thus did the Tongue of Grandeur speak when He was in the hands of the ungodly who opposed God, turned away from His beauty, and disbelieved in the Manifestation of His verses, through Whom all things

proclaimed: The Kingdom is God's, the One, the Single, the All-Informed. When thine eyes are solaced by gazing upon the Tablet, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me while I was imprisoned in the land of exile. I testify that Thou art the Lord of all worlds. My soul be a sacrifice for Thy native land, O Thou Who art the Exile of the worlds!

BH02679: In the Name of the one true God! O…

In the Name of the one true God! O Shaykh! Hearken unto the spiritual call from the divine Lote-Tree in the Persian tongue, that thou mayest become quickened by the sweet melody of the All-Merciful and make alive and enduring the body of contingent being. This is not difficult for God. Take thou the wine of "Am I not?" from the hand of the one true Beloved and drink, that thou mayest become intoxicated and ascend from this transient realm to the eternal realm beyond space, and attain unto the Most Holy Outpouring which is sanctified above mention and utterance. And after ascending to this ultimate goal, turn thou to the people of creation that through divine grace thou mayest draw all to this spiritual wine toward the realm of oneness. This indeed is an exquisite wine for those who drink thereof. How excellent is the state of that soul who today has attained unto this cup and partaken thereof. Verily, the righteous shall drink of a cup wherein is mixed camphor.

O Shaykh! Consider the various sects among the people of the Path, how they all counted themselves among the people of insight, yet when the Sun of Truth dawned from the divine horizon of God's Will, most remained deprived of the Dayspring of guidance and the Dawning-Place of His most beautiful names due to the veils of self and desire. This is not the first flask that was shattered in the path of Truth, nor the first veil that was rent by the deeds of mankind. Consider the past: when the Sun of Truth shone forth from the horizon of Hijaz, how many stones of denial and objection were cast by the people of hypocrisy and metaphor at that Lote-Tree that is neither of the East nor of the West. They said:

> "We found our fathers following a religion, and we are guided by their footsteps."

God willing, may you in this soul-refreshing morn drink the cup of success in the name of the Cleaver of Dawn, and give others to drink, and remain detached and sanctified and free from all the worlds. Say: O nightingales, the Rose is manifest and evident, and O lovers, the Beauty of the Beloved is bright and radiant as the true dawn. Now is the time for singing, now is the time for sacrificing one's life. We beseech God to make you shine like a lamp of guidance among the people of your land, that all may benefit from your breath and find their way to the All-Bountiful. Verily, He has power over all things.

Whosoever was truthful in saying "We belong to God" will surely attain unto "unto Him do we return" in this Revelation of the Hidden Name. Glory be upon you and upon those with you.

BH02674: O Most Exalted Pen! Write upon the white page…

He is God, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O Most Exalted Pen! Write upon the white page that which the Divine Lote-Tree calleth out to thee from the crimson spot: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Were all existence, both seen and unseen, to turn unto the Worshipped One, they would surely hear what Moses heard:

"Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

This is the Day wherein whoso hath turned unto Him is adorned with the ornament of His countenance, and whoso hath turned away is among the most lost. This is the Day wherein the lips of existence have smiled at the advent of the Promised One, yet the Intended One is in manifest sorrow. This is the Day wherein hearts are consumed by the fire of the face of the Beloved, and the pearls of the seas are as nothing when the Dawning-Place of Revelation speaketh amongst His near servants.

They who have attained the lights of this Day are of the people of Baha in the tablet of eternity, and they who are debarred are in grievous error. It behooveth every soul to arise to aid the Wronged One, and every tongue to utter this wondrous remembrance. They who have cast away vain imaginings in the days of their Lord, the All-Knowing, these are the most excellent of creation in the sight of God, the Almighty, the Powerful. None shall excel them in aught; these are of the sincere ones. We beseech God to assist His loved ones to manifest His Cause and to enable them to utter His praise amidst [the worlds].

O people of Baha! Hearken once again unto the call from the direction of grandeur: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Beware lest the doubts of the ungodly hold you back from the Dawning-Place of the verses of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Abandon all else and hold fast unto His strong cord. He verily seeth whoso turneth toward Him and heareth whoso calleth upon Him. He is with His virtuous servants. In His grasp is the control of all knowledge and in His right hand is the kingdom of the heavens and earth. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. He expoundeth unto whom He willeth whatsoever He willeth, yet most of the people are heedless.

Were ye to turn to the Most Sublime Horizon, ye would behold Our greatest signs and hear this call which hath been raised in truth from this exalted station. We have sent down every matter in the Book—blessed are they who know. We have detailed all things in the Tablets—blessed are they who are certain.

O servant! Give thanks, for the face of the Beloved hath turned toward thee and the tongue of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, hath mentioned thee. This is a bounty whereunto nothing can be compared, as would testify every just and perceiving one. Verily, glory be upon the people of Baha who are established upon the Crimson Ark through this Name that ruleth over the worlds.

BH02883: The star of vain imaginings hath set through…

In the Name of Him Who holdeth supreme dominion over all things!

The star of vain imaginings hath set through the dawning of the morn of certitude from the horizon of the Will of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He had promised all peoples the appearance of the Ancient King, but when He came with the truth, the people turned away from Him, save whom God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, did will. Among them were those who clung to idle fancies, turning away from the Source of divine inspiration, and those who held fast to mere allusions, heedless of the Revealer of verses. Lo! They are among the abased ones.

Blessed art thou for having discovered the fragrance of the Beloved and believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed. Soar with the wings of certitude in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful, celebrating His Name amidst all contingent beings in such wise that the atoms are stirred thereby and the hearts of the heedless are awakened. Say: This is the Day wherein the rapture of divine utterance hath seized all contingent things, and the horizon of grace hath been illumined by this Sun through which the suns of inner meaning and exposition have shone forth. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath manifested this wondrous Cause.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of the Intended One! We have been with thee in all conditions and heard what thou didst call upon God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Intended One and turned away from him who turned away from God when He came with manifest sovereignty. Speak thou amongst the peoples in remembrance of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days, in such wise that all in the world may be drawn unto Him. Thy Lord will assist thee as He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Say: This is not a day for tarrying. All things have been set in motion by the call of the Lord of Names, and the atoms cry out:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great!"

Blessed is he who hath arisen at the breath of Revelation and aided his Lord in this Cause whereby that which was treasured in God's knowledge, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing, hath been made manifest.

Convey My greetings to those around thee, then gladden them with this Remembrance whereby hearts have taken flight and the souls of those near unto God have rejoiced. Say: O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Ye are the horsemen of all existence. Stand firm in the Cause in such wise that the hearts of the wicked may be troubled thereby and the backs of the idolaters may tremble. Thus hath the Dove spoken, when It sought Its ultimate goal, from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

Verily the glory rest upon thee and upon those with thee who have been illumined by the lights of this Lamp which the All-Merciful hath kindled at the midmost heart of creation, and who were among those who have turned towards Him.

BH02868: Glory be to Him Who hath adorned the Tablet…

In the Name of Him Who prevaileth over all names!

Glory be to Him Who hath adorned the Tablet of Creation with the ornament of the Point adorned with the letter "H", through which was manifested the Hidden Book that had been treasured within the Kingdom of Knowledge from time immemorial. When the Book was unsealed by the fingers of might for the revelation of His Name, the All-Bountiful, all who are in the heavens and on earth were struck with terror, save those whom God strengthened with authority from His presence and made them daysprings of steadfastness and constancy. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this most exalted station and this

most distant goal. He is indeed of the people of the Crimson Ark, whose ordinance hath been set down in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Among the people are those who are veiled by knowledge from the Known One, and among them are those who cling to vain desires, turning away from guidance, and among them are those who have rent asunder the greatest veil and turned toward the Most Luminous Horizon—the Spot which God hath made the Dayspring of Lights. The Manifestations of the Cause have lamented over those who claimed knowledge, for none of them appeared but the learned of the age rose up against him, even as they have opposed in this day Him through Whom the ocean of knowledge hath surged and the Luminary of utterance hath shone forth. Blessed is the learned one who hath cast away all knowledge, turning unto the Ever-Abiding, and hath spoken this remembrance through which the breezes of life have wafted throughout all creation.

O Most Exalted Pen! Leave the mention of these ones and move to mention the Afnan from the All-Merciful One. Thus doth the Mother Book command thee from His presence, that the sweet savors of His tender mercies may draw them nigh unto a station beyond which all mention is cut off.

O thou who art the dawning-place of My tranquility and the manifestation of My composure! Hearken repeatedly unto the call from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Blessed art thou for the Ancient Beauty hath turned toward thee from His Most Great Prison, and addresseth thee with verses that have caused all things to quake and spirits to take flight. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions, to ordain what is best for thee in the beginning and in the end, and to decree for thee the best of rewards for having fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and for having remained steadfast in a Cause that hath caused hearts to tremble and eyes to stare in wonder. The glory of God rest upon you and upon your family and upon those who are with you and who love you for the sake of God, the Lord of all mankind.

BH03025: This is Our mention unto him who hath drunk…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

This is Our mention unto him who hath drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Merciful, who was of them that have drawn nigh, and responded to his Lord when the call was raised from the Divine Lote-Tree:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise."

We have sent down in every matter that which none among the worlds can comprehend, and have manifested that which was not manifested before. Blessed are the fair-minded.

How many servants for whom We ordained what they desired, yet when they attained it they denied God, the Lord of the worlds! How many drew nigh but achieved not, and how many were kept back yet attained! He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Should thou ask of the Youth, verily He is in grievous affliction. Blessed is he who hath read the Tablets of God which were sent down aforetime from One All-Knowing, All-Wise, wherein was detailed every matter and whatsoever was visited upon Us by the oppressors.

Were I to rend asunder the veils, I would behold My Name, the All-Concealing, clinging to My hem, saying: "Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful," and were I to leave them as they were, I would witness My Name, the Subduer, saying: "Thou art possessed of mighty strength." My mercy hath preceded My wrath, therefore have We borne and forebore, known and concealed, and I am the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate.

Is there anyone who pondereth My patience after My knowledge, and My forbearance after My power? Is there any who will arise to help My Cause, detached from all else but Me? Is there any who will cast aside what was ordained in creation and hasten with Me in the wilderness of detachment? Is there any possessed of might who will eschew all that is in creation, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised?

Thus have We showered upon thee from the ocean of utterance that which will draw thee to God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. Be thou thankful that the countenance of the Beloved hath turned toward thee from this remote prison, and hath sent down for thee that which attracteth the hearts of them that draw nigh. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through the power and might of God, then aid this Wronged One Who hath been forbidden to gaze upon the earth which was created by His transcendent, mighty, and impregnable command. Remember My loved ones on My behalf, then adorn them with the ornament of glorification which hath shone forth from the horizon of the bounty of their Lord, the Transcendent, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Compelling.

BH03149: This is a day wherein the Beloved lamenteth…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

This is a day wherein the Beloved lamenteth and saith: Verily, the Best-Beloved is in manifest tribulation. And Moses crieth out, saying: O my Lord, the All-Bountiful! How long wilt Thou choose to forbear? Lo, the Dayspring of Thy Cause is in the hands of the oppressors. Draw forth from the sheath of Thy decree the sword of retribution, that the heads of the idolaters may be severed thereby.

And the Spirit mourneth, saying: I would sacrifice myself that there might not befall Thee that which would sadden Thy heart. We behold Thee this day in such affliction as the eyes of the world have never witnessed. Would that I had never been sent down, nor been raised up, for by Thy Beauty, the All-Glorious, I cannot bear to see Thee among these who have disbelieved in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And the Countenance of the All-Merciful crieth out, saying: O people of the Bayan! Shame upon you! By God, ye have perpetrated what none among all created things hath ever perpetrated, though We counseled you in all the Tablets through this wondrous Remembrance. Ye heeded not My words, having followed the desires of them who turned away from the Face and opposed God, the Almighty, the Powerful. We counsel you and adjure you by God to hearken unto this word, if ye will hearken to none

other: If ye believe not, harm Him not; if ye accept not, forsake Him not. The dwellers of the realms of eternity have lamented at what hath flowed from the Pen, while ye remain heedless.

By My life! Baha calleth out between earth and heaven, whilst standing firm in that which He hath been commanded, His hands raised toward God, the Lord of Names, saying: I have chosen, in My love for Thee, the afflictions of all who are on earth, and I fear not, by Thy might and Thy power. Verily, Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Naught grieveth Me save My tarrying in Thy Cause and My silence at the manifestations of Thy bestowals and the expressions of Thy favors. O my Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy love. This is the desire of Baha in the kingdom of creation, and verily Thou art witness to what I say. Through Thy love nothing affrighteth me, and through my turning unto Thee the turning away of all who are on earth harmeth me not. By Thy might Thou didst raise me up, and by Thy command Thou didst cause me to speak forth in such wise that both young and old have heard Thy call.

Thus have We cast upon thee, O thou who gazest upon thy Lord. When thou hast attained, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know!

BH03138: O Muhsin! Hearken unto that which the Dayspring…

In the Name of Him Who prevaileth over all names

O Muhsin! Hearken unto that which the Dayspring of Names calleth out to thee while encompassed by grievous tribulation. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Mention hath been made of grievous tribulation that the people of creation might flee therefrom, yet it is a gracious tribulation inasmuch as We have accepted it in the path of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Say: Should He desire to make mention, the cawing of all them that dwell on earth could not silence Him, and should He desire to arise, the hosts of heaven and earth could not cause Him to sit. Nothing can withstand His Cause, nor can adversity prevent Him. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

All things have been sullied by what hath welled up in the breasts from the fire of hatred, yet the Cause remaineth unsullied—neither the opposition of the wicked nor the imaginings of them that have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Most Praised, can ever sully it. He, verily, is the One Who prevaileth over all who are in heaven and on earth. Soon will His banner be raised upon every lofty and towering mountain.

We have lit the lamp of victory at the midmost heart of creation and preserved it, when the winds blew from every direction, with the glass of power and might. Thy Lord, verily, is the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who draweth nigh and is illumined by this Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of his Lord, the Most High, the Most Great.

Be thou assured through thy Lord’s grace. We make mention of thee in truth. Our mention, verily, hath preceded all who make mention. Thy letter hath come before the Face, and through this God hath forgiven thy kinsmen and ordained for thee a station which none can comprehend save those whom He hath specially chosen for the service of the Dayspring of His firm and mighty Cause. Blessed art thou,

inasmuch as from thy letter wafted the fragrance of faithfulness and from it were diffused the sweet savors of the love of Him Who is the Creator of the heavens. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this manifest grace.

We have answered thee in days wherein eyes were dazed, hearts were troubled, and limbs did quake from the fear that encompassed all men. Thus doth the Lord of all beings recount unto thee in a perspicuous Tablet. Give praise for thy letter having been accepted before the Throne and having attained unto this glorious presence. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have been illumined by the lights of the Countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of God, the Almighty, the August, the Most Beautiful.

BH03199: O Dhabih! Thou hast been created to teach mankind…

In the Name of the wronged and imprisoned One

O Dhabih! Thou hast been created to teach mankind. Silence and inaction are not permissible. In this day it is incumbent upon souls like thee to journey to lands both near and far, purely for the sake of the All-Wise One, and to quicken lifeless bones to everlasting life through the fragrant breezes of the mention of the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness. The loved ones of God must, like the morning breeze, waft over every land, that all regions of the earth may be blessed with the Most Great Bounty. Be thou a throbbing artery in the body of the world and a wind blowing over the nations.

For the teachers of the Cause of the Lord of the worlds, conditions have been revealed from the Supreme Pen in the Clear Tablet. God willing, thou shouldst, with thine eyes fixed upon it, turn to certain directions, that perchance those extinguished may be ignited by the fire of remembrance, and those frozen may be melted by the flowing waters of utterance. Cast upon the graves that which hath been sent down from the heaven of this Revelation, that they may arise to serve thy Lord and soar in this atmosphere which God hath made sanctified from the mention of all else.

O Dhabih! Gird up the loins of service and arise to teach God's Cause. Be not grieved by the disorder of outward affairs. God will set right whatsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. The gaze of Our loving-kindness hath ever been directed towards thee and will, God willing, continue to be so. Be thou assured and numbered with the thankful.

Beware lest the affairs of the contingent world withhold thee from utterance, or the cares of time prevent thee from the joy that is hidden in the remembrance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Great. We have ordained for thee that which shall gladden the eyes of them that behold and rejoice the hearts of the sincere ones. Give thanks unto thy Lord in all conditions and arise to serve Him amongst His servants. Thus doth the Lord of creation command thee. He, verily, is the Commander, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Read thou what hath been sent down unto thee from the realm of the favors of thy Lord. It will attract thee to a station wherein thou wilt choose naught save that which the All-Encompassing One hath chosen. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy kindred and upon those that are with thee, from thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH03194: In the Name of God, the Most Holy…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Wondrous! O Most Exalted Pen! Today is your day. Move by My Most Glorious Name across the pages of creation, and make mention of him who turned towards God, the Lord of Names, when every idolater and doubter was heedless of Him, that he may inhale the breath of life from the call of the All-Merciful and be seized with such joy that no sorrow shall ever overtake him. Verily, he who hath drunk from the Most Great Ocean is indeed a light to the world amidst all peoples. Thus hath the Lord of Eternity testified in the Scriptures and Tablets. And if his light be veiled, this is due to the veiling of the people. God will soon reveal it through a sovereignty from Him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Unconstrained.

Thy letter hath come and been read before the Throne. This is of His grace, with which nothing in all creation can compare. We found therein the fragrance of thy sincerity toward God, the True One, and saw it sanctified from the allusions of the people of the earth. Thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, beareth witness to this. Fear thou nothing. In all matters place thy trust in God, the Revealer of verses. He protecteth whomsoever He willeth through His command, even as He protected Me when I was in the hands of the wicked. He aideth whomsoever He pleaseth through the hosts of the seen and the unseen, and supporteth whosoever turneth unto Him when He appeared with the sovereignty of grandeur and power.

Blessed art thou for having attained the Most Great Victory when the Lord of all beings came with standards and ensigns unfurled. Thou hast a station among stations with thy Lord. He will suffice thee in truth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful. Remember Him by night and by day, and stand firm in the Cause in such wise that the hearts of the evil ones who broke God's covenant and His testament and turned back on their heels, following vain imaginings and idle fancies, may be shaken thereby.

Though thou didst not attain the presence before the Throne, We have ordained for thee the reward of one who attained His presence on the day which God made the Lord of all days. The Command is in His hand—He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth, and He shall not be asked of His doings. He is indeed the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Knowing. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those with thee who have turned toward God, the Cleaver of the Dawn.

BH03365: Blessed art thou, O Samandar, in that the Lord…

In His Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

Blessed art thou, O Samandar, in that the Lord of Destiny hath made mention of thee from the Most Great Scene, when He heard thy call in the Book wherein thou didst call upon God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. The ear of divine favor hath inclined to hearken unto that which thou didst utter in praise of Him at Whose Word the Kingdom of Utterance trembled. Verily thy Lord is the All-Encompassing, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Make it thy paramount concern to teach thy Lord's Cause. By God! This is the most excellent of all deeds in the perspicuous Book. The people shall surely find this fragrance whereby the world hath been

renewed and every crumbling bone brought to life. It behooveth thee to be in such wise that the sincere ones may behold in thy countenance the radiance of the All-Merciful and in thy utterance the breaths of divine exposition, for thou art among those whom God hath singled out for the mention of this most mighty, most holy and most great Revelation.

Grieve not over the condition of those who are heedless today. Soon shall they bewail their own souls. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Whatsoever the Tongue of Will hath spoken shall assuredly be made manifest through an evident sovereignty. All knowledge lieth within His grasp, and none comprehendeth it save His all-encompassing Self. Be thou a magnet for hearts through My Name, the Beloved, and a sign of attraction unto those who have been debarred from the Dayspring of thy Lord's verses, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Say: O My loved ones! Gather ye around the Most Great Word in such wise that the veils of the idolaters may not withhold you. Be ye the helpers of God in all else—this is better for you, did ye but know. Beware lest ye differ concerning this Cause which is established upon the Throne, and this Name whereby the dwellers of the heavens and earth have been illumined.

Thus have We wafted unto thee the breezes of the All-Merciful from the Paradise of Utterance, that they may attract thee to a station wherein naught is seen save the light of thy Lord's countenance, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The glory of God rest upon thee and upon thy kindred and near ones, and upon those who have turned toward the Dawning-Place of grace in these days wherein the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory proclaimeth from the Most Glorious Pavilion: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

BH03519: The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Exalted! The Lamp…

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Exalted! The Lamp hath been lit and the fragrance of God hath been wafted throughout all creation. Blessed is he who hath found it and hath exclaimed: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Doth the Lamp speak? Say: Yea, by my Lord! It calleth out at this moment with the most wondrous call: "The sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise!"

Verily it is a sign of the All-Merciful unto all who are in the realm of possibility, and the Ark of Guidance unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Whoso holdeth fast unto it, verily he hath attained salvation, and whoso turneth away from it is assuredly among the drowned.

Say: O people, behold ye the Balance and Testimony of God, not what ye possess. Thus have ye been commanded in the Tablet, did ye but know. None shall attain unto its recognition save those who have cast away vain imaginings and turned unto Him with illumined hearts. These, verily, are among the triumphant.

Ponder not on what ye possess, but rather on this Cause which hath appeared with clear sovereignty. Read ye what We have revealed unto you, and follow not the tales of them that are lost in doubts. They who have denied the Fountainhead of the Cause are assuredly among the companions of hell-fire.

God will soon seize them with His might. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Even as He seized those who wronged Us in this last revolution. He is, in truth, the most severe in punishment. Not one of those who committed injustice but was seized by Him and made an example to the worlds. The hand of might expelled them as they had expelled Us, and thy Lord, verily, hath power over all things. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Wise. He protecteth whom He willeth and chastiseth whom He pleaseth. Within His grasp lieth the dominion of all things. He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

Stand thou firm in the Cause through the power and might of God, and be a sign of His remembrance amongst His servants. Thus doth the Pen of the Command enjoin thee from the presence of the Mighty, the Trustworthy. Be not dismayed when the clamor of men ariseth. He will, verily, protect thee through the truth. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous.

Make mention of My loved ones on My behalf, those from whose faces thou beholdest the radiance of Baha and from whose deeds thou findest the fragrance of holiness.

BH03539: In the Name of Him Who is sanctified above…

In the Name of Him Who is sanctified above all comparison! A letter to him who hath heard My call, turned to My countenance, and remained steadfast in My wondrous Cause, that the utterance of the All-Merciful may draw him to a station wherein he shall behold naught in existence save the Countenance of the Ever-Existing One, Who speaketh in all things, saying: “Verily, I am God, the Mighty, the Generous.”

Among the people is he who objected, saying that He hath claimed divinity, and was nigh consumed with rage. Say: This is what was foretold unto you by Him Who announced to you this mighty Cause. And among them is he who said He hath come too soon. Say: Ye are commanded to behold Him with His own eyes, not with your eyes. Fear God and deny not Him Who was promised you in the Tablets of your Lord, the True, the Trustworthy.

Say: If ye behold Me not with Mine own eyes, then look at what I have brought from an All-Wise Ordainer. By God! The horizons have been filled with My proof, and all creation with My signs, and all things have been stirred by My fragrances, and the rocks have cried out at My melodies, and the worlds have been illumined by this radiant and gleaming Light.

Say: O concourse of the oppressors! Look with the eye of fairness upon Him Who calleth you unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Hath anyone come with greater than that wherewith ye have been endowed in this luminous and wondrous Revelation? The proofs have circled round My proof, and the evidences round My transcendent and mighty and impregnable Evidence. Say: How long will ye follow your desires and set aside your God? Is it not time that ye follow your Ancient Lord, Who hath borne afflictions for your salvation and trials to draw you nigh unto the scene of your Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless?

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! When thou hast quaffed the pure wine from the hands of thy Lord’s bounty, the Lord of Destiny, arise amidst mankind and say: By God, the Beloved hath appeared and the Promised One hath come! Turn ye unto Him and follow not every wicked sinner. Thus have We sent

forth from the Paradise of Baha the fragrances of the All-Glorious. If thou findest them, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!

BH03462: O Kamal! Hearken unto that which the Dayspring…

In the Name of God, the Ancient, the Ever-Abiding!

O Kamal! Hearken unto that which the Dayspring of Names calleth out to thee from this most exalted Horizon. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

We behold thee before the Throne and make mention of thee through Our grace. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this mighty station. We bear witness that thou hast fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and remained steadfast when all who are in the heavens and on earth were struck with terror.

Arise to serve thy Lord, and remind the people with wisdom and utterance, that they may turn their faces toward the Horizon from which hath appeared the countenance of God, the Help in Peril, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We have sent down unto thee from the heaven of bounty that which none can reckon save God, thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds. Be thou the cup-bearer of the Kawthar of divine knowledge throughout all contingent being. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Merciful, command thee. Act thou accordingly, and be of them that are firmly established.

They that have turned away, these have not heard My most sweet call and have not attained unto My utterance whereby the kingdom of names was enraptured. Wherefore it behooveth thee and them that are like thee to acquaint them with this Cause whereby existence, both seen and unseen, hath been illumined, and the faces of them that have turned aside have been darkened.

Convey My greetings unto My loved ones who have soared in the atmosphere of My love and been drawn by My melodies. Then remind them with this wondrous remembrance. Say: Ye are beneath the glances of My loving-kindness. Hearken unto My call from this distant station. Arise to aid My Cause amidst My servants in such wise as to attract thereby the hearts of the fair-minded.

O Kamal! Rend asunder the veils of glory through the name of thy Lord, the Most High, that the servants may turn unto the Dayspring of Beauty Who hath appeared with mighty sovereignty. Beware lest anything prevent thee from the remembrance of thy Lord. Make mention of Him amongst the servants with manifest gentleness. Thus have We commanded thee aforetime in the Scriptures and Tablets, and in this glorious Book.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy family and thy descendants and upon them that have quaffed the choice wine of grace from this luminous cup.

BH03526: O Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Most Great, Most…

O Abdu'l-Husayn, upon him be the Most Great, Most Ancient, Most Glorious Glory of God!

Say: O people of Baha! Ye are the dawning-places of victory in the kingdom of creation. Be ye steadfast in the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Ever-Victorious. Let not the allusions of the people veil you, nor the arguments of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Follow not vain imaginings, but follow that which the Dayspring of Inspiration commandeth you. Rend asunder the veils of those who slumber on the couch of heedlessness and passion, then tear apart the veils of all who dwell in the realm of possibility.

We have lit the lamp of success in the land of Syria—thus hath the matter been decreed by the Cleaver of the Dawn. Say: This is a land wherein We raised up the Prophets and sent them unto all who dwell on earth. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Unconstrained. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He desireth for whom He pleaseth.

O people of the earth! Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy. Turn ye unto the Dayspring of Revelation with spirit and fragrance. Abandon vain fancy and hold fast to My Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted throughout all worlds. Be ye My trusted ones in My lands, and the lamps of guidance among My creatures, and the horizons of justice in My kingdom. Thus hath the command flowed from the Pen moved by the finger of the will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Compelling.

Those whose eyes are drunken—these shall find no helper. But those who have drawn nigh—these are possessed of true vision. Subdue hearts through the name of the Beloved, then help your Lord through this Name by which the Tablets have been adorned. Those who turned away and opposed—these are the companions of error. All things bear witness to God's testimony, yet most people are in doubt and schism.

Thus have We caused to flow forth unto thee from the Most Exalted Pen the Kawthar of remembrance and praise in remembrance of the Lord of Names and Creator of Heaven. When thou hast attained, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of Verses!

BH03499: In the Name of Him Who hath encompassed…

In the Name of Him Who hath encompassed the worlds! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and made them clear evidences for those on earth, that they might recognize the Truth when it appeared among creation and be numbered among the triumphant. He hath sent the Messengers and revealed the Books, testifying that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Wise. Every Prophet hath given glad tidings of this Great Name, and He Who revealed the Bayan took the covenant of My Self—to this testifieth what We sent down upon Him from the heaven of My loving-kindness that hath preceded all worlds.

When the appointed time came and He Who revealeth the verses appeared, every stubborn oppressor turned away from Him. Among them was he who, despite his nearness, arose in opposition and said "He hath appeared too soon." Say: By My Beauty, He hath manifested Me as He pleased—verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. It behooveth every soul to thank God for this and to be of those who rejoice.

Say: O people, look at what ye possess and what hath been revealed in truth in this wondrous Manifestation. Reflect on what appeared in ages past and what hath appeared on this luminous Day. Say: O people of the Bayan! If ye follow your vain imaginings, what is the difference between you and the people of the Furqan? Be fair in truth and be not of the wrongdoers. They await what they were promised of old, after He hath appeared by His mighty, sublime command.

Say: This is the Cause whose greatness the Bayan hath testified to, were ye of those who know. Beware lest ye measure it by what ye possess. God hath made it sanctified above all likeness and comparison—verily He is the All-Knowing, the Wise. The Point of the Bayan hath lamented what hath befallen Me from you, O heedless ones!

O thou who hast turned to God, hearken unto the call of this Wronged One from this far-off place, then aid Him through remembrance and praise, that perchance those who were veiled in those days might awaken—days the like of which the eyes of the near ones have never witnessed. May the Glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained and have said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Quickener of the worlds!"

BH03536: In the Name of the Most Wondrous, the Most…

In the Name of the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable. This is a Book from Us to those who have attained unto the days of God and who, when they heard, acknowledged that there is no God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, and who turned with radiant faces toward the Qiblih of all who are in earth and heaven. These, verily, are a people who have attained. The denizens of the Supreme Paradise inhale from them the fragrance of their love for their Most Glorious Beloved. Thus doth the Lord of Names bear witness, yet the people understand not.

Were they to ponder upon that which hath appeared from the Dayspring of Destiny, they would forsake all they possess and turn toward the Most Great Prospect, the Station wherein every atom of its dust proclaimeth: There is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved.

O people! Remember the favor of God when He shone forth upon you with His most excellent names and most exalted attributes. This is of His grace, did ye but know. This is a Day wherein the face of certitude hath been made white and the branches of idle fancy have been shattered, if ye would but understand. Blessed is he who hath soared in the atmosphere of certitude, who hath detached himself from all else, and who hath turned toward the All-Merciful. He, verily, is of the people of Baha in the Preserved Tablet.

Say: O servants of God! How long will ye occupy yourselves with the world? Leave it behind in the name of your Lord, the Creator of heaven, then journey through the cities of immortality wherein even the stones proclaim: The Beloved hath come!

O possessors of hearts! They who have quaffed the wine of utterance are, verily, among the most exalted of creatures. The angels drawn nigh circle round them in adoration, while they who have turned away are indeed the followers of idle fancy, as His sincere servants testify.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Rejoice in that which hath been revealed by the Pen of Revelation while the Ancient Beauty was confined in the Most Great Prison through that which the hands

of the deniers have wrought, they who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Arise with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of Names, then summon the people of Baha and give them the glad-tidings of this forbidden Remembrance, that they may arise to help the Wronged One and proclaim that there is no God but He, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH03706: A tablet from God to all who are…

He is the Most Ancient, Most Great

A tablet from God to all who are in the heavens and on the earth, wherein was inscribed by the Most Exalted Pen that which causes the hearts of the mystics to soar.

O people! The Day has come, and whoso has turned to Him with an illumined heart has won the lights of the Countenance. They who heard the Call and answered it—these are the people of Paradise, mentioned in a mighty Tablet. Their names have been recorded in all the worlds of God, and for them therein is a noble station.

As for those who hesitated—these have no part in the Cause and are among the perplexed. They imagine themselves to be people of truth—nay, they are among the most lost! They say "We believed in God," yet when He appeared in truth they denied Him. Lo! They are among the liars. And when they are told that which their desires approve not, they turn upon their heels. Lo! They are among the abased.

When We show them the signs, they say "These are but forgeries," and when the sun of clear proofs shines forth they say "This is naught but manifest sorcery." The people of the Kingdom marvel at what proceeds from their mouths, and the denizens of the realms of might curse them, yet most people are heedless. They behold the signs of God, then deny them—thus were they aforetime, and in this most wondrous and glorious Manifestation.

Be not grieved at anything. Put thy trust in God—verily He preserves whom He willeth by His sovereignty. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous. Arise to aid the Cause in such wise that nothing in creation shall prevent thee from remembering thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Say: O people of truth! Beware lest what is with creation veil you. By My life! They soar in the atmosphere of vain imaginings and cling to what they found with their fathers. Lo! They are in evident doubt. Blessed is he who cast away what is with men out of love for God, the King, the Single, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thus have We adorned thee with the ornament of the remembrance of thy Lord and sent down for thee that which brings peace to the hearts of the sincere ones.

BH03652: The Most Ancient, the Most Great. A mention…

The Most Ancient, the Most Great. A mention from before the One Mentioned unto him who mentioned his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise, before the Throne, that the remembrance of God may strengthen him according to what was sent down in a preserved Tablet, and draw him nigh in such wise that the veils of those who have turned away and were among the heedless shall not withhold him.

Say: We have lit the lamp of prosperity from before the One Who causeth the dawn to break. Verily it is the Most Great Sign for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Every rock hath been stirred by the breezes of Revelation, yet most of the people are as dead. Blessed is he who hath been born again through the breathings of the Lord of Names and hath found the fragrance of the verses from the garment of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Say: O concourse of ardent lovers! The ocean of attainment hath surged, and this is that meeting with which the eyes of the Messengers of God have been solaced. Verily He is the Dawning-Place of the All-Merciful amidst all possibilities and the Source of Revelation unto all the worlds.

Say: O company of the learned! Why have ye turned away from the Dayspring of divine knowledge after having been promised it in the Tablets of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed? By My life! They are worshippers of vain imaginings, save him who hath held fast to My Name, the Self-Subsisting, Who hath come with a mighty sovereignty.

Say: O concourse of merchants! The Chosen One hath come with grandeur and power. By what proof have ye turned away from the Intended One? Hath this world prevented you from the Lord of Names, and have ye been withheld by following every heedless sinner? Cast away what ye possess and take what ye have been commanded by One mighty and powerful. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen command you from before the Creator of heaven, if ye be of them that know. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Mighty, the Wise.

O thou who hast turned towards Us! Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been mentioned before the Throne, and for this mighty Tablet having been sent down unto thee. When thou attainest unto it, impart what is therein unto them who have believed in God and are firmly rooted. Verily, glory be upon thee and upon them who have turned with their hearts unto the Beloved. They are indeed among the triumphant ones.

BH03703: This is a Book from Us to him who…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

This is a Book from Us to him who hath drunk the choice wine of revelation when God came with His Kingdom, the Inaccessible, the Impregnable, and whom neither the blame of the blamer nor the wickedness of the infidel nor the oppression of the tyrants could turn aside from God. Blessed art thou, O servant, inasmuch as thou hast attained unto that which most of the servants have failed to attain, and hast turned toward the countenance of thy Lord when every sinful remote one turned away.

Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and that which hath caused the Bayan to quiver with longing for its Lord, the All-Merciful, hath been revealed unto thee, and through which that which was hidden in God's knowledge, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath appeared. Verily they that have failed to attain on this Day shall ere long be seized with remorse and regret. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have set forth every matter from Our presence. Blessed is he who hath recognized, and woe unto the heedless.

Reflect upon God's favor and His mercy. He remembereth His loved ones while imprisoned in the hands of the oppressors. We have heard thy call and perceived the fragrance of thy love, and have sent down for thee that which shall cause thy remembrance to endure as long as God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds, endureth. Give thanks unto God for this bounty, which nothing in creation can equal. His Will hath prevailed and His mercy hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Excellent is that which thou performest in the days, and better still that which thou art occupied with in the nights. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Reckoning, the All-Wise. Blessed is the pen that moveth in remembrance of God, and the hand that writeth what hath been sent down from the heaven of revelation from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

Beware lest the vain imaginings of men withhold thee from that whereunto thou art called. Be thou one who remembereth through the remembrance of thy Lord, and who speaketh of this Ancient Root. The glory be upon thee and upon thy mother, whose call We have heard and whom We have answered in this wondrous Book. Convey My glorification unto her countenance, then give her the glad-tidings of this perspicuous remembrance.

BH03613: O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord…

In the Name of Him Who is the Everlasting, the Ever-Abiding, the Mighty, the All-Wise

O ʿAli-Qabli-Akbar! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Ordainer of Destiny, from the Most Great Horizon. There is none worthy of love save Me, and no object of desire except Me. I have manifested My Self with a sovereignty which none denieth save those whose eyes are veiled by the shrouds of self and desire. To this beareth witness the Lord of all creation, Who speaketh in the Most Great Prison that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

There hath come before Our presence thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Throne, and it was read in the presence of thy Lord, and We heard thy public and private supplications. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have been informed of what befell you in the path of God, and We were present when thy father was martyred for his love of God, the Creator of the heavens and earth. Blessed is he in that his face was crimsoned in the love of God and he attained unto this glorious and sublime station. Think not that he is dead. By God! He is alive in the Most Sublime Horizon within the kingdom of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Whereupon the Supreme Pen addresseth him from the presence of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Glorious: Upon thee, O thou who art martyred in the path of God, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, be the glory of God and His praise, and the glory of all who dwell in the Kingdom of Names, and the glory of all things at all times. I testify that thou didst fulfill the Covenant of God and His Testament, and didst speak His praise, and wert steadfast in His Cause whereby hearts were troubled and the tribes did wail, except such as held fast to the cord of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Blessed is he who visiteth thee, by virtue of what hath been revealed in this imperishable, mighty and wondrous Tablet.

O ʿAli! Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses and made mention of thy father, that Our successful servants might visit him. The glory of God rest upon him and upon thee, from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Send thou this Tablet to thy place that the servants of God there may read it and be numbered among those who remember.

BH03609: O Amin! Hearken unto the call of God…

In His Name, the Speaker, the All-Knowing

O Amin! Hearken unto the call of God, the King, the True, the Manifest. Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous. We have aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of My Revelation and the Dayspring of My verses, and guided thee to the path of God for all who are in the heavens and the earth. We sustained thee in thy migration unto God and caused thee to enter that station which hath been the hope of the Messengers.

O Amin! Listen with the ear of certitude to the call of the Lord of the worlds, and at all times gaze with the eye of certitude upon the Most Great Scene. In all circumstances reflect upon the successive bounties of God. Through the wonders of His grace He guided thee to the Most Great Scene until thou didst attain unto His presence, drink from the cup of meeting, and without veil or barrier become illumined by the light of the countenance of the Beloved. Thou didst hearken unto the divine words from the Dawning-Place of utterance. These matters have been among the wondrous and infinite bounties of God. Be thou grateful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!”

All thy services are mentioned before the Throne, and the Supreme Pen hath borne witness concerning thee—a witness that hath been and shall ever be sufficient for thee. Be thou assured and of those who rejoice. Now, by leave of the Self-Sufficing, the Most High, travel through the lands of God and gladden and delight all through the spring showers of the mention of the mercy of the All-Merciful. All are mentioned in the Most Great Scene and recorded in the divine Tablets.

I counsel all to manifest the Most Great Steadfastness, for this hath been and shall ever be the greatest of all things. Whoso attaineth unto it hath attained unto the source of all good, its essence and its refuge. God willing, may all at all times drink from the Kawthar of divine bounty and be engaged in the remembrance of the Friend. The Glory be upon thee and upon them, and the Remembrance be upon thee and upon them.

BH03864: The mention of the Chosen One hath been raised…

In His Name, the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Sufficient!

The mention of the Chosen One hath been raised from the Tree of Fire at the Dawning-Place of Lights: Verily, there is none other God besides Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The world hath been illumined by the lights of the Ancient One, yet the peoples remain behind a manifest veil, save those whom the hand of power hath delivered and who have been quickened by the life-giving breeze which wafted from the Branch suspended upon the trunk of the Beloved of all in the heavens and earth. Creation hath

conceived through the fertilizing winds of the All-Merciful. Soon shall appear through it servants by whom the standards of My Most Great Name shall be raised upon every lofty mountain.

Thy letter hath come before the One Who is Mentioned, and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy love for the Desired One of all worlds. Had We found any stability in this prison, We would have summoned thee before the Throne. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous. We have sent thee a Tablet by the hand of Sin, then by the hand of the Trusted One this perspicuous Tablet, that thou mayest rejoice in His mention of thee and thank Him at all times.

Grieve not over the separation. Be thou vocal in the remembrance of the Adored One by night and by day. He, verily, draweth nigh whom He willeth through His sovereignty. He is, in truth, the Almighty, the Powerful. There hath been written for you in the Tablets that which nothing created on earth can equal. Thy Lord is, verily, the Rewarder, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Thus have the rains of wisdom and exposition showered from the heaven of utterance, that there might spring forth from hearts the plants of remembrance and knowledge in this mighty Remembrance. Associate with Our Name Fath in all matters and place thy trust in God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. He manifesteth in the kingdom whatsoever He willeth and altereth matters as He pleaseth. All things are in His mighty grasp, and He is, verily, cognizant of all things.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy kindred and thy relatives who have quaffed the cups in this wondrous Remembrance.

BH03878: The Ancient of Days, the Most Great, the Most…

The Ancient of Days, the Most Great, the Most Glorious! The pebbles have cried out in remembrance of this wise Remembrance, and all things have called out when the Dove sang forth “The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Exalted, the Great!” The earth hath quaked from the breezes of God’s verses, the Mighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, and the ocean of eternity hath surged when the winds of grace blew from the direction of this Ancient Name.

The heavens were illumined when We lit the lamp, and the horizon of the Cause shone forth from this wondrous dawn. The land of Syria hath been brightened by the lights of this Morn which hath shone forth from this manifest Light. The dwellers of Paradise have been seized with rapture, yet the people lie in profound heedlessness.

By God! This is He Who hath desired neither to exalt His own self nor to perpetuate His name, nor hath He loved bodily comfort. He hath spent them all to exalt the Word of God. Blessed is he who pondereth and is of those who know.

We have kindled the fire at the heart of the world, while from every direction the wicked pour upon it the waters of denial. Exalted is He Who hath preserved it through truth and made it to triumph over the idolaters. Though ye see Him vanquished, by My life He is the Victor over all who are in the heavens and earth. And though ye see Him subjugated, He is in truth the Subduer. Blessed are they who perceive, who have insights from God and who are among those who discern in the signs of their Lord.

Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses that thou mayest recite them in thy days—they are clear proofs from God, the Mighty, the Generous. When thy spirit soareth on the wine of thy Lord's mercy, arise amidst creation and remind them of this Cause whereby the heavens have been adorned and the faces of the sincere have been illumined. Be thou of such constancy that the whisperings of the people move thee not, nor do the utterances of the idolaters veil thee. This behooveth thee if thou wouldst shine forth from the horizon of might in My Name, the Chosen One, and this beseemeth thee and those who have turned to God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH03810: The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

These are the verses of God, the King, the Mighty, the Great, sent down from the heaven of utterance by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath turned unto them and perceived from them the fragrance of the Beloved of the worlds. Blessed is the eye that hath seen, and the ear that hath heard, and the hand that hath taken hold of the Book of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. How many are the servants who make mention of God at morn and eve, yet when He Who is the One mentioned appeared, they disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds!

Say: O people of the earth! The appointed time hath come, and that which ye were promised hath appeared in a preserved Tablet. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold you from the Lord of Names, or the doubts of the people of creation veil you from this mighty and wondrous Cause. Rend asunder the veils through the power of the name of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. They who have removed themselves from the ocean of nearness are indeed in manifest error. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh unto God and drunk the wine of reunion from the countenance of his Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Grieve not at anything, but remain steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord. He is with His servants who are firmly rooted. Aid thou the All-Merciful Who hath come from the heaven of utterance—this behooveth everyone who hath held fast to this mighty cord.

Say: O people of Baha! Through you hath the Kingdom of Names been adorned, and for you hath moved the Most Exalted Pen. Strive ye that there may appear from you that which befitteth this sublime station. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else and clung to the hem of his Lord, detached from all that dwell on earth.

This is a Day whereon the air proclaimeth: The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beauteous; and the fire calleth out: The Chosen One hath come with a mighty command; and the water announceth: The Lord of Names hath come to give life to the worlds; and the earth declareth: Glory be to God, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee that thou mayest read them and be of them that are firmly established.

BH03901: In His Name, the One Who rules over all…

In His Name, the One Who rules over all names! This is a Book from Us to him who hath been mentioned before the Throne time and again, and unto whom the All-Merciful hath sent down Tablets wherein every

word causeth the stream of life to surge for the life of all who dwell within the realm of possibility, that He may render him tranquil through the grace of his Lord and draw him nigh unto a station which neither the affairs of earth can trouble nor sorrows overtake. They who have been attracted by the fragrances of these days are, verily, of the people of this station. The Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of them in the presence of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We have made steadfastness in this Cause, whereby feet have slipped, the essence of all deeds.

O thou who art remembered before Him Who remembereth! Hearken unto the Call from the Dayspring of Revelation: He is, verily, none other but Him, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Grieve not for what hath befallen thee regarding thy brother. He hath soared, upon the wings of certitude, unto his resting-place in the highest paradise. Blessed is he in that he fulfilled the Covenant of God and His Testament, and what was commanded by God, the Lord of all religions. We found from him the fragrance of sincerity when he ascended unto God. Thy Lord, verily, is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The breathings of thy Lord's favors seized him in such wise as no mention can convey. Know thou, moreover, that she whom We named ʿAzziyyih before the Throne dwelleth within the precincts of her Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Confine matters to the remembrance of thy Lord, that perchance they who slumber today upon the couch of heedlessness and passion may become aware and turn unto God, the Source of all signs. The troubles and sorrows shall pass away, and what shall endure is that which hath been sent down unto thee from the Dayspring of joy and gladness. Thus have We adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of wisdom and exposition, that thou mayest remember thy Lord with spirit and fragrance.

Glory be upon thee, and upon thy son, and upon those who are with thee among them who have held fast unto the cord of the Cause and have kept the Covenant.

BH03902: In His Name, Who has dominion over what has…

In His Name, Who has dominion over what has been and what will be! A Book from Us to him who has drunk the sealed nectar when the Self-Subsisting came with sovereignty of grandeur and power, that he may rejoice in this Book which God has made the Dawning-Place of the books of the world, around which circle the scriptures and tablets. By God! The Book walks and speaks, and it is verily the Most Great Book at which hearts are bewildered and eyes intoxicated.

Blessed art thou for having found the fragrance of the Beloved and turned toward the Face whereby existence was illumined and the horizons made to shine. We have found from thee the fragrance of sincerity and have turned toward thee from this Prison, that thou mayest be assured that He loves the one who loves Him and remembers the one who utters His praise amongst the servants.

Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned in the Book and for having had the Pen of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, move upon thy name. By God! This is a sovereignty that shall not be overtaken by annihilation but shall endure as long as the Kingdom and the Realm endure. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

This is a Tablet that cannot be equaled by the treasures of the world nor matched by the books of all creation. Take heed lest the affairs of the earth sadden thee, or the intimations of those who have turned away from the Face. Soon will God seize them with a compelling force from His presence, and the banners of victory shall be raised upon the mountains and hills.

We beseech God to make thee a helper of His Cause and one who speaks in His remembrance. He is, verily, the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth through His sovereignty what He desireth. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Chosen One.

We counsel thee at the end of Our utterance with wisdom—hold fast unto it in all matters. Thus hast thou been commanded by thy Lord, the Master of all necks. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among them who have believed in God when the Promise appeared and the mountains passed away.

BH03840: A remembrance unto My servant who hath turned unto…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

A remembrance unto My servant who hath turned unto the Qiblih of faithfulness and fulfilled the Covenant of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful, that it may inspire him with such remembrance of his Lord as shall serve as proof in this Cause whereby bodies have been seized with trembling.

O people of Baha! Ye are the breezes of springtime throughout all regions. Through you have We adorned creation with the adornment of the knowledge of the All-Merciful, through you hath the face of the world been illumined and brightened with smiles. Hold ye fast unto the cord of steadfastness in such wise that through it vain imaginings may be obliterated. Go forth from the horizon of power in the name of your Lord, the Chosen One, and give the glad-tidings unto the servants with wisdom and utterance of this Cause which hath shone forth from the horizon of creation. Beware lest anything withhold you from that which ye have been commanded by the Most Exalted Pen when it moved across the Tablet with the sovereignty of grandeur and power. Blessed is he who hath heard its shrill voice as it was raised up in truth between earth and heaven.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! Turn with all thy being unto God, turning away from those who have denied the Resurrection. This is a Day whereon the Sun of Grace hath dawned and the horizon of bounty hath shone forth. Well is it with him who hath attained unto the purpose of God after all such unbelievers and doubters were heedless of it.

O people of Baha! The Kawthar of life hath flowed forth for your sakes. Drink ye therefrom in My Name, to spite those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Religions. We have made you the hands of His Cause. Aid ye the Wronged One, for He hath been afflicted at the hands of the wicked ones. He, verily, aideth him who aideth Him, and remembereth him who remembereth Him. To this beareth witness this Tablet which hath shone forth from the horizon of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the Mighty, the Compelling.

Make mention of those servants who have believed in God and glorify their faces with the glorification whereby spirits take flight. Thus have We commanded thee and sent down for thee that wherefrom thou shalt find the fragrance of the Beloved when He was in the hands of the wicked ones.

BH03900: A book from Us unto him who hath migrated…

He is the Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great

A book from Us unto him who hath migrated unto God until he was illumined by the lights of the countenance of his Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, and heard the call of his Lord while seated upon the throne of grandeur and majesty:

O Hasan! Hearken unto the call of God, the Knower of the hidden and the manifest. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, and firm in such wise that thereby the servants may be made firm. Forget not God's favor unto thee when thou wert present before the Face and didst witness the signs of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Omnipotent. He who hath ascended is verily in the Most Sublime Horizon and the Supreme Companion. Rejoice thou at this and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of the verses!

Thereupon doth the Supreme Pen address him from this Most Splendid Station, saying: Upon thee, O thou who hast believed in God, be the praise of God and the praise of all things. I testify that thou didst believe in God when the horizon of Manifestation was illumined with the light of certitude, and thou didst not hesitate for less than a moment when thou didst hear the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Thou didst forsake what was with the people, turning unto God, the Lord of all mankind. All things bear witness to that which the All-Merciful hath testified for thee. Rejoice thou in what hath been sent down unto thee from the Dayspring of clear tokens. Blessed is he who visiteth him with this remembrance. He is verily the one accepted before God, the Lord of Lords. He was among those who were in the presence of the Throne when the Dawning-Place of Revelation was in the land of Iraq, and who would recite the verses of God before the Throne at eventide and at dawn.

O Hasan! Grieve thou not over anything. When thou arrivest there, visit thy father with what hath been revealed for him from the Ancient Pen. Thus doth the Lord of the peoples command thee while He was in the hands of the wicked. Verily, the Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and remained faithful to the Covenant.

BH04024: A mention from Us to him who made mention…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to him who made mention before the Throne, that the fragrances of remembrance may stir him to a station wherein he will soar on wings of longing unto God, the Lord of all men. He hath turned unto Him Who turned unto him, and spoken in praise of those who have arisen to aid His Cause throughout the lands. Blessed is he who hath gathered the pearls of inner meanings from their mine and left the words of the people to the people of idle fancies. Happy is he who hath drunk the crimson wine from the white hand, and been so overcome with intoxication as to be detached from all creation.

Say: This is the Kawthar of My utterance amongst My creation, and the choice wine of My knowledge for My servants. Blessed is he who hath attained unto it and drunk thereof at the dawning of the light of My Beauty from the horizon of My Face that shineth upon all regions.

Think not that those who are heedless of the Cause are other than the people of error. Their deeds shall condemn them, even should they circle round the House and arise at dawn. Say: None hath any protection this Day save he who hasteneth with his heart unto the Dayspring of grace, whereby hearts are assured and eyes are gladdened.

Say: O people! By God, the Ultimate Tree calleth out in the kingdom of creation, yet ye remain heedless though ye were created for this sweetest call. To this beareth witness the Lord of creation. How long will ye follow vain desires? Turn ye unto the Countenance of guidance that hath appeared in such wise that the veils of the wicked could not prevent it. Break ye the cup of idle fancy through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, then take ye the chalice of success through the name of the Cleaver of Dawn.

Thus have We quickened the bodies of words through the outpourings of the ocean of utterance of thy Lord, Who controlleth the winds. When thou hast attained unto this Tablet and been attracted by the Kawthar of the All-Merciful, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Dawning-Place of praise, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the glory of the heavens and earth.

BH04019: A mention from Us unto those who have turned…

In the Name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal

A mention from Us unto those who have turned towards the Countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of the Cause with lights that encompassed the heavens and the earth. Verily, he who is illumined thereby is of the people of Baha, and he who turneth away is of the companions of the Fire. How many a learned one hath been deceived by his knowledge and turned away from the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling, and how many a heedless one hath been attracted by the breezes of revelation and turned with radiant face toward the ocean of knowledge. How many a rich man hath been held back by his riches from the Dayspring of eternity, and how many a poor one hath attained to the recognition of God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. For each there is a portion in the Book. He, verily, is the Recompenser, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, inasmuch as thou hast attained unto My recognition, hast set thy face toward My kingdom, hast entered the paradise of My loving-kindness, and hast been honored with My Tablet, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. We have found the fragrance of thy love and witnessed thy longing and ardent desire. Blessed art thou in that thou hast turned to the Most Great Ocean and wert not held back by the doings of the deniers. Let not sorrows overtake thee in the contingent world. Soon shall all that is seen pass away, and there shall endure what hath been ordained for My loved ones in a preserved Tablet. Remember thy Lord at all times and hold fast to His firm cord. He is with whomsoever remembereth Him and desireth him who hath desired Him. There is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Thus have We wafted unto thee the fragrance of the garment. When thou perceivest it from thy Lord's Tablet, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me amongst Thy handmaidens. Do Thou ordain for me the reward of those who circle round Thy mighty Throne. Know thou the worth of him whom God hath bestowed upon thee. We perceive from him the fragrance of the love of the All-Merciful. Upon him and upon thee be My glory and My mercy until the Day that cannot be reckoned by the pens of all worlds.

BH04016: A remembrance from Our presence unto her who soared…

He is the Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Glorious

A remembrance from Our presence unto her who soared on the wings of certitude into the atmosphere of the All-Merciful, until she recognized and believed in God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. May she rejoice in the remembrance of God in such wise that neither the sorrows of the contingent world nor the conditions of those women who have turned away from the Most Great Name when it appeared with manifest sovereignty shall disturb her. Blessed is the handmaid who has attained unto the Tablet of God and remained steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of those who denied God, the Mighty, the Beloved, did slip.

O handmaid of the Most Merciful! We have heard thy call and recognized that which thou art upon, and have answered thee from this praiseworthy station. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having sent down verses unto thee before, and now once again, as a favor from His presence upon thee. He is verily the Mighty, the Loving.

Blessed art thou for having fulfilled the Covenant and turned toward the Intended One when every obstinate idolator turned away. How many a queen waited but attained not, while thou didst attain when thou didst turn to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize Him and made thee among the women who have turned toward Him in a preserved tablet. Thou art she to whose love for Him the All-Merciful hath testified—exalted be this station from which the hands of most women have been cut off. Verily thy Lord is He Who ruleth over what He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

Rejoice thou in the glad-tidings of God, then remember Him at all times and at eventide and dawn. Thus have We adorned thee with the ornament of remembrance from this Tongue through one word of which the world was shaken and every lofty mountain was crushed. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon those handmaids who have turned with their hearts toward the Beloved and believed in God when the Promised One appeared.

BH04023: A mention from Us to him who turned…

In His Name, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the Mighty, the All-Wise

A mention from Us to him who turned to the Sea and attained the lights of the Countenance when the Dawning-Place of utterance came with manifest sovereignty. The attraction of love seized him in such wise that he became detached from his homeland, turning towards the Seat of God, the Mighty, the

Praiseworthy, until he entered the Pole of Paradise, the Station wherein the All-Merciful was established upon the throne of His Great Name. And he beheld what Moses desired and heard what the Beloved heard when He ascended to a mighty and glorious station.

O Abu'l-Hasan! God willing, through infinite bounties, the Revealer of verses shall cause thee to traverse the lands of God with complete eagerness and longing, and to perfume all with the fragrance of divine remembrance and the sweet scents of the Merciful's raiment. Praise be to God that thou didst arrive at the Most Great Sea and didst attain the Dawning-Place of infinite suns. With thine own eyes thou didst behold and with thine own ears thou didst hear that which no eye hath seen nor ear heard. Know thou the worth of this most great bounty and be thou engaged at all times in the remembrance of the All-Merciful. All thy services are known and accepted before God. I swear by the Sun of the horizon of sanctity that this word of acceptance is greater in God's sight than the treasures of earth and heaven.

Praise the Ancient Lord that thou hast attained to this most great station. The Tongue of Grandeur hath acknowledged thy service and accepted what thou didst bear in His path. This mention We have made a treasure for thee in the treasuries of the Tablets of thy Lord, the Guardian over the worlds. Convey greetings from the Prisoner to all the friends and gladden them all with infinite bounties. Verily, glory be upon thee and upon him who loveth thee for the sake of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH04226: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the Most Holy, Most Inaccessible, the Most Exalted

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and made them a glory unto all the worlds. Through them hath His Cause been exalted amongst His creation. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth.

Yet the people have made them a source of humiliation for My Self, though through them was confirmed the faith of every believer and the sun of certitude shone forth from the horizon of the tender mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. They read what We revealed aforetime and reject that which is greater. Lo! They are of the idolaters.

Say: These are verses through which all things were stirred and every illumined heart was drawn, through which the mountains moved and the rocks spoke forth this Great Name. Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Follow ye the guidance of God. He hath appeared in truth from this luminous horizon.

O people! I had remained silent in utterance. The command of your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath now come, and He hath manifested Me with clear proof and sent Me to those who are in the heavens and on earth. This is not from Me but from Him, if ye be of them that know. His power hath prevailed and His will hath encompassed all. He is verily the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Powerful. The tongue hath spoken by His leave and the Pen hath moved by His command.

Read ye what hath been revealed in the Tablets that ye may recognize the truth and be of them that are firmly established. Say: Delude not yourselves. He hath appeared in such wise that none can deny except

those who have turned away from the truth and been deceived by their own desires, and were of them that were remote.

Arise thou to serve the Cause by God's leave and His command. Then summon the people to what hath been sent down from His presence. He is verily the Mighty, the All-Wise.

Glory be upon the people of Baha from the presence of One mighty and praiseworthy.

BH04216: The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious! A mention…

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious! A mention from Us unto him whom We found turning towards the Kaaba of the intended Goal and gazing upon the praiseworthy station, whereon was established the throne of his Lord, the Omnipotent, the Most High, the Great, that the remembrance of God may strengthen him to promote His Cause amongst His servants and may enable him to utter that whereby all created things would be attracted. This is what God hath desired for him, that he may be of those who attain.

Verily, We hear that which thou dost utter and We see that wherein thou art, in thy love for thy Lord Who dwelleth in the most desolate of lands through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Blessed art thou for having immersed thyself in the ocean of divine knowledge and found the fragrance of the garment when it was wafted throughout the worlds.

Arise in My Name, then give the lovers to drink of the Kawthar of attainment on this Day wherein surgeth the sea of reunion and the All-Glorious hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth. O thou who soarest in My atmosphere and maketh mention of My Name! Draw thou the hearts of My servants through the wondrous verses and the sweet savors of My words. Thus doth command thee He Who hath come from the heaven of the Cause with His mighty and impregnable Kingdom.

Let not the barking of dogs grieve thee—those upon whose faces appeareth the darkness of torment. They are assuredly among the perishing ones.

Say: O My loved ones! Hold fast unto goodly deeds and follow not those who hold fast unto words rather than deeds. These, verily, are among the heedless. Say: It behoveth you that from you should be wafted the sweet savors of My morals and the holy, mighty, pure and radiant fragrances of My deeds throughout all worlds. Hold fast in all conditions unto the cord of wisdom, lest there occur that whereby the hearts of the weak would be troubled.

Thou shouldst give thanks unto God for having been mentioned by the tongue of thy Lord and for this luminous Tablet having been revealed unto thee. Verily, glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from One Who is Mighty, Praiseworthy.

BH04147: Verily in the immersion of the Glory…

In His name, the Mentioned One, Who is sanctified from all mention

Verily in the immersion of the Glory in the ocean of tribulation and His donning the garment of destiny are signs for those possessed of insight. O ye endowed with vision! Were ye to gaze with the most luminous sight upon this Most Great Scene, ye would behold the garment of the Lord of Destiny spattered with the blood of hatred by the people of wickedness. By God! Through their deeds all deeds have lamented, and through their actions the way of God hath been altered between the heavens and earths. They claim what they do not practice and say what is not in their hearts. Verily they are among the abased ones. When they see the steadfast ones they say "We believe in God, the True King, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Impregnable." But when they sit with their like they drink what they desire and speak according to their base passions. Verily they are among the drowned. They rejoice in what they possess—were they to know, they would lament. Soon shall the wrath and anger of God seize them. He is the most severe of avengers. By My life! My mercy hath preceded My wrath, and My patience hath encompassed the worlds.

O people of Baha! Hearken unto the call from the direction of grandeur, from the Divine Lote-Tree upon the snow-white spot—verily there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. In My patience there is wisdom, and in My forbearance other wisdom that none knoweth save God, the Mighty, the Wise. Arise to make mention and offer praise amidst the concourse of creation. This is better for you, if ye be of those who know.

O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! Give thanks to thy Lord, for the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath moved to make mention of thee. Be thou of such manner that the radiance of the Beloved may shine from thy face and the fragrances of thy Lord's Cause, the Mighty, the Wondrous, may waft from thy deeds.

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BH04272: This is a Book from Us to a people…

In the Name of Him Who was visible from the horizon of Command!

This is a Book from Us to a people who understand. Verily it is the Sign of God among all else and His Most Great Mystery in what hath been and what shall be. Verily it is His Manifestation in truth—were it not for Him, the standards of Names would not have been raised in the Kingdom of Creation, nor would the Dove have warbled upon the branches. There is no God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Through Him every name was established and every hidden mystery was revealed.

Rejoice, O people of Baha! By God, ye are the people of the Crimson Ark, whose mention was sent down in the Bayan. Blessed are ye and blessed is he who loveth you for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Be as standards upon the hills among the servants—this behooveth you, did ye but know. Be horizons of guidance among all creatures, such that all may receive blessings from your breaths and be illumined by the lamp of your utterance. Thus doth command you this wronged Exile.

We call you at this hour when We are in the hands of enemies who have openly committed iniquity—verily they are a blind people. We have arisen alone and remind the people of that which We were commanded by God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed is he who spendeth his evening in My remembrance and his morning in My Name—the Name whereby the heavens were cleft asunder and the Promised One appeared.

Beware lest ye be perturbed by what occureth in the world or be frightened by the tyranny of those who hasten after their lusts. O thou who hast turned to the Desired One! When thou drinkest the choice wine of utterance which hath flowed from the Pen of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, arise with assurance amidst all possibility, then call all with wisdom unto the Lord of creation, that perchance they may abandon what they possess and turn unto the praiseworthy station.

BH04426: Blessed is He Who sends down the verses…

He is the One Who has dominion over what was and what shall be!

Blessed is He Who sends down the verses as He pleases and causes all things to speak that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. All things have heard the call of the Lord of Names, yet most people are unaware. The mountains have been moved by the breezes of the days of God, yet the people do not understand. The inhabitants of the cities of names have been seized with rapture and longing by reason of the advent of the Ancient King with His Most Great Name, Who has manifested Himself to all who dwell in the kingdoms of the seen and unseen.

Blessed is the one far who has grasped the cord of nearness, and the poor one who has drunk from the ocean of wealth which has appeared in the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. We give the wine of utterance to drink to them that have recognized divine unity, and the water of life to them that are near. Blessed is he who has turned and attained that which the sincere ones have attained.

We see most people as idol worshippers though they imagine themselves to be guided. Say: No, by My true Self! Those who have denied the Dawning Place of verses have lost, when He came with proofs that rendered powerless all in the heavens and earth. Blessed are the people who reflect. There is no protector today for anyone and no refuge for any soul except God Who has appeared with a sovereignty that encompasses what was and what shall be.

O servant, grieve not over anything. Trust in God in whatever befalls you. Verily He does what He wishes through His word “Be” and it is. Hold fast to the hem of your Lord’s bounty and grasp this extended cord in such wise that neither the clamoring of men nor the doubts of those who are heedless of this hidden symbol shall prevent you.

BH04429: In the Name of Him Who is the Overcomer…

In the Name of Him Who is the Overcomer of all things! These are the verses of God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Great, which have been sent down in truth as a reminder to all the worlds. All things have been perfumed by the fragrances of revelation and the Tablets through the ornament of the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

They who have violated God's Covenant and His Testament are accounted among the most lost, while they who have remained faithful to the Covenant are numbered with those who have drawn nigh unto God. Blessed is he who through his steadfastness hath illumined the horizon of guidance and through whose arising every fearful doubter hath been raised up. Through certitude is the Cause of the All-Merciful made manifest; through detachment do the hearts of them that have turned to Him take wing. Adorn your hearts with the remembrance of the Beloved and your breasts with this resplendent light. They who object to God are accounted among the heedless.

Say: He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. None may object to that which He hath willed, for He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Were He to pronounce black to be white, or the high to be brought low, none may say "wherefore" or "why," and whoso sayeth so is among the cast down. He ordaineth naught for a thing save what is best for it, and speaketh not except with such wisdom as none hath comprehended save His own Self, the All-Knowing. Were He to pronounce a drop to be an ocean, verily this would be the truth, even as His very existence. Blessed are they who are endowed with insight.

Say: O people, wander not in the wilderness of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Turn with your hearts to the dawning-place of the grace of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Thus have We cast upon thee the word of truth that thou mayest read it and be of the thankful ones. [Leave the people] and what they possess, and take hold of the hem of thy Lord's mercy. This is better for thee than all that is in the heavens and earth.

BH04558: The Most Great, the Most Holy! Is there any…

The Most Great, the Most Holy! Is there any helper who will assist the Wronged One Who is between the hands of the oppressors? Is there any mighty one who, out of love for the Self of God, the All-Powerful, the Most High, the Most Great, will not look to his own self? Is there any speaker who will speak forth this Name between the heavens and the earth? Is there any face that will turn away from all faces, turning instead toward the face of his Lord, the Dawning, the Luminous? Is there any one possessed of power who will shatter the idols of vain imaginings through the sovereignty of My Name, the All-Compelling over the worlds? Is there any one possessed of knowledge who will cast aside knowledge, hastening to Him Who is Known, Who hath dawned from the horizon of His Name, the Self-Subsisting? He is assuredly among those near to God.

By God! The Youth in the midst of tribulation summoneth mankind unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Were people to become aware of the state in which the Tongue of the Intended One speaketh, they would lament for what hath befallen this Wronged One, this Stranger.

O servants of the All-Merciful! Be not saddened by the world and whatsoever hath escaped you of its ornaments and bounties. Soon shall it and all that is therein perish, and permanence shall remain for those who have stood firm in this Cause, through which the feet of them that hesitated have slipped in this manifest Matter.

Blessed is the seeker who hath hastened to the Sought One, and the hearer who hath heard the melody of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. Blessed is the soul that hath been severed for My love, that hath arisen

to aid Me, that hath appeared through My detachment and soared in My atmosphere. Such a one is of the people of Baha and the possessor of names. The angels of Paradise circle round him every morn and eve.

Arise to serve thy Lord in such wise that the power of every remote oppressor will not weaken thee. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee as a grace from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

BH04521: A Book from the All-Merciful to him who hath…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great

A Book from the All-Merciful to him who hath attained unto the Kawthar of life in days wherein all who are in the realm of existence objected, except such as God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Self-Subsisting, did will, that he may find tranquility through his Lord's favor and become one who maketh mention of Him amidst the factions. We make mention of him who hath turned towards God and aid those who have arisen to help the Cause of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and hearkened unto the call of Him Who is the Lord of Names when He came with power and sovereignty. They who have inhaled the fragrance of the Robe are among the people of holiness, and they who have remained heedless are among the people of error, even should they worship God morning and evening.

When We became aware of thy turning unto God, We turned unto thee from this Most Great Prison and revealed unto thee this Tablet whereby all who are in the horizons will take flight. Say: O people! This is the Day of God, turn ye unto Him and follow not every heedless doubter. Say: By God! The Promise hath come and He Who was promised hath appeared, and dominion belongeth unto God, the Lord of all men.

Fear ye God and follow not the desires of them who have clung to the cords of idle fancies and held fast to the hem of vain imaginings. Follow ye him who summoneth you at the center of the world unto God, the Lord of the Ancient. This is better for you, O ye who are endowed with insight. Thus have We adorned the kingdom of the Tablet with the mention of Him Who is the Lord of the realms of might. Read it and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind! Glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee among those who have believed in God, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

BH04539: Your letter, purified from mention of aught else, hath…

In the name of the Beloved of the worlds

Your letter, purified from mention of aught else, hath reached the Most Great and Most Luminous Horizon. Praise be to God, thou art favored with the infinite outpourings of God and art sustained by the everlasting, eternal wine. Well is it with thee for having attained unto the lights of His Countenance and ascended unto a station from whose horizon hath shone forth the luminary of steadfastness and fidelity. Verily thy Lord is the Rewarder, the All-Knowing.

We testify that thou hast aided thy Lord, and neither the intimations of the oppressors nor the veils of every froward denier have deterred thee therefrom. This is the testimony that hath been revealed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning thee. Rejoice thou and be of them that render thanks.

God willing, may you be assisted at all times to aid the Cause, for verily that which is most essential above all else today hath been and shall ever be the teaching of the Cause, which is in truth the triumph of God. Ye are of Us—sufficient unto you is this word, and My Name, the All-Encompassing over the worlds.

Be not grieved by certain matters. The divine, invisible confirmations will assuredly assist. He is with whosoever hath stood firm in His wondrous Cause. Strive earnestly for the unity of souls, that all may gather around one word, for this matter hath been the cause of the dispersion of the idolatrous people.

It behooveth thy kindred to glory in thee this day. Blessed are thy father and mother—the breezes of forgiveness from thy Lord, the All-Merciful, have wafted over them and their names have been inscribed among the triumphant in a mighty and glorious Tablet.

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy progeny and upon them that are with thee among the loved ones of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH04454: Glorified be He Who hath ordained the measures…

In His name that is holy above all mention

Glorified be He Who hath ordained the measures of all things in a perspicuous Book, and hath manifested the Day-Spring of His own Self unto the wise among men, through that which lay concealed in the knowledge of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath sent forth the Dawning-Places of His Cause and the Horizons of His Revelation with manifest verses and resplendent proofs, that all may know of a certainty that He, in truth, is the Omnipotent, the Almighty. Through them were the laws ordained, and the paths established, lest any soul should stray from His clear and straight Way. And He hath revealed in the Book that which shall withhold them from idle desire and command them unto guidance. Verily He is the Mighty, the Generous.

Say: O people! Follow ye that which hath been set down in the Book of Godâ€“those limits which God hath made the cause of life unto all the worlds. Whoso transgresseth His commandments, such a one is, in the sight of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, numbered with the transgressors. Say: That which hath been prescribed in the Book is not for any to regard as he regardeth the bounds that have arisen from the vain imaginings of the deluded. They who have been endowed with insight from God behold it as the river of mercy amidst mankind, the lamp of salvation in the kingdom of creation, and the radiant light of bounty unto all the worlds.

Say: Whatsoever appeareth from you is circumscribed by the limitations of your own selves; but that whereunto ye are commanded in the presence of Godâ€“this is the very source of triumph. Seek ye assistance from it, and be not of them that overpass. Thus hath the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of utterance. Blessed are they that behold!

Verily the glory be upon thee, and upon him who hath taken fast hold of that which We have enjoined from before One Who is Mighty, Praiseworthy.

BH04401: O Breeze of the Morn! When thou beholdest…

O Breeze of the Morn! When thou beholdest the people of Baha, recount unto them the story of the Youth, that perchance they may arise to assist this lonely Wronged One. Say: He is in such tribulation as hath no parallel in all creation. Were it to be mentioned, the tongue of all things would proclaim: Verily, this is a grievous tribulation. We desired not the sorrow of the loved ones, and therefore We concealed it, for We are the Concealer, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

Grieve not over anything. Arise to make mention of your Ancient Lord, that perchance the breaths of verses may waft over all created things and draw them to God, the Mighty, the Peerless.

Among the people are those who in the days of God have occupied themselves with their own desires, and among them are those who have cast aside all else, taking fast hold of the Book of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. It behooveth the people of Baha to be in such wise that neither the cawing of the people of the world nor the hypocrisy of those who have denied this manifest Cause will affect them. Be ye assured of God's grace and mercy, and be as one soul. Thus doth He command you Who is imprisoned in the land of exile—the Powerful, the Trustworthy.

Blessed is the face that hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, and the eye that hath been solaced by gazing upon the horizon of submission.

O Breeze! Art thou able to arise to convey the Cause of thy Lord, or dost thou find thyself among the fearful? Melodies have their modes, and songs their measures. None can hear and understand save those whom We have made the ears of the world. We have caused the Ark of Inner Meanings to sail upon the sea of utterance, that thy heart may rejoice thereat and thou mayest be of the thankful. When thou attainest unto it, say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having honored my name through Thy wondrous remembrance.

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BH04482: The Tongue of Utterance has smiled and speaks amidst…

In the Name of Him Who is Powerful over all who are on earth and in heaven!

The Tongue of Utterance has smiled and speaks amidst all contingent beings, that perchance those who slumber might awaken and hear the melodies that have been raised from this mighty Prison. The time has come and He Who was promised hath appeared, yet the people remain in strange drunkenness. Some are heedless, some have arisen in opposition, and some have objected and said that which none before had ever said. To this testifieth every fair-minded and perceiving one.

When the verses were sent down, they said: “These were revealed before in the tongue of the Remembrance.” Nay, they are among the fabricators. There hath been sent down concerning every matter that which none can reckon save God, Lord of all the worlds. The Remembrance hath testified that not a single word revealed in the Bayan can equal what hath been revealed herein. Thus hath the All-Merciful testified, but the fabricators remain in manifest perversity, speaking according to their own desires. They have gone astray and led others astray. They are indeed among the oppressors.

Say: This is an ocean surging within itself, from which God causeth to flow whatsoever He willeth. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. No exhaustion hath been ordained for it. Thus hath the matter been decreed, despite those who have violated God’s Covenant and His Testament and were among the idolaters. Blessed is he who readeth the verses of God and pondereth upon the pearls of his Lord’s knowledge that lie concealed therein, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

O thou servant! Arise to serve thy Ancient Master. Aid Him through remembrance and utterance. He maketh mention of thee in this remote station. Beware lest the affairs of creation veil thee. Hold fast unto the cord of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Ancient of Days.

BH04449: He is the Mighty, the Great! A remembrance…

He is the Mighty, the Great! A remembrance from Us to one who has drunk the sealed wine from the hand of his Lord’s bounty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, and who has attained to the fragrances of revelation when the Desired One came with a wondrous command.

Arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that the doubts of the dubious ones shall not hold thee back. Turn away from those in whom thou perceivest the stench of denial, and be steadfast in certitude. Satan appears in various forms and likenesses to mislead the people and prevent them from this straight path. Be as fire to the wicked and as light to the people of this noble horizon.

It behooveth him who hath turned to the Countenance to arise to serve the Cause in such wise that the denial of the deniers shall not hold him back. He is indeed of the people of Baha in the Tablet of eternity—to this beareth witness the Creator of heaven Who speaketh the truth in this remote prison.

O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! Give thanks for having been seized by the fragrances of revelation from this luminous horizon. Arise amidst the people and remind them of this Remembrance which hath dawned from the Dayspring of creation with manifest light, that they may perchance abandon what they possess and turn toward the Desired One Who hath appeared with a mighty command.

Say: Beware lest ye reject the truth by virtue of what ye possess. Turn with your hearts toward the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through Him hath every truth been made manifest, every command established, and every wondrous Book sent down. Beware lest passion hold you back from the Dayspring of guidance. Cast aside what ye possess in your search for that which is with your Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Thus doth the Dayspring of knowledge teach you, that ye may find a way unto Him. Verily, glory be upon him who hath believed in God, the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH04851: In the Name of Him Who was sanctified…

In the Name of Him Who was sanctified from all names and whatsoever was created in the realm of origination! This is a Book sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance unto him who hath believed in his Lord, the All-Merciful, and was recorded among the guided ones in the Mother Book, that the attraction of his Lord's verses might seize him and cause him to speak forth the praise of his Master Who lay imprisoned amidst the wrongdoers.

Dost thou hear the call of thy Lord, yet remain silent? Dost thou perceive the fragrance of the Garment, yet remain still? Arise by thy Lord's leave and say: O people! That which ye were promised in the Tablets hath come to pass, and God is witness to what I say.

Grieve not over the world and all that is therein, but rather for him who is immersed in the ocean of tribulation—thus hath the decree been sent down. Think not upon any matter save this Cause which hath appeared from the horizon of might.

Say: Do the veils of idle fancies prevent you from God, or do the veils of allusions conceal you from a Station illumined by the lights of the Throne? Draw forth the swords of utterance with power and assurance, then with them unlock the cities of hearts—thus doth the Best-Beloved command you in a Tablet sealed with the seal of glory.

Would that the people had found the sweetness of God's utterance and known what He desired for them through a sovereignty that encompasseth all worlds! Arise to aid the Cause of your Lord and to exalt His Word amongst the servants with such arising as would tranquilize the heart of every heedless doubter. Thus hath the sun of grace and beneficence dawned from the horizon of thy Lord's loving-kindness that thou mightest rejoice thereby and remain steadfast in the Cause.

BH04740: In the Name of Him Who has arisen…

In the Name of Him Who has arisen to the Cause with power and sovereignty! Glorified is He Who has sent down the verses in truth and made them clear evidences for all the worlds!

Say: The fragrance of the garment has wafted through creation, yet the people remain in far-off heedlessness. The breezes of spring have blown in the days of God, yet the people remain behind a thick veil. Say: O people, fear God and follow not those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: Today no one's proofs regarding the Cause are accepted except through their recognition of this Luminous Manifestation. Every proof has appeared for My name and every evidence to establish My Cause—blessed are they who know! Were anyone to hearken with the ear of innate nature, they would hear that the Beloved says: This is for the Best-Beloved of the worlds.

O My loved ones! The Beloved, in lands of exile, remembers you and calls you to God, the Master of the Day of Judgment. Arise to help the Wronged One, for He has been afflicted with tribulations that none can comprehend save the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Were you to read what was revealed

before in Iraq and other lands, you would know what condition I am in today, and your Lord, the True, the Faithful bears witness to this.

We beseech God to aid you in serving Him and in arising to help His Cause, the Imperative, the Wondrous, the Manifest. Arise to the Cause in such wise that neither the barking of dogs nor the might of the oppressors disturbs you. Grieve not over anything—trust in God and speak through this Mighty Name. He aids whoever aids Him and ordains for him what He wishes. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH04679: Blessed be He Who hath manifested Himself unto all…

In the Name of Him Who is Potent over what was and what shall be!

Blessed be He Who hath manifested Himself unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, and Who summoneth all unto God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

When the Call was raised from the direction of Supreme Glory, those who followed their desires turned away from it, while they that had clung to the cord of guidance in this wondrous Day drew nigh unto it. Among the people are those who have taken the chalice of certitude and drunk therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible; and among them are those who cast it behind their backs and turned to that which is corrupt. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, apprise you.

O My loved ones! Let not the vicissitudes of time trouble you. Ye are they the like of whom the eye of creation hath not beheld. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a preserved Tablet. Strive ye to preserve your stations, lest the doubts of the idolators cause you to slip. They speak according to their own desires. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause. Thus doth He command you, in Whose grasp lieth the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth.

Say: O people! Fear God, and follow not those who have disbelieved after the clear proofs came unto them from every direction. They are assuredly among the most lost. Follow ye the Truth that speaketh at the heart of the world even as the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken within the Tabernacle of Immaculacy:

> “Verily there is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful.”

As for him who hath turned towards Him, turn ye towards him; and as for him who hath turned away, leave him to himself, and set your faces toward the holy and luminous Spot of God, the Mighty, the Radiant.

Thus have We kindled the lamp of inner meanings within the niche of thy Lord’s Tablet and sent it unto thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

BH04927: In the Name of Him Who rules over all…

In the Name of Him Who rules over all who are in earth and heaven! O peoples of the world, hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful, as it is raised in truth: There is none other God but Me, the All-

Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Follow not your passions, but follow rather the Revealer of verses Who summons you unto God. This would be better for you, did ye but know.

Burden not yourselves with that which prevents you from treading this outstretched Path. Be sources of fairness amongst the servants and manifestations of justice unto all in the lands. This behooveth you, could ye but understand. The world and all wherein ye take delight shall perish. Cast it behind you and turn with your hearts unto the Beloved.

Should ye find one who turns away, remind him of God's verses, that haply he may turn unto his Lord. And should he persist in his state, leave him to himself. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur command you, while in the hands of those who disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

We have sent down this Tablet for those who have believed in God and His signs, that they may arise to help the Wronged One. O servant! Grieve not at what hath befallen thee. Ponder My tribulation, My exile, My imprisonment and My affliction, after I summoned all unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Should a calamity touch you, be patient even as your Lord, the Possessor of the seen and unseen, was patient. Thus did the Tongue speak when sorrows encompassed the Lord of all that was and shall be.

Glory be unto those who have acknowledged that which hath been sent down from God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH04632: The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious!…

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Glorious! Hearken unto what the Tongue of Grandeur calleth out to thee from the horizon of tribulation: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Stranger, the Wronged One.

Say: O people! Ye have been promised in the Tablets this Manifestation. Now hath He appeared with truth—wherefore do ye not understand? And He Whom ye were promised by the tongue of truth hath now come with truth—wherefore do ye not see? Arise from the couches of heedlessness by this Name through which all things have arisen, and follow not every rejected ignorant one.

They who have wronged this day—these shall not be helped. Hold fast to the cord of justice and deprive not yourselves of this manifest bounty. Draw nigh with your hearts unto the Beloved and follow not every hateful outcast.

This is the countenance of God amongst you, and His manifestation within you, and His sovereignty unto you, did ye but know. This is the root of all good—He hath come to you with signs, then proof, then evidences that none in the unseen or visible realms can equal. Leave behind what ye possess of ancient tales and take hold of this praised announcement.

The Pen hath nearly taken flight from the call of God while the idolaters wander bewildered in the desert of hesitation.

O servants of the All-Merciful! This is the springtime of the All-Merciful, did ye but know. The Lord of Seasons hath come, did ye but perceive. The Sovereign of Days hath appeared—blessed are the people who see.

O servant! Rejoice in the remembrance of God. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou through Whose command was created what was and what will be to come.

BH04686: In His Name, the Ever-Abiding after the passing away…

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding after the passing away of all things! Blessed be the Beloved Who sendeth unto hearts that which draweth them unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have opened the gates of utterance with the key of Our Most Great Name, and hearts through this Name whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth have been attracted—were We to speak of it, all would be thunderstruck. This is truth like unto His existence, yet most of the people are heedless.

In the first station, none is seen save he who hath clung to the Most Great Cord, and all else returneth to nothingness. Well is it with them that are endued with insight. And in the second, all are thunderstruck by the grandeur of God's Cause and His sovereignty, save those who have cast away mortal things and turned toward the Most Great Scene—this glorious station.

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of My prison, from the tongue of My grandeur: Verily there is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous. Glad tidings unto thee for having fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament. The Most Exalted Pen doth therefore testify that thou art among the devoted ones, inscribed in a mighty Tablet. Give thanks unto thy Lord, for the tongue of Revelation hath moved to make mention of thee in numbered years. By God! All that is in the kingdom cannot equal this. Well is it with them that know.

Make mention of thy Lord among the handmaidens, that perchance their hearts may be drawn by this wise remembrance. That which thou seest shall pass away, but there shall endure the deeds of those who have arisen to serve the Cause—thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, doth testify to this. The glory be upon thee, and upon thy father, and upon those who have turned unto God in His days and been guided by this resplendent Light.

BH04799: In the Name of God, the Most Great…

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Great! The Book of God hath been sent down in truth from the direction of the Throne. He, verily, is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And verily it is the Ancient Beauty amongst the nations and a sign of the All-Merciful unto all who dwell in the realm of possibility. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of revelation from this luminous Kawthar. By My life! Whosoever drinketh thereof shall never thirst, and whosoever entereth therein shall never depart, throughout the eternity of God, the Lord of the worlds.

O My loved ones! Hasten with your hearts toward the direction of the Beloved. By God! The ocean hath surged through My Name, and the fragrance hath wafted through My remembrance, and the Sun of Revelation hath shone forth from this manifest horizon. Beware lest remembrances hold you back from

your Lord, the Chosen One, or veils prevent you from that which your Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful, hath desired. Cling ye to the hem of grace and hold fast to this firm cord. Verily, it calleth you at all times unto God, your Lord, the All-Merciful. This, verily, is a great bounty.

Whosoever is moved by the fragrances of the garment in the days of God—he is of the sincere ones. And whosoever halteth and turneth away—he is of the dead. Be grateful that the Beloved remembereth thee and hath intended for thee what was intended for all the worlds.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Make my heart in all conditions to turn toward Thee, and my tongue to make mention of Thee, and my face to be illumined by the lights of Thy countenance, and every limb of my body to incline toward the direction of Thy bounties and the dawning-place of the lights of Thy oneness. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH04737: Glorified be He Who hath rent asunder the veil…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Mighty, the Most Bountiful

Glorified be He Who hath rent asunder the veil and manifested Him Who was hidden within the veils of the unseen and concealed throughout all eternity. Yet when He came with the truth, the people opposed Him and all in the land were troubled, save those who discovered the fragrance of the Beloved and turned to Him with illumined hearts. The Most Great Ocean hath surged in the name of the Ancient King, yet most of the peoples remain heedless. The eyes have been afflicted with the ophthalmia of vain imaginings, whereby they are prevented from beholding the face of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful. All things have perished save His Face that shineth from this manifest horizon. Blessed is the eye that hath beheld the Most Great Vision, and blessed the heart that hath turned unto the Object of the desire of all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Thy letter hath come before the Throne; therefore hath the Pen of Command moved to make mention of thee in this glorious Tablet. Give thanks for having attained unto the recognition of God and for having been mentioned in the Tablets. This is naught but a mighty favor.

Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having enabled me to recognize Thy Cause and for having made known unto me the Dayspring of Thy Self and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, on a Day whereon all creation hath been seized with the drunkenness of vain desires save those whom the hand of Thy favors hath delivered. Thou art, verily, the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous. O my Lord! Make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the affairs of the world shall not disquiet me, nor shall the veils of them that have disbelieved in Thee and in Thy signs hinder me. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Subduing, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH05113: We, verily, have set forth all things in Our…

In His Name, the Most Exalted above mention and utterance!

We, verily, have set forth all things in Our Book, as a token of grace unto those who have believed in God, the Almighty, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. And We have ordained obligatory prayer and fasting so that all may by these means draw nigh unto God, the Most Powerful, the Well-Beloved. We have written down these two laws and expounded every irrevocable decree. We have forbidden men from following whatsoever might cause them to stray from the Truth, and have commanded them to observe that which will draw them nearer unto Him Who is the Almighty, the All-Loving. Say: Observe ye the commandments of God for love of His beauty, and be not of those who follow in the ways of the abject and foolish.

When He desired the order of the world and its life, and the manifestation of bounty and His favors [among] His servants—verily He is the Truth, the All-Knowing… upon you that which benefits you if you [observe it] and your remembrance will endure in His kingdom, the Inaccessible, the Exalted. Beware lest desire prevent you from that which has shone forth from the horizon of utterance… the ways of God and follow not every denied deceiver. Thus has the sun of grace shone forth from this horizon… upon those who understand.

BH05182: O friends! We see that He Who is mentioned…

O friends! We see that He Who is mentioned mentions you from His Most Great Prison and We hear from Him that which has caused all things to quiver and the very pebbles to cry out: “There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” By My life! The Beloved loves you and the Desired One desires you from this far-off shore.

Beware lest the conditions of the people of the contingent world extinguish you in the days of your Lord, the Most Merciful. Cast them behind you, then turn with illumined hearts and radiant breasts toward the Dawning-Place of the revelation of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

All things have been set ablaze by the fire of the Word of the Lord of Names, yet We see most of the people to be heedless. The horizon of revelation has been lit by the Sun of the remembrance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Wise, and the heaven of wisdom has been illumined by the Light that has appeared with My Most Glorious Name, yet they remain veiled from it.

Beware lest the waters of rejection hold you back from the ocean or the doubts of the deniers bar you from the gate. Cast the contingent world behind you, then turn your sight toward the direction of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Praised. By My life! If you were to turn with the ears of your hearts, you would hear from all things that which the Interlocutor heard from the Sinai Tree. Thus has the matter been decreed, were you of those who know.

O thou who hast turned to God! If thou hast heard the Call and attained unto this Tablet, be thankful and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who speaketh the truth while being held in the hands of the oppressors.”

BH05082: He is the One Who standeth over all things!...

He is the One Who standeth over all things! God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The Most Exalted Pen testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved.

Among the people are those who have testified to the testimony of God, and among them are those who have remained veiled through following every heedless and ignorant one. This is a Day wherein the rock proclaimeth the Kingdom to be God's, the Almighty, the All-Loving, and the pebble beareth witness to the Revealer of verses, yet the people are in strange doubt.

Among the people are those who remain veiled by what the people possess and do not become certain of God's testimony—they are indeed among the lowly ones. And among them are those who wander in the wilderness of the Caliphate and by its mention are prevented from its Owner—they are indeed in manifest error.

Say: This is God's Day wherein naught is mentioned save His Self, and all else is on one plane, if ye be of them that know. Whoso hath attained unto it hath attained unto all names, and whoso hath turned away from it hath no portion of this resplendent Kawthar.

This is a Day wherein every friend crieth out "Have mercy upon me, O Thou Most Merciful One!" and every chosen one cleaveth to the hem of grace, saying "O Lord of all nations! Cause me then to enter among Thy sincere servants, and make me steadfast in Thy Cause whereby the back of every distant idolater is broken."

Say: Cast aside what ye possess of idle fancies and hold fast unto My Strong Cord. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thy heart may rejoice thereat and thou mayest be of them that have attained. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05246: The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness that there...

In His Name Who is established upon the Throne

The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness that there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. And the tongues of all created things testify that there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved. Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of My garment and hath arisen, detached from all the worlds. Whoso hath recognized the Truth with his own eyes, the veils of creation shall not withhold him. This is a truth of which there is no doubt. Blessed are they who are endowed with true understanding.

How many a servant is stirred by the winds of temptation, and how many a servant is not caused to slip by the doings of the heedless. Verily he who hath quaffed the living waters from the utterance of the All-Merciful shall arise to aid the Cause in such wise that the hosts of the heavens and of earth shall not deter him. Victory hath been ordained in the Book and in the Utterance. Fear ye God and be not of the mischief-makers.

It behooveth no one to object against anyone. Be ye trustees of the All-Merciful throughout all possibility. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, counsel you. Build ye up hearts through the name of the Beloved. This is the true victory, did ye but know. Teach your children that which hath been sent down from God, that they may recite it in most melodious tones. Thus hath it been ordained in a mighty Book.

When We perceived from thee the fragrance of turning unto Us, We revealed unto thee this wondrous Tablet that thou mayest recite the verses of God and ponder upon that which hath been manifested in this glorious Revelation. Glory be unto them who have attained unto the lights of the Countenance after the passing away of all things. They, verily, are of the sincere ones.

BH04979: O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who…

He is the Most Mighty, the Most Mighty

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned toward the Most Glorious Horizon, when He came to the heaven of the Cause with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the heavens and the earth, that the fragrances of the verses may so seize him that he will forsake all created things, turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

O thou who soarest in the atmosphere of certitude! Hearken unto the call of the Beloved of all creation from this Prison, whereby the back of existence was made to tremble and the Faithful Spirit did lament. Grieve not at anything. Arise to serve the Cause through God's might and power, and be of them whom the allusions of the learned could not deter from this wise Remembrance.

We beheld thee turning toward the ocean and have therefore revealed unto thee this luminous Tablet. Render thanks for having been mentioned before the Throne and for having had the countenance of the Ancient Beauty turn toward thee from this noble scene.

They who on this Day have debarred themselves from the Living Waters are verily the companions of the fire, inscribed in a preserved Tablet. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Desired One and drunk the wine of mystic knowledge from the cup of the favors of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and for having attained.

We counsel thee to manifest supreme steadfastness, for Satan lurks behind the All-Merciful, calling his friends who have denied God from time immemorial. Thus doth He with Whom is the knowledge of all things inform thee in a clear Book.

May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the Countenance when it appeared from this luminous horizon.

BH05036: Mention from Us to him who has attained…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great

Mention from Us to him who has attained to the Most Great Sea when the Lord of Eternity came, and who drank the Choice Wine that was sealed when it was unsealed through My Name, the Self-Subsisting, and who responded to his Lord when the Call was raised between the heavens and the earth:

O Letter of the Living! Hearken unto the call of the Spirit of the Spirit, before Whom the Spirit itself doth proclaim: “The Most Great Spirit hath come with manifest sovereignty!” Years have elapsed and thy letter hath not appeared before the Throne. Hath the fire of God been extinguished within thee, or art thou among the heedless? We verily gave thee life aforetime and We love thee sincerely for the sake of God, inasmuch as thou didst follow thy Lord, the Ancient of Days.

Pay no heed to those who whisper in the breasts of men. Turn wholly unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. It behooveth thee to present thy letter before the Throne. Thus hast thou been commanded by God, the Goal of them that have recognized Him.

Forget not the favor of God when thou wert in Our presence and didst hear the verses from the tongue of God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Arise to promote the Cause with spirit and joy, then attract hearts through this wondrous Remembrance. Thus have We mentioned thee in this Tablet from which hath shone forth the horizon of the utterance of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Take hold of the Book of God with the power that proceedeth from Him, then make mention of those who are there and glorify their faces from the Prisoner, the Exile.

BH05049: A mention from Us unto him whose letter hath…

In the Name of the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy, the Most Great

A mention from Us unto him whose letter hath attained unto the presence of the Mother Book, Who summoneth the peoples in the Most Great Prison unto God, the King, the Powerful, the Exalted, the Great.

Say: By God! The Most Great Book hath been sent down upon the human temple. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who speaketh at the heart of contingent being: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” All books are but a letter of this Book, and all scriptures proclaim His Name, the Guardian over all worlds.

Rejoice thou in that thy letter was read before the Throne and this perspicuous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. We found from thy mention the fragrances of sincerity for God Who hath caused all things to speak in praise of the Dayspring of His Cause, the Luminous, the Resplendent. When thou didst desire the grace of thy Lord, the ocean of bounty surged and the winds of thy Lord’s gifts, the Lord of Names, were stirred. He is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient.

Be thou assured of thy Lord’s favor, for He remembereth whoso turneth unto Him and regardeth whoso ariseth to serve Him. Not a thing escapeth His knowledge. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Upon thee rest steadfastness in this Cause, and upon Us resteth My mercy which hath preceded all created things. Thus hath the Ancient Sea sprinkled forth out of love for thee.

When thou hast attained unto it, render thanks and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged at the hands of the oppressors, and thanks be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast been prevented from that which was created for Thee through the deeds of the aggressors.”

BH05023: Praise be to the Imperishable Beloved Who, through His…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

Praise be to the Imperishable Beloved Who, through His all-embracing mercy, summoneth all created things unto life everlasting. Yet many souls in the Days of God have remained deprived of the wine of the All-Merciful’s mercy and the Heavenly Fountain of Divine utterance, and wander bewildered in the wilderness of self and passion, while others have attained unto His infinite bounties. Blessed are they, and woe unto the heedless!

Praise be to God that thou hast quaffed from the Everlasting Chalice proffered by the Hand of Divine favors, and hast attained unto the recognition of God which is the source of all good. Thy mention hath been made in His presence and thy name inscribed in His Book. This is a mighty favor indeed—know thou its worth and preserve it as thou wouldst thy life.

Be thou not grieved at that which hath befallen thee. We must all be content with God’s decree and patient in times of tribulation, for whatsoever proceedeth from God, if observed with penetrating vision, hath been and ever shall be the essence of His grace. In truth, sorrow befitteth those souls who are afflicted with the vain imaginings and troubles of this world, not one who hath, by God’s grace, ascended unto the highest horizon and taken up his abode in the most exalted Paradise.

With utmost joy and gladness, occupy thyself with the remembrance of God. Praise be to God that thou art sprung from His Tree and art mentioned by His Name. The Glory be upon thee.

BH05065: The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious

Glorified is He Who speaketh the truth. He, verily, is the Proclaimer between the heavens and the earth. When His call was raised from His direction, all things were stirred save those who turned away from His countenance and were among the heedless. They who have found the sweetness of the utterance hastened unto the All-Merciful, and they who were seized by the rapture of revelation turned unto the face before which all in the worlds have bowed down in adoration.

Say: O people! Nullify not the Cause of God through what ye possess. Set aside that which distracteth you from it and turn ye unto the station from whose horizon hath shone forth the Sun of the beauty of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. This is a Day wherein no ransom shall be accepted, nor shall anything profit you though ye should cling to all things, were ye but to know.

Hearken unto the call from the luminous Spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful. O people! The proof hath come, and He Who revealeth the utterance

hath appeared with a manifest sovereignty. Follow not your desires—burn them with the fire of the remembrance of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: Do ye sport with God's sovereignty and His Cause? Turn your eyes that ye may behold your Lord dawning from the horizon of might with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the worlds.

Hearken, O My loved ones, unto the melody of grandeur, then drink ye of the water of everlasting life. We have forbidden the people of hatred from this crimson cup from the hand of the All-Glorious Cup-bearer. Thus hath the matter been decreed by your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH05079: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I give praise…

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I give praise to Thee, that Thou hast made me able so to reveal Thine utterances, and manifest Thy proofs and Thy testimonies, that every proof hath been made to circle round my will, and every testimony to compass my pleasure. Thou seest me, O my Lord, lying at the mercy of Thine adversaries, who have repudiated Thy signs, and refuted Thy testimony, and turned back from Thy beauty, and resolved to shed Thy blood. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all names, by Thy name through which Thou hast subdued all created things, to graciously aid Thy servants and Thy loved ones to cleave steadfastly to Thy Cause. Give them, then, to drink what will quicken their hearts in Thy days.

Enable them, moreover, O my Lord, to fix their gaze at all times upon Thy pleasure, and to yield Thee thanks for the evidences of Thine irrevocable decree. For Thou art, verily, praiseworthy in all that Thou hast done in the past, or wilt do in the future, and art to be obeyed in whatsoever Thou hast wished or wilt wish, and to be loved in all that Thou hast desired or wilt desire. Thou lookest upon them that are dear to Thee with the eyes of Thy loving-kindness, and sendest down for them only that which will profit them through Thy grace and Thy gifts.

We entreat Thee, O Thou Who art the Cloud of Bounty and the Succorer of the distressed, that Thou wilt aid us to remember Thee, and to make known Thy Cause, and to arise to help Thee. Though all weakness, we yet have clung to Thy Name, the Most Powerful, the Almighty.

Bless Thou, O my God, them that have stood fast in Thy Cause, and whom the evil suggestions of the workers of iniquity have failed to deter from turning towards Thy face, and who have hastened with their whole hearts toward Thy grace, until they finally quaffed the water that is life indeed from the hands of Thy bounty.

Potent art Thou to do Thy pleasure. No God is there save Thee, the Mighty, the Most Generous.

BH05099: In His Name, the Protector over what was! We…

In His Name, the Protector over what was! We had previously sent ʿAli to give glad tidings to humanity of this Most Great Countenance. He was indeed a herald in the Faran of longing, calling all to God, the Lord of the Day of Separation. He informed everyone of this Most Great Manifestation. But when the time came and the promise appeared, those servants who wandered in the desert of hypocrisy turned away

from Him. Among the people were those who broke God's covenant and pledge, those who turned back on their heels, and those who cast aside all else and turned to God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

When the Most Great Sea surged forth, all on earth were drowned except those whom We took by the hand of grace and rescued through majesty and power. Blessed is this Day wherein God calls out with the most exalted call, summoning all to a station which He has made the Dawning-place of lights.

O My loved ones! Leave those who are veiled by their own selves, then ascend on two wings of detachment in this atmosphere which God has sanctified from the conditions of creation and made the soaring-place of the righteous. Those who are heedless today of this bounty are truly among the people of loss. Soon they shall find themselves in the abyss of divine wrath while the sincere shall dwell in the highest paradise.

Be thankful that you have been mentioned before the Face, and this Tablet has been revealed for you from which the fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted throughout all possibility. Verily the glory be upon you and upon those who remain firm in the Cause through power and sovereignty. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of all religions.

BH05134: The Most Holy, Most Glorious. A book from God…

The Most Holy, Most Glorious. A book from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, unto him who hath been illumined by the light of the countenance and hath turned toward the Intended One and hath heard the call of the Beloved.

O people! Arise to aid the Cause of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Beware lest ye follow any hateful idolater. Put aside mankind, for the All-Knowing hath come upon the clouds, if ye be of them that understand. Nothing shall profit you this day save turning toward this horizon from whose dawning-place hath appeared the Face of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Is there anyone who pondereth this Cause? Is there any possessor of sight who beholdeth that which hath shone forth from God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen? Say: O people! Answer Him Who hath come unto you from the heaven of bounty with a hidden name. Cast aside what ye possess of idle fancies and turn ye unto God—this is better for you, would ye but understand.

Draw near unto the ocean, for lo! it surgeth through this forbidden name. Turn ye to the Dawning-Place of Revelation, for verily it hath appeared with the truth, would ye but perceive. This is a Day whereon God hath called out by His own Self. Blessed is he who hath heard and answered his Ancient Lord. They that are heedless this day are verily among the most lost.

Blessed is the strong one who hath arisen to serve the Cause and the weak one who hath been strengthened through the power of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Thus have We sent down unto thee that which shall cause the hearts of them that are nigh to soar, and from which thou shalt find the fragrance of the favors of thy Lord, and shalt be of them that are firmly established.

BH05081: The Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious! The Spirit…

The Most Great, Most Holy, Most Glorious! The Spirit bears witness: The Light has come, and sovereignty belongs to God, the Mighty, the All-Wise. The Bayan bears witness: The All-Merciful has come with a clear proof. The Beloved bears witness: By God! This indeed is the Best-Beloved. Blessed is he who turns to Him. He, verily, is the One intended in the Tablets of God, the Mighty, the Praised. The Interlocutor bears witness: The All-Bountiful has come and from Him has issued forth every wise command. And beyond them all the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory bears witness: He Who is mentioned has come, He by Whose name the heaven of Revelation was adorned and the earth have passed away.

The Divine Lote-Tree bears witness from the blessed spot: The Beauty of Divine Unity has appeared from God's holy and luminous horizon. The Rock cries out with its loudest voice: The Lord of all creation has come, while the people remain behind a mighty veil. I bear witness that the Call has been raised to such a degree that those on earth have heard it. Blessed is he who has turned to it and is among the successful ones.

O people! This is God's mystery among you, and His treasure within you, and His sovereignty unto you—turn to Him with illumined hearts and radiant faces. This behooves you, if you be of those who reflect. Abandon vain imaginings in the name of the Lord of all names, and hold fast to the Sure Handle. This is better for you than what you possess, and to this testifies the Pen of God, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

O servant! When you attain to the lights of the Remembrance Who has appeared and shone forth from the horizon of grace, say: May my soul be a sacrifice unto You, O Sacrifice of the worlds!

BH05058: A remembrance unto him who hath turned towards My…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

A remembrance unto him who hath turned towards My countenance and heard My call when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven, that he may discover the fragrance of the Pen which hath appeared in the paradise of eternity and be drawn unto the precincts of mighty glory. Blessed is the ear that hath heard the call of God and the heart that hath turned unto the Beloved of the worlds.

How many servants awaited the days of the Manifestation, yet when He appeared they denied God, the Mighty, the Wise. How many learned ones were kept back by their knowledge from the Known One, and how many ignorant ones plunged into the sea through My Name, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

No one should glory over another in what he possesseth of ornaments and such things, rather glory lieth in what hath been ordained by One mighty and powerful. Blessed is the servant whose name hath been mentioned today before the Throne, and the soul whose name hath been inscribed on a preserved tablet.

By God! This is a day around which revolve the times of the first and the last, and it cannot be compared with what hath passed or will come to pass, if ye be of them that know. Were We to explain this station, thou wouldst see mankind struck down.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the dead were raised up, to withhold me not from the ocean of Thy grace and bounty, and leave me not to myself in Thy days. Then make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the veils of them that have disbelieved and the allusions of the heedless keep me not back. O my Lord! I have laid hold on the handle of Thy favors and clung to the hem of Thy bounty. Verily Thou art the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH04978: O Exalted Pen! Make mention of those whom We…

In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

O Exalted Pen! Make mention of those whom We have related to thy exalted Self, and mention them with such remembrances as will cause the fish in the seas to be attracted, the fruits upon the trees and the birds in their nests to speak. Verily, Thou art the One possessed of great bounty, and Thy mercy hath preceded all the worlds.

O Bushra! Glad tidings unto thee, for the Tongue of Grandeur and Majesty hath spoken thy name in a place whose exterior is prison but whose interior is paradise—whose trees were planted by the hands of grace, whose flowers appeared through the breeze of revelation, whose every particle of dust was sweetened by the living waters that flowed from the lips of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and whose pebbles were stirred by the fragrant and flowing locks of hair moving upon the back of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O blessed art thou! Wouldst thou but recite this Tablet with the melody sent down from the heaven of the will of thy Lord, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous. By My life! Were the ears of all created things to hear what the Tongue of Grandeur warbleth in this blessed leaf to draw them to the kingdom of their Lord, they would be attracted—yet most people hear not. Their own desires have prevented them from that which floweth from the right hand of the Throne, and they are indeed among the fallen.

Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having attained unto the utterance of God when the All-Merciful was seated upon His mighty throne. Verily, glory be upon thy father and upon thee and upon those with you who have clung to this resplendent hem.

BH05103: In the name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal…

In the name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! The Dove hath warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity that there is none other God but Me, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. The atoms in the kingdom of creation have proclaimed that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty over all the worlds.

The attraction of the verses hath seized all things, yet most of the people wander distraught. They have forsaken the Self-Subsisting and clung to vain imaginings, having followed the promptings of the Evil Ones who turn people away from this Most Great Ocean while supposing themselves to be guided aright. Say: By God! Ye have turned away from guidance and turned to desire—this is what the Lord of Names doth testify, seated upon His mighty throne.

Say: O people of vain imaginings! Shatter the idols of your selves, then turn towards the most exalted horizon, the station from which every wise command hath appeared. Fear God and spread not corruption in the land after its reformation. Answer Him Who calleth you to the All-Informed One. He accepted affliction for your salvation, yet you turned away from Him. What aileth you, O heedless ones!

O servant! Arise to assist thy Lord, then aid Him through a wondrous remembrance. He desireth naught from anyone; He calleth only for the sake of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Blessed art thou for having attained the verses of God and for this mighty Tablet being revealed unto thee. Preserve it and recite it by night and day. This is better for thee than all that hath been created in the heavens and earths.

BH05114: In the name of Him Who abideth after…

In the name of Him Who abideth after the passing of all things! All things have passed away, and the Face hath appeared from this manifest horizon. We have gathered up souls through a word from Us, then raised up the Prophets and Messengers. The first that appeared was the commanding Word of God that encompassed all worlds.

Blessed is he who hath attained unto this Most Great Day, and woe unto him who hath followed his desires and was among the heedless. Should abasement overtake you, grieve not for it—soon shall you behold your glory in a noble station. All who are in creation shall perish, and there shall remain what hath been ordained for you in His exalted and glorious Kingdom.

They who have borne tribulations in the path of God are stars in this heaven, and the Concourse on High seek blessings through them. This is what hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen in a preserved Tablet. Were We to mention the virtues of those who have stood firm in this Revelation, it would fill volumes and this wondrous remembrance would never end.

Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, for having cast aside all else, turning unto God, the Goal of them that know. Give thanks unto the Lord at all times, for He hath enabled you to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses and hath acquainted you with this Cause whereby feet have slipped save whom your Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful, willed otherwise.

They who have acted unjustly shall soon find themselves in manifest loss. By God! That which they possess shall profit them not. Sovereignty shall pass away, but there shall endure the Kingdom of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Praised. We beseech God to draw you nigh unto Him in all conditions and to make you among the helpers of His Cause.

BH05375: In His Name Who abideth after the passing away…

In His Name Who abideth after the passing away of all things! A mention from Us to him who hath attained unto the Most Great Sea when the Ancient Source was made manifest with a sovereignty that encompassed the Concourse on High and the cities of names and prevailed over the heavens and earths, that he may be attracted by the sprinklings of the ocean of revelation and turn wholly unto it, when the

lights of the Countenance shone forth from the horizon of the will of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and this Tablet hath been sent down unto thee, which God hath made the key to the hearts of all in the world and His most great sign unto all peoples, that thou mayest rejoice in the remembrance of God and arise with such steadfastness as shall not be prevented by the hosts of the wicked nor deterred by the clamor of the idolaters who, when the Truth came, turned away from it, and when the Promise appeared, violated God's Covenant and His Testament—they verily are of them that perish.

The Beloved mentioneth thee in the Most Great Prison that thou mayest remember thy Lord, the Lord of all nations, and be of them that are steadfast. Be thou assured of thy Lord's favor, for He loveth you and ordaineth for you that which befitteth His grace that overshadoweth every small one and great one. Thus have We illumined eyes with the signs of grandeur and power. Blessed is he who readeth, and woe unto the heedless.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy mother, from One Who is mighty, praiseworthy. Give her glad tidings from thy Lord that she may rejoice in the remembrance of her Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH05507: In His Name, the Most Holy, the One unlike…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the One unlike all others! This is a Book sent down in truth for those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. It speaks: Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous. I created creation for My knowledge. Among them are those who turned away from Me and those who turned toward My luminous countenance. Verily, he who turned toward Me is among the people of Baha in the Tablet of Eternity, and he who turned away is in manifest loss.

Will what they possess benefit them and will what they have gathered suffice them? No one has any protector today except he who has cast away vain imaginings and held fast to this firm cord. Verily, the world laughs at those who desire it and calls out to them in the loudest voice: "Do you expect faithfulness from me, O heedless and remote one?" By My life, the people are deaf and blind, not knowing what benefits them, but they are among the bewildered—except those who have turned with shining faces toward the Dawning Place of the revelation of their Lord, the Most High, the Great.

Thus have We sent down the verses to you and dispatched them to you that you may be among the thankful ones. When you attain unto them, read them to those in whom you find the fragrance of the mercy of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily, he who has found its fragrance, by God, the veils of creation and the allusions of the ungodly will not prevent him. He arises among the servants with wisdom and utterance, saying: "The All-Merciful has come with manifest sovereignty."

It behooves My loved ones to thank God at all times for His remembrance of them when He was in the hands of the oppressors.

BH05498: The Most Great, the Most Glorious Book, sent down…

The Most Great, the Most Glorious Book, sent down from before the presence of the mighty King to those who have believed in God and turned with illumined hearts to the horizon of their Lord's loving-kindness, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O My loved ones! Give thanks to God that the Manifestation of His Cause remembers you in this remote prison. Beware lest the utterances of those who have associated partners with God sadden you, or the doubts of the deniers hold you back. Be so steadfast in the love of God that thereby shall the foundations of the idolaters be demolished. You have been created to aid this Cause and have been raised up to make mention of this wondrous Name. All things have been stirred by the fragrances of the Lord of Names, yet most of the people remain hesitant.

Say: O people! Judge fairly concerning that which has appeared in truth, and follow not the desires of the doubters. Behold the sun with your own eyes—thus have you been commanded in all the Tablets, if you be of those who know. Were you to behold it through the eyes of others, by My life, you would never recognize it—this is a certain truth.

Say: You have been created to attain the presence of God—what is wrong with you that We see you among the heedless? Say: Turn your faces to the Most Glorious Horizon and follow not every sinful idolater. Those whom you have taken as men of learning are, by My life, worshippers of vain imaginings. They have no mention with God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Thus have We sent down the verses unto you and dispatched them to you, that you may be of the thankful. Recite them morning and evening, and glorify your Lord with praise at daybreak and eventide.

BH05372: The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great, Most Glorious

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great, Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned towards the Qiblih of existence and believed in God, the Almighty, the Most Mighty, the All-Wise, and heard the Call when it was raised in truth and answered his Ancient Lord.

Blessed is the man who hath stood firm in My Cause, and the ear that hath heard My Call, and the heart that hath turned to the countenance of God, the Mighty, the Luminous. Arise, O people, to aid the Self-Subsisting One Who hath come with the truth by what was ordained from God, the Mighty, the Great. Blessed is the eye that hath turned to the Most Great Scene and the heart that hath turned to the Qiblih of existence and the hand that hath been raised toward God, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

When sorrows encompass you, remember My tribulation when We were in the Most Great Prison in the hands of the oppressors. Blessed is the abasement that hath descended for the sake of God and the tribulation that hath come to pass for love of Him, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Thou, O thou who gazest upon the Face, give thanks unto God that the Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee and thy Lord, the Most Glorious, calleth thee from this Spot round which circle

angels brought nigh. When thou art seized with the intoxication of the wine of utterance which hath flowed from the mouth of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, drink thou it in My Name. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!

Thou art He Who hath spent His spirit in the path of God and stood up alone between the heavens and the earth. My soul be a sacrifice for thy faithfulness, O Beloved of them that know! My spirit be a sacrifice for thy tribulation, O Fire in the hearts of them that are sincere!

BH05393: Glorified is He Who sendeth down the verses…

In the Name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal

Glorified is He Who sendeth down the verses as He pleaseth and maketh mention of His servant who hath believed in divine destiny, when the Most Great Horizon was adorned with the gaze of his Lord, the Mighty, the Wise.

Thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne time and again, and the Tablet hath been revealed repeatedly, that thou mayest be assured that He loveth him who hath sought Him and maketh mention of him who hath turned toward Him with a luminous countenance.

We arrived at the Most Great Prison in the city whose inhabitants were the most wicked of all people, as attesteth to this the Lord of creation in a perspicuous Book. When We arrived, We summoned all to God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, and the call was raised from the precincts of the prison in such wise as to encompass earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Let not the affairs of men grieve thee. Hold fast unto the cord of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Be thou a helper of His Cause, a servant of His command, and one who proclaimeth His name. Thus doth command thee He Who loveth thee for the sake of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Among the people are those who hunt souls with the snare of humility, and among them are those who have made the ranks of sandals a ladder to reach the station of glory. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: O people, abandon all else save Him and cling to the hem of the favors of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thus have We called out to thee from the holy precincts and revealed unto thee that which shall solace thine eyes and the eyes of them that are nigh. And praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH05388: Glorified is He Who hath caused all things…

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Great!

Glorified is He Who hath caused all things to speak forth in praise of His Self, when He sent forth the Dawning-Place of His Cause with manifest sovereignty. We have taken the essences of creation with the hands of might and power, and We have cast aside all turning away for the people of metaphor. Verily thy

Lord is the Mighty, the Powerful. He doeth what He willeth in the kingdom by a sovereignty from His presence, and the hosts of the heavens and earth shall not prevent Him from what He desireth.

Blessed is the one who with strength hath followed the command of his Lord in this Day wherein eyes have been covered by the veils of the wicked and hearts have been shaken by the onslaught of the oppressors. Whoso hath drunk of this choice wine by the hand of divine success, verily nothing shall prevent him from God, the Sovereign, the Most High, the Most Great. He shall arise amidst the people and remind them with wisdom and utterance from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Those who have hesitated in this Cause are among the dead in this noble prospect. Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee that thou mayest rejoice therein and be of them that are firmly established.

Beware lest anything prevent thee from the Most Great Ocean or any matter veil thee from this Mighty Path. Be thou steadfast in the remembrance of thy Lord and speaking forth His Name amongst His slumbering servants who, when the Call was raised, were seized by the intoxication of vain desires in such wise that they became heedless of that for which they were created. Verily thy Lord is the Manifest, the True, the Trustworthy. Thus have We illumined the horizon of remembrance with the sun of proof and evidence that thou mayest find thyself upon an impregnable steadfastness.

BH05395: In the name of the Most Ancient, the Most…

In the name of the Most Ancient, the Most Great! Glorified is He Who speaketh as He willeth and desireth, and Who speaketh as He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Speaker, the All-Powerful, the True, the Faithful.

O ye loved ones of the All-Merciful! Hearken unto the call of God from the direction of His Most Sublime Vision. Verily, there is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Generous. Be ye assured through God's grace and mercy, then turn with your hearts toward the Beloved. Thus have ye been commanded in the Tablets from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Beware lest remoteness sadden you. By My life! Whosoever hath turned to the Most Great Sea, verily standeth before the Face. My glorious and wise Pen beareth witness to this. Arise to assist the Cause and follow not the desires of those who have denied God when He came unto them with a manifest command. Blessed is he who hath drunk the choice wine of utterance from the gracious hands of his Lord, the All-Merciful. Woe unto him who hath turned away and was of the heedless. Thus doth the Pen of Command counsel you at this moment when the Ancient Beauty hath been established upon the throne of His Most Great Name, the All-Glorious.

Arise and say: O people! By God, the veil hath been rent asunder and the All-Bountiful hath come in the shadows of the clouds. Blessed are they that behold! This is He Who was promised in the tablets of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Leave what ye possess, then turn unto Him. This is better for you, if ye be of them that know.

Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance in the midmost heart of creation. Blessed is he who is illumined thereby and is of them that are firmly established.

BH05394: In the Name of Him Who is the All-Powerful…

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Powerful over all things! Glorified is He Who sends down verses for people who act with justice, who walk upon the straight path and hasten unto good deeds, who speak pure truth amongst the servants and perform what is right. These are assuredly among the people of Baha, preserved in a guarded Tablet. The doubts of the wicked and the insinuations of those who disbelieve do not hinder them. They perceive the fragrance of the garment from the direction of the Beloved and bid people to that which they were commanded by God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O company of companions! The All-Bestowing has come upon clouds of glory, yet the people do not see. Blessed is the eye that has seen and recognized its Lord. Woe unto those who are veiled! Say: O people, rend asunder the veils in the name of your Lord. He has verily appeared in truth from this visible horizon. Every sect is held back by what they possess. Blessed are the party of God who have forsaken all else and turned with their hearts to the Mighty, the Beloved.

Thus have We sprinkled upon thee from the ocean of the Spirit that thou mayest arise to celebrate the praise of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. He verily heareth what ye say and seeth what ye do in His path. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. All matters are in the grasp of His power. He is the Mighty, the Loving. Arise to the Cause through God's might and power, then summon the people to this glorious horizon.

BH05570: O Thou the Lord of the visible…

O Thou the Lord of the visible and the invisible, and the Enlightener of all creation! I beseech Thee, by Thy sovereignty which is hid from the eyes of men, to reveal in all directions the signs of Thy manifold blessings and the tokens of Thy loving-kindness, that I may arise with exultation and rapture and extol Thy wondrous virtues, O Thou the Most Merciful, and stir up by Thy name all created things, and so kindle the fire of Thy glorification amidst Thy creatures, that all the world may be filled with the brightness of the light of Thy glory, and all existence be inflamed with the fire of Thy Cause.

Roll not up, O my Lord, what hath been spread out in Thy name, and extinguish not the lamp which Thine own fire hath lit. Withhold not, O my Lord, the water that is life indeed from running down—the water from whose murmuring the wondrous melodies which extol and glorify Thee can be heard. Deny not, moreover, Thy servants the sweet fragrance of the breath which hath been wafted through Thy love.

Thou seest, O Thou Who art my All-Glorious Beloved, the restless waves that surge within the ocean of my heart, in my love and yearning towards Thee. I implore Thee, by the signs of Thy majesty and the evidences of Thy sovereignty, to subdue Thy servants by this Name Which Thou hast made to be the King of all names in the kingdom of Thy creation. Potent art Thou to rule as Thou pleasest. No God is there but Thee, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

Do Thou ordain, moreover, for every one who hath turned towards Thee what will make him steadfast in Thy Cause, in such wise that neither the vain imaginations of the infidels among Thy creatures, nor the idle talk of the froward amidst Thy servants will have the power to shut him out from Thee. Thou, verily, art the Help in Peril, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

BH05521: A Tablet from Our presence for him that hath…

In His Name, the Bestower, the Bounteous, the Mighty, the Wise

A Tablet from Our presence for him that hath turned unto the Countenance when the horizon of utterance shone forth with the sun of wisdom and elucidation, that He may strengthen him in what he already isâ€“endowed with love for God, the All-Powerful, the Chosen One.

This is not the day to stand still and be silent. The mountain hath hastened in its longing for God, the Sovereign of all peoples, and all things have cried out:

> “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful!”

The breezes of bounty have wafted over all who are in existence, when the Promised One appeared with the sovereignty of grandeur and power.

Among the deniers are they who cling to the Bayan and turn away from the All-Merciful. These are assuredly the companions of the fire. Say: By God! Whoso denieth this Cause shall never be able to establish any cause in all creation. To this doth God’s tongue testify from the most exalted Paradise.

The Bayan is but a leaf amongst the leaves of My Paradise. Thus hath the All-Merciful informed you in the Scriptures and Tablets. That which is in the hands of men cannot be compared with the Word of God.

Blessed is he who hath inhaled the fragrance of the Intended One and hath arisen to help His Cause amongst the servants. Hold fast to the cord of favors, then make mention of thy Lord in such wise as to cause the dead to arise. Thus have We adorned thy brow with the crown of remembrance and utterance. Be thou thankful and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Revealer of verses and Lord of all men!”

BH05838: The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Hour hath passed and the Resurrection hath come to pass, yet the people see and perceive not. The Call hath been raised between earth and heaven, and the earth hath been transformed, yet the people understand not, save those who have turned away from the pleasures of the world and set their faces toward God, the Lord of Names, when He came with the truth with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the unseen and the visible realms.

We have made the tongue the dawning-place of the revelation of the All-Merciful, and have ordained the Pen to be an interpreter of that which appeareth through the signs of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Hearken, O people, unto that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen, and hearken not unto what the people of idle fancies utter. Follow not those who lay claim to knowledge, for they have

turned away from Him Who is known when He came with manifest sovereignty. In every age they turned away from the Daysprings of Revelation, and when the Cause was raised up they drew nigh, then disputed concerning that which was sent down in truth from God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

Blessed is the learned one who beholdeth the Truth with his own eyes and followeth that which he hath been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Thus have the heavens of utterance been set in motion by the breezes of the revelation of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of existence and the Help in Peril over what was and what shall be.

BH05840: The Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous!...

The Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous! The ocean of grace hath been stirred by the winds of the Will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Most Praised. How many servants turned unto Him and how many servants turned away from Him! Each one acteth according to his own way. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The acceptance of those who accept profiteth Him not, nor doth the rejection of those who reject harm Him. He but summoneth the people unto His luminous and glorious Face. He who hath attained in the days of God, verily he is of the essence of creation before the Truth, and he who hath hesitated is accounted among the dead.

Rejoice, O people of Baha, in the appearance of your Lord, the Lord of Names. Then be steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the doubts of the doubtful ones may not cause you to slip. Be ye banners of steadfastness amidst all creation and guides to certitude for all who dwell in the realm of possibility. This behooveth you, if ye be of them that know. Beware lest sorrows overtake you. This is your Lord, the All-Merciful. Rejoice in the dawning of the Most Great Luminary from this manifest horizon.

Think not that they who are heedless today are living—they are dead in the Book of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Gather ye together around the Cause, then help the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. This behooveth him who hath held fast unto this mighty cord. Thus have the spheres of utterance been set in motion by the winds of the Will of your Lord, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

BH05682: In the Name of the One Friend! May thou...

In the Name of the One Friend! May thou, at all times, drink from the goblet of divine bounty the wine of mystic knowledge, and following the extinction of all things, mayest thou be illumined and radiant through the lights of the countenance of the Beloved.

Thy mention hath been made before the Divine Throne, and thy name inscribed in the Ancient Tablet. This hath been and will ever be a special favor from thy Lord unto thee. Rejoice thou and be of those who render thanks.

God willing, may ye be so enkindled by the fire of the divine Word that its heat may cause movement in creation and its people, so that through this heat generated by the Primal Word all may turn to the Dawning-place of divine verses.

The foundation of the Cause today hath been and will continue to be steadfastness, for certain heedless souls have been and are engaged in misleading those who have accepted the Faith. Say: O friends! Guard the divine trust through the hosts of steadfastness and righteousness, lest the armies of idle fancies and vain imaginings seize and plunder it.

Though it is not remote from divine grace that He may gather all upon the straight path. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Wise.

May the Glory rest upon thee and upon those with thee from the Ancient Ordainer.

BH05762: In His name, Who remains after all things pass…

In His name, Who remains after all things pass away! Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and made them clear testimonies for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through them God quickeneth the earth after its death—verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful. He hath adorned the heaven of utterance with the stars of meanings and explanations, and hath embellished the book of existence with His Name, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

We have found from thee the fragrance of turning unto God, wherefore hath been sent down unto thee this Tablet, with which nothing created on earth can compare. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They who have been awakened by the call of God—these are the people of Baha, inscribed in a mighty Tablet.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause and make up for what hath passed thee by. Thus doth the Prisoner counsel thee from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Teach thy Lord's Cause with wisdom—thus doth command thee He Who summoneth all unto God, the Mighty, the Generous.

Reflect upon My days and what hath befallen Me in the path of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. Arise to remember thy Lord with such steadfastness as cannot be hindered by the cawing of the wicked or the braying of those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Verily the glory be upon the people of Baha who are established firm upon the Crimson Ark, in the Name of God, the Lord of all names. They are indeed among the triumphant ones.

BH05741: A remembrance from Us to her who believed…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

A remembrance from Us to her who believed in her Lord and was among the devout ones, inscribed in a mighty tablet. When the Sun of the Beauty of her Most Glorious Lord shone forth, she turned to Him and said: "I believe in God, the Lord of all worlds." She is among those women who have won the lights of

recognition in the days of God and who have spoken His praise among His servants. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O My handmaiden! Give thanks to thy Lord for having aided thee to turn unto Him at the end and for having mentioned His handmaidens in this radiant dawn.

O handmaiden of God! God counsels thee to manifest the greatest steadfastness in these days wherein the feet of them endued with understanding have slipped and the faces of the deniers have turned black. Associate not with the idolatrous women—thus doth the Revealer of verses command thee. With Him is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. When thou seest one of them, be as the fire of God that she may feel from thee the heat of the love of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Generous.

Rejoice thou in the remembrance of thy Lord. He maketh mention of thee through His grace. He is, verily, the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful. We have made mention of thee in numerous tablets—all this from His favor unto thee. There is none other God but He, the Almighty, the Most High, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

May the glory from God, the Single One, the One, the All-Knowing, rest upon thee and upon thy sons and daughters.

BH05686: O handmaid of God! The fragrance of thy love…

In the name of the peerless and incomparable Lord

O handmaid of God! The fragrance of thy love hath reached the sanctuary of oneness, and thine intention hath become manifest before the Lord of the seen and unseen in the precincts of His purpose. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of God and for being numbered among those who have turned unto Him, as recorded in the mighty Tablet. Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the splendors of the Sun of inner meanings which hath dawned from the horizon of God's Command, and hast attained unto the recognition of the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Name, which was the purpose of creation.

We have heard thy call and have made mention of thee in this most sublime and most holy Tablet, that thou mayest be assured of the grace of thy Lord and not be saddened by the affairs of men. Consider the world as non-existent, for soon all that is visible shall return to nothingness, while that which hath been revealed by the Tongue of the Revealer of Verses for His accepted servants and handmaidens shall endure and remain forever.

Muhammad hath in these days been present before the Throne, and ʿAli is circling round, and Our servant Rahim and his other son are turning unto God. Behold then the favors of thy Lord, then render thanks, be thou submissive, bow down in worship, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!

BH11782: O leaf! God willing, mayest thou be swayed…

In the name of the Peerless Friend

O leaf! God willing, mayest thou be swayed and moved by the breezes of the All-Merciful's will, wafting from the divine Lote-Tree. From time immemorial and unto everlasting, drink thou from the chalice of His love and quaff from the cup of His mercy.

At all times divine trials and tests are present and manifest. Great effort is needed lest aught but the Friend prevent thee from the Friend, and naught but God deprive thee of the Truth.

Consider the handmaiden who was related [to the Cause], how through vain and illusory words she remained deprived of the court of oneness, and how love of the world held her back from the Lord of Names. In the end, she reaped no fruit from her worldly life and returned to an unworthy abode.

God willing, that leaf must at all times be occupied with the remembrance of the All-Merciful and manifest such love of God that no one can prevent her from the infinite outpourings of divine grace.

The world hath never had, nor hath, any permanence. It hath ever been, and will continue to be, in a state of upheaval and conflict. Hold fast unto the root of the Tree with such firmness that the words and deeds of vain souls may not hold thee back from the station of abiding glory.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among the loved ones of God.

BH05922: In the Name of God, the Most Holy…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Ancient! This is a Book sent down in truth when the Beloved was encompassed by grievous affliction, and calamities surrounded Him from every side, and the hosts prevented Him from the remembrance of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Say: O people! By God, My tongue moveth through the will of your Lord, the Most Merciful, and My pen through His all-powerful and mighty finger. I was seated in the house when He caused Me to arise by His command, and I was silent when He made Me speak through His wise remembrance. Were it not for His command, I would not have revealed Myself, and were it not for His wisdom, I would not have been among you even for a moment. Have mercy on yourselves and deny not God's favor after its bestowal, nor His power after its manifestation.

Turn with radiant faces unto God, your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Say: Follow not your desires nor those who have turned away from this Straight Path. Leave those who have disbelieved and what they possess of the promptings of Satan. Take hold of the Tablet of the Most Merciful with joy and fragrance. Thus doth the Lord of all creation command you when He hath spoken that which caused the hearts of them that have recognized Him to take flight.

Illumine, O my God, the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy knowledge, then ordain for them a seat of truth with Thee. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Powerful.

And praise be from the people of Baha unto the people of Baha who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and were among the steadfast ones.

BH06196: Glorified art Thou, O my Lord! Thou beholdest my…

Glorified art Thou, O my Lord! Thou beholdest my tribulations and all that hath befallen me at the hands of such of Thy servants as keep company with me, who have disbelieved in Thy most resplendent signs, and turned back from Thy most effulgent Beauty. I swear by Thy glory! Such are the troubles that vex me, that no pen in the entire creation can either reckon or describe them.

I implore Thee, O Thou Who art the King of names and the Creator of earth and heaven, so to assist me by Thy strengthening grace that nothing whatsoever will have the power to hinder me from remembering Thee, or celebrating Thy praise, or to keep me back from observing what Thou hast prescribed unto me in Thy Tablets, that I may so arise to serve Thee that with bared head I will hasten forth from my habitation, cry out in Thy name amidst Thy creatures, and proclaim Thy virtues among Thy servants. Having accomplished what Thou hadst decreed, and delivered the thing Thou hadst written down, the wicked doers among Thy people would, then, compass me about and would do with me in Thy path as would please them.

In the love I bear to Thee, O my Lord, my heart longeth for Thee with a longing such as no heart hath known. Here am I with my body between Thy hands, and my spirit before Thy face. Do with them as it may please Thee, for the exaltation of Thy word, and the revelation of what hath been enshrined within the treasuries of Thy knowledge.

Potent art Thou to do what Thou willest, and able to ordain what Thou pleasest.

BH06145: This is a mention from Us to her who…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

This is a mention from Us to her who has turned to the Qiblih of all who are in the heavens and on earth, that she may rejoice in God's remembrance of her and be upon a straight path.

We have sent down verses to thee before, and now again, as a token of Our grace upon thee. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. The grace of thy Lord sufficeth thee, in that He remembereth thee from this remote station. By God! His remembrance hath encompassed the loved ones and His mercy hath preceded all the worlds. When anyone perceiveth the fragrance of God's love, he uttereth His praise. To this beareth witness He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and earth.

Grieve thou not for thy son. He is in the most exalted companionship, and the Most Exalted Pen maketh mention of him at this hour. Upon thee, O servant who speaketh in praise of thy Lord and who hath turned toward the direction of grace, be the glory of God and the glory of those in the Concourse on High and the glory of those in the cities of eternity and the glory of all things at all times.

This is a mention that hath been sent down for him amid the surging waves of thy Lord's favors. Blessed is he who visiteth him with this perspicuous mention. Verily, glory be upon him and upon thee and upon those who are with thee, from One Who is Forgiving, Merciful.

BH06250: Hs is the Most Great, the Most Ancient

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The breeze of the All-Merciful hath wafted from the direction of the prison, and the ocean of utterance hath surged through this mighty Name. Blessed is the one who hath discovered the fragrance and turned toward it with a luminous countenance. O My handmaiden! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, from the supreme horizon. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Draw nigh unto God through remembrance and praise, for He is indeed the Near, the Answering One. Beware lest the conditions of other women veil thee. Turn with pure vision toward the Greatest Scene and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee for having made Thyself known unto me, and for having strengthened me to remember Thee, and for having mentioned me by the tongue of Thy grandeur in this mighty Tablet."

We had sent down a Tablet unto thee aforetime as a token of Our grace upon thee. He is verily the Mighty, the Bountiful. Drink thou the choice wine of life from the Kawthar of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful. Thus doth command thee the Lord of all worlds. We hear those who make mention of their Lord, and We behold those who have turned toward Him on this wondrous Day. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. Nothing in the kingdom can equal it, as doth testify He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

BH06146: A tablet of remembrance from Us to her who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

A tablet of remembrance from Us to her who attained to the dawn of meanings and utterance when the All-Merciful came with the hosts of revelation and inspiration, that the fragrances of the garment might attract her once again from God, the Lord of the first and the last, in such wise that she might remember Him at eventide and at dawn. Grieve not for thy father. He hath ascended unto God and hath quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the favors of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Whereupon the Supreme Pen addresseth him from the presence of the Creator of heaven and the Lord of Names, saying:

Upon thee be the glory of God, O thou who hast recognized God and turned unto Him when most of the servants turned away from Him. I testify that thou didst fulfill the Covenant of God and His Testament, and didst attain unto the days when most of mankind were heedless thereof. Blessed is he and blessed is he who visiteth him, by virtue of what hath been revealed in this Tablet. He is of them that followed the Command of their Lord, Who came with power and sovereignty. Rejoice thou in the bounty of thy Lord. He is with you under all conditions. Then glorify from My behalf all who are related to him. Thus doth command thee the Lord of all men. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon the handmaidens who have believed in God, the One, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH06100: O steadfast leaf! The divine fragrance from the repository…

In the name of the Wronged One of the world

O steadfast leaf! The divine fragrance from the repository of the manifestation of the light of oneness hath turned toward thee, and the Temple of Pre-existence calleth thee with the most wondrous and sweet voice, inasmuch as thou art resplendent with the lights of His recognition and adorned with the garment of His love. Blessed art thou for having attained unto this great bounty.

We have found from thee the fragrance of faithfulness after it was withheld from most of the men and women servants. This is from His latter bounty upon thee. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Be not grieved at the contingent affairs of the world of possibilities, for ye dwell beneath the shade of the Most Great Mercy and abide under the shadow of His infinite bounty.

Previously a Tablet was sent especially for that leaf by the hand of Nabil-i-Qabli-ʿAli. This is another time, as a bounty from His presence upon thee. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Generous. God willing, the successive bounties of the All-Merciful shall at all times encompass that leaf.

Make mention of the handmaidens of God in that place on My behalf and give them the glad-tidings of My remembrance of them. Verily He is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

The Glory be upon thee and upon thy offspring, from thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

BH06084: O people of God! God grant that thou art…

In the Name of the Incomparable Friend

O people of God! God grant that thou art happy and cheered by the grace of God and the outpourings of His loving-kindness on this triumphant Day. Verily, it is the King of days. He who is other than the Friend is the enemy; flee him; and he who is other than the Beloved is the snake; fly from him. The scorpions of spite lurk in ambush, and the dragons of jealousy lie in wait. Seek thou shelter in the Greatest Name, and appear in the utmost strength and power.

I swear by the Horizons of the Sun of My Cause! If one shall remain steadfast with perfect confidence, he shall surpass all beings. The Sun of Munificence hath appeared, and the Clouds of Generosity have gathered. Happy is he who hath attained unto those lights, and blessed is he who hath partaken of these divine outpourings.

Today is the Day of remembering God with eloquent words, not the day of forgetfulness. It is the Day of striving and effort, not the day of indolence and laxity. Thus, with the assistance of the Incomparable Friend, hasten thou to the immortal City and to the eternal world. Speak thou, and be not afraid of the wicked. With utter kindness and compassion call men to the Lord of the Day of Resurrection, for perchance this life-giving breeze may set them astir.

BH06274: A book from Us to those people who have…

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Ancient

A book from Us to those people who have followed what was sent down from God, the Powerful, the Mighty. Therein He makes mention of His handmaidens who have believed in God when He came with the truth through a Cause at which all in the heavens and earth were struck with terror, save whom thy Lord willed, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Today it behooveth every soul to aid his Lord. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a Book which none hath comprehended save God, the Powerful, the Wise.

O My handmaidens! Hearken once again unto the call of God, the Most High, the Most Glorious, from the Lote-Tree raised up upon the crimson hill—verily there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Generous.

Follow ye the commandments of God and His laws, then speak forth this Name through which faces have been darkened while the faces of those near unto God were illumined. Follow not those who speak according to their desires and do what they were forbidden in the Book—verily they are among the wrongdoers. Remember ye God in the days of the Beloved through Whom every wise command was revealed. Blessed is the one who hath today heard My call, turned away from all else beside Me, and remained steadfast in My Cause which hath encompassed the worlds.

Thus hath the Most Exalted Pen flowed in remembrance of His servants and handmaidens that all may rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

BH06118: Thou seest, O my God, the Beloved of all…

In the Name of God, the Most Great, the Most Great!

Thou seest, O my God, the Beloved of all creation in the hands of the veiled ones, and the Wronged One in the grasp of the oppressors. Mine eye hath witnessed that which no eye hath witnessed, and mine ear hath heard that which no ear hath heard. Thou art the All-Merciful and the All-Powerful over all existence. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast raised up the standards of Thy victory amongst Thy servants and lifted high the banners of Thy power amidst Thy creation, to send down from the heaven of Thy grace that which will cause the soil of hearts to become verdant. Thou art, verily, powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Beloved.

O Lord! Thou seest Thy loved ones in the hands of the most wicked among Thy creation, and Thy chosen ones in the grasp of the most rebellious among Thy creatures. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which hath conquered all names and encompassed all who are in earth and heaven, to assist Thy loved ones through the wonders of Thy victory. Then cause them to soar in such wise that their spirits will take flight in the atmosphere of Thy love and passion. Then make them to be among those who have remained steadfast in Thy love in such wise that through them the feet of the wavering ones became firm and the souls of the doubtful found peace. Thou art He in Whose grasp is the dominion of all things. Thou doest through Thy sovereignty what Thou willest and ordainest through Thy power what Thou desirest. There is none other God but Thee, the Strong, the Conquering, the Mighty, the Powerful.

BH06149: This is a remembrance from Us unto him who…

In His Name, Who abideth after all things have passed away

This is a remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned towards God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Summoning, that the remembrance of his Lord may so attract him that he will not be saddened by what hath befallen him at the hands of the people of hypocrisy.

Consider what We have commanded thee aforetime, that thou mayest be assured that with Him is the knowledge of all things in the Book. He commandeth no one save that which is best for him. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

Those who have wronged thee—God will surely seize them with His authority from His presence and will aid thee with the truth. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Unconstrained.

Despair not of God's mercy, then act according to what thou wast commanded before. He will grant thee that which will gladden thy heart and the hearts of the loved ones. We have mentioned thee in diverse books as a bounty from Us, that thy remembrance might endure through the kingdom of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Be not heedless of wisdom—keep thy gaze fixed upon it in all conditions. This is what We have commanded thee in the Psalms and Tablets. Verily, he whom this world hath deluded shall soon find himself in abasement and loss.

The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who have been faithful to God's covenant, the Lord of all men.

BH06101: In the name of the one incomparable Friend! These…

In the name of the one incomparable Friend! These are the days of the All-Merciful, and the lamp of divine favor is lit and shining at the axis of contingent being. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this resplendent lamp and, through its lights, hath found its way to the Dawning-Place of eternity and the Day-Spring of the Most Great Name.

O handmaiden of God! Know thou the value of the days of God, and be thou a supplicant and seeker of the wonders of His grace, that thou mayest circle round Him in all the worlds and be reckoned among the people of the Most Great Vision.

Consider His bestowals: thou dwellest in thy home while He, in the Most Great Prison, maketh mention of thee. This is a station that cannot be equaled by aught that hath been created in the earth.

In that which He uttereth He hath had and hath no purpose for Himself; rather, out of pure bounty and infinite mercy doth He summon all to the realm of oneness. He it is Whose loving-kindness hath preceded all things and Whose grace hath encompassed all.

Blessed is the soul that hath heard His call and attained unto His knowledge, and woe and regret be unto the one who hath been deprived and kept back from this station. The glory be upon thee.

BH06120: Today all things are engaged in glorifying and praising…

In the name of God, the Bestower upon all things.

Today all things are engaged in glorifying and praising the Lord of Names, and yet most of the heedless servants remain veiled and deprived. Whosoever today has heard the divine call is reckoned among those endowed with hearing, and whosoever has turned toward the Dawning-Place of God's Cause is recorded in the Most Great Tablet as one endowed with sight. Besides these, all are but worthless and ignorant rabble, and shall remain so.

O handmaid of God! Praise the Lord of the seen and unseen, Who aided thee to recognize the Presence of the Intended One. This is among thy Lord's greatest bounties unto thee. How many handmaids remained deprived of the Truth, while thou didst attain His shelter and wert blessed with His days. However, a mighty effort is needed so that the pearl of divine love may remain safe in the heart from the guile of thieves and traitors.

God willing, thou shalt take from the hand of thy cousin and drink the Water of Everlasting Life which hath flowed from the Supreme Pen and appeared in the form of a Tablet, and thou shalt be gladdened by the remembrance of thy Friend.

BH06537: The Most Exalted, the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable…

The Most Exalted, the Most Wondrous, the Most Impregnable. A remembrance from Us to people who know and who have stood firm in the Cause in such wise that hearts and minds have been attracted. Through steadfastness your stations become manifest among all people and your ranks are elevated before God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

By God! He who hath no steadfastness hath no religion. He is to be numbered among the doubtful ones. In a hidden Tablet We have enjoined the servants in all the Tablets to stand firm in the Cause, yet when the Calf appeared they hastened toward it. Lo! They rush about in the wilderness of error and perceive it not.

We beseech God to raise up men from the essence of power who will aid this mighty Faith and make them among the protectors of His Cause in such wise that no lying doubter will be able to lay claim to it. By My life! This is a Day wherein all must show servitude unto God, the True One. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Finger of the Will of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Seize ye, O My loved ones, the grace of these days and be ye among the steadfast. Thus have We adorned the horizon of wisdom with the luminary of the Command, from the presence of One mighty and ancient. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which he hath been commanded by One Who is a sincere and trusted Counsellor.

BH06425: The Beloved calls out: "The Best-Beloved has come…

In the Name of Him Who has power over all names

The Beloved calls out: “The Best-Beloved has come with clear sovereignty!” And the Spirit proclaims before His face: “That which was hidden in the heaven of your Lord’s will, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, has been made manifest!” And the Son of Imran says: “By God! This is your Lord, the All-Merciful, Who has come with a Cause before which all who are in the heavens and earth shall not stand!” And the Friend says: “The All-Glorious has come—hasten to Him with your hearts and follow not every doubtful pretender!”

The Lord of Days has appeared and therein the King of all mankind has been established upon the throne of His Great Name. Turn to Him, O people of the earth, then hearken to what descends from the heaven of His all-encompassing favors upon the worlds. Blessed is he who has attained in the days of his Lord, and woe to him who has turned away and was among the idolaters.

The carpet of glory and power shall be rolled up even as was rolled up the carpet of those who were heedless and were among the wrongdoers. Grieve not at anything—turn with thy heart’s face toward God, thy Lord, and say:

> “Praise be to Thee for having made known to me the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and made me among those who acknowledge.”

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06665: The Cause hath appeared when the Promise came…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

The Cause hath appeared when the Promise came to pass, yet the people remain in evident delusion. Among them are those who have cast aside what is known, clinging to mere fancy, and those who have forsaken it, turning unto the Mighty, the Generous. Thou hast quickened all created things through the breezes of the verses. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve his Lord when He came with a wondrous name.

Verily the Friend hath attained the presence of the Beloved, and He Who conversed with God in the Kingdom saith:

> “Praise be unto Thee for having visited Thy beauty, O Thou Goal of the worlds!”

This is a Day wherein the world hath been renewed and every wise decree hath been made firm.

Say: Cast not the ordinances of God behind your backs, and be not of the heedless. Act ye according to what hath been sent down in the Tablets from the presence of One Who is knowing, informed.

All things have been adorned with the ornament of names, and the Lord of Eternity hath been established upon the throne of His Great Name. The Hidden One hath appeared and the darkness hath been illumined through His grace that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth.

Verily thou shalt not sit still, for thou art of the people of this station. Thus doth He Who standeth over all things ordain. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou steadfast, then remember thy Lord at all times.

BH06417: This is a Day wherein all things are delighting…

In the name of the One True Friend

This is a Day wherein all things are delighting and rejoicing in the fragrant breezes of the utterance of the Lord of Names, and all creation is drawn in rapture and ecstasy to this spiritual breeze. Blessed is the state of the one who has become illumined by the lights of this most mighty, most holy Day and who has attained to the outpouring bounties from the heaven of generosity.

Strive, make a mighty effort, that perchance you may discover the fragrance of the merciful garment in these days and find your way to the eternal city, and not be among those souls who are occupied with the mention of the Beloved while remaining veiled from Him. Many were the servants and handmaidens who at all times would remember the Friend and yearn for His presence, yet when the veil was lifted remained veiled from Him and turned to other than Him.

We beseech God not to deprive that handmaiden from the ocean of His bounty and to count her among those handmaidens who have turned their faces to the All-Merciful in the days of His manifestation. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06726: This is a letter from the Wronged One…

In the Name of God, the Most Mighty, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible!

This is a letter from the Wronged One to him who hath believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, who hath attained unto the Most Great Ocean when it surged through the breaths of the days of the Lord of Eternity, and was of those who are guided. Blessed is the soul that hath been illumined by the lights of Revelation and the heart that hath drunk from the ocean of My love, the Mighty, the Beloved. Verily, he who hath answered his Lord in His days is assuredly among the dwellers of Paradise. It behooveth him to beseech God throughout all days to make him steadfast in that wherein he is. This, verily, is a conspicuous favor.

O people of Baha! Ye are the temples of the Cause. Let no one destroy you through the hands of tyranny and vainglory. Say: O concourse of the wicked! The Lord of all things hath come, yet ye remain veiled from Him, and the Sun of Grace hath dawned, yet ye remain far removed from it. Trust not in yourselves, but put your trust in God, the Mighty, the Praised. Be ye of such constancy that neither the winds of the world nor its vain ornaments can move or attract you. Thus doth the All-Knowing command you, would that ye might hear.

BH06458: God willing, in this spiritual springtime thou shalt be…

In the Name of the Creator of all things.

God willing, in this spiritual springtime thou shalt be made joyous and adorned through the vernal rain of divine mercy.

O friends! Every gardener tendeth the trees he hath planted in his garden, and when he observeth that any of the branches have withered, he cutteth them off, for should he leave them in their condition, their decay would affect all the other branches until it reacheth the very root of the tree. Likewise doth he cleanse his garden of the weeds that have sprung up therein, that all the trees may bear fruit and men may benefit therefrom.

O friends! Tend ye the gardens of the Lord of creation and keep them pure from the thorns and weeds that have grown therein. These gardens are your hearts. Whosoever hath planted the tree of divine love in the garden of his heart must needs preserve it, water it with the rain of remembrance, and keep it pure from the weeds of self and passion. Such is the counsel of the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Well is it with him who acteth according to the words of his Lord.

BH06534: In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable…

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy. A mention from Us to those who have been illumined by the lights of the Countenance and who have been attracted by the verses of God, the Mighty, the Wise, and who have arisen to make mention of God in His days and have aided the Cause of their Ancient Lord.

O helpers of victory! By God, this is His Day, were ye of them that know. O ye who are endowed with power! This is the Day whereon it behoveth you to arise with your might to aid the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Seize ye these days and then aid your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. This is what ye have been commanded in the Tablets of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Glory and might and power and authority shall pass away, and the Cause shall remain with God alone, did ye but know. Blessed is the powerful one who serveth his Lord, and the mighty one who followeth His binding and wise command.

We have made the servants manifestations of Names that through them might appear that which befitteth this Day wherein the Desired One proclaimeth: The dominion belongeth unto God, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous. And whoso hath attained unto this, verily he liveth in Our exalted Kingdom and his mention shall endure through the eternity of God, the Lord of the worlds. And whoso is deprived, he is indeed among the dead though he be among those who speak.

BH06642: The Sun of Grace has dawned and the Moon…

In His Name, the Protector over all names!

The Sun of Grace has dawned and the Moon of Justice has appeared, yet the people remain in manifest darkness save those who have cast away vain imaginings and followed that which they were commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Cause has been manifested in such wise that the horizons are illumined thereby, yet the people of hypocrisy remain behind a mighty veil. Were anyone to reflect upon

what hath appeared in this Revelation, he would cry out among the servants with this Name through which the heavens and earth were illumined. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless!

Say: O people! Fear God and commit not that which causeth the Concourse on High to lament. Have mercy upon yourselves and be not of the patient ones. This is a Day the like of which hath not appeared in creation. Seize ye the days of your Lord, the All-Merciful. This verily is the source of all good, did ye but know.

Hearken unto that which the Most Great Ocean calleth out to thee from the midmost heart of the world: "There is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise." Be thou a pillar of steadfastness among all creatures. This is God's command, both before and after. Blessed are they that have attained.

BH06636: The world hath been illumined by the lights…

In the Name of Him Who is manifest by His name, the Self-Subsisting!

The world hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of the Ancient King, yet most of the people remain in manifest remoteness. All things have been set in motion through the wafting of the breezes of mercy from the Lord of Names, yet most of the people remain among the heedless. The stones have drawn nigh unto the Dayspring of lights, yet the wicked remain in manifest drunkenness.

Blessed are they who have attained on this day unto the lights of the countenance and are numbered among those who have drawn nigh. These are they whose names have been inscribed in the Tablets by the Pen through which the life of the worlds hath been suspended. Verily, We make mention of the loved ones at all times, as attested by that which hath been sent down from the presence of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech God to aid them to remain steadfast in His Cause, for this is a mighty matter.

O servant! Rejoice in that which hath been sent down unto thee from the direction of the Throne and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know, for having moved Thy Most Exalted Pen to make mention of me while I was imprisoned among the heedless. I beseech Thee to aid me in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH07056: This is a mention from Us to her who…

He is Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great

This is a mention from Us to her who hath been set ablaze with the fire of God when she appeared from the Lote-Tree which was planted by the hand of grace in this exalted and impregnable Paradise, that the breezes of revelation may draw her and cause her to speak forth this glorious and exalted remembrance.

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto that which the Dove uttereth upon the branch of eternity:

> "Verily, there is none other God beside Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

Remember thy Lord in such wise as to attract thereby the hearts of the handmaidens and cause the spirits of those who have turned towards Him to take wing. Whosoever holdeth fast unto this root shall have opened before the face of his heart the gate of wisdom and utterance. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who doeth what He willeth in the kingdom. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

It behooveth every leaf to be stirred upon the tree by such winds as blow from the will of her Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Grieve thou not at anything, but place thy trust in God in all matters. Verily, He is with His believing handmaidens and believing servants.

Thus have We illumined the horizon of utterance with the mention of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and made it a remembrance for all the worlds.

BH07230: The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: In truth I say…

In the Name of the Goal of all horizons!

The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: In truth I say, that which is acceptable today and beloved in the sight of the Best Beloved is humility and submissiveness, praiseworthy character and goodly attributes, and steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of all creation. How many handmaidens there were who claimed faith and counted themselves among those reclining upon the cushions of certitude, yet afterwards, with but a single breath, remained remote from the Beloved and turned away from the breath of the All-Merciful. Such souls were not and are not worthy of mention, for verily, whosoever is mentioned with God today is alive and enduring, and without that is as nothing and dead. These are the utterances of the Lord of Oneness that have been inscribed in emerald tablets. God willing, may you be occupied at all times and under all conditions with the remembrance of the King, the Source and Goal of all, turning away from aught else. We beseech God to assist you to be steadfast in His love and to act according to His good-pleasure. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06993: O My handmaiden! Your acceptance is manifest before…

In the name of the one true God

O My handmaiden! Your acceptance is manifest before the All-Knowing One, and your turning to the Most Great Horizon is clear and evident. However, be not grieved at not attaining His presence, for the essence of all matters lies in the acceptance of the One Beloved of all worlds. Whatever He accepts has been and will ever be accepted. For example, if concerning one who is remote, the decree of nearness should be revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, that one shall become near. Give thanks to the Sovereign of existence that He has accepted your deed and transformed your intention into the deed itself, accounting it as such.

Convey greetings from the Tongue of Him Who reveals the verses to your sisters. All are beneath the shadow of the Truth and dwell in the expanse of His mercy.

Know ye the station of your father, for he is among those who emigrated unto God and attained His presence and heard His most wondrous, most beautiful, mighty and invincible call, and succeeded in serving the Cause in His days when every distant misbeliever turned away from it.

BH07195: The Most Great Talisman hath appeared in this Square…

In His Name, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the Single, the All-Knowing!

The Most Great Talisman hath appeared in this Square which God hath made the source and return of creation. Through it the vessel of wisdom and utterance hath been unsealed. Blessed is he who hath recognized it, and woe unto them that deny! Through it God hath made the weakest of His servants the mightiest. He, verily, is the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O people! Spread not corruption in the earth. God hath manifested Me for the reformation of the world. Abandon dissimulation and hold fast unto unity. Thus doth He command you Who possesseth the knowledge of the heavens and the earth. Be ye guides of the Merciful One amidst all creation. Set right your mutual differences through this Name that ruleth over the worlds. Look not unto your own desires but unto that which your Lord, the Ancient of Days, hath desired.

O thou who hast turned towards Me! Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then render thanks unto thy Lord for this mighty favor. Verily, nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He seeth him who turneth towards Him and heareth the sighing of the lovers.

BH07072: A mention from Us to one who has attained…

In His Name that prevaileth over all names

A mention from Us to one who has attained the lights of the Kingdom when the Truth came with manifest sovereignty.

Verily We remember, through the nights and days, those servants who have turned toward the countenance of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, and We bid them to that which will profit them in this world and the next. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. Those who hearkened to the call of God when it was raised in truth, they are assuredly among the denizens of Paradise in the sight of God, the Exalted, the Great. The Concourse on High make mention of them, and the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory offers prayers for them in a station sanctified above the mention of all mankind.

O My loved ones! Be steadfast in helping the Cause of God in such wise that the imaginings of the doubters move you not. Seize ye the grace of these days, then await what hath been ordained for you by the All-Knowing Ordainer.

Thus hath thy mention been sent down in the Kingdom of God, and this noble Book been dispatched unto thee. When thou attainest unto it, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned in the hands of the oppressors!

BH07060: The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great

A remembrance from Us to him who has turned to the Most Great Remembrance, when He came with His Name, the Self-Subsisting, from the heaven of the will of your Lord, the Mighty, the Wise, that he might aid his Lord through remembrance and utterance, and arise to praise his Lord, the Omnipotent, the Powerful.

Beware lest the conditions of those on earth extinguish thee, or the allusions of the falsifiers veil thee. Stand firm among the servants in the name of thy Lord, the Subduer of lands, in such wise that the words of the opposers move thee not—they whom the winds of passion move as they please, until they turned away from a Face whereby were illumined the faces of those near unto God.

We commanded them to righteousness and godliness, yet they wander in the wilderness of error and wickedness. They are assuredly among the companions of the Fire. Blessed is he who takes what he is given with the hand of submission and contentment, and draws near unto God, the Lord of Names. He is assuredly among the sincere ones.

Let not the events of the earth grieve thee. Rejoice in this Name which God has made the Dayspring of the joy of the worlds. Thus have We commanded thee as a favor from Us, and We are verily the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH07263: The tongue of God's loving-kindness doth at all times…

In the Name of the Beloved of all creation!

The tongue of God's loving-kindness doth at all times summon creation unto the Dayspring of the light of oneness, inasmuch as He hath ever loved His creation, that all may partake of the immortal wine which hath appeared in the Days of God and none be deprived. Some among the people, through the whisperings of the embodiments of Satan, remained deprived of this most pure wine, while others took and drank it in the name of the Friend.

This is a station wherein poor and rich, learned and ignorant, lowly and noble are all equal. Whosoever turneth unto the Qiblih of the horizons is reckoned among the learned and is established upon the throne of glory before God, and whosoever remaineth deprived is accounted before the Divine Throne as the poorest, most abject and most ignorant of people.

Strive thou that, God willing, thou mayest at all times drink of this most pure Kawthar in the name of the Lord of Power and be detached from all else but the Friend.

BH07172: In the Name of Him Who is manifest…

In the Name of Him Who is manifest in this bright horizon! The world hath been illumined by the Most Great Luminary, yet the people remain veiled in thick darkness. The Mount of Sinai hath soared with longing to attain the presence of God in this Revelation whose lights have encompassed all worlds.

The dead have arisen when the verses were sent down, and the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted between earth and heaven. He who hath inhaled the fragrance hath attained unto the Purpose, and he who hath been deprived thereof is among the most wretched. Blessed is the countenance that hath turned toward the Face of the Beloved, and blessed is the heart that hath been illumined by this Sun through which those in the heavens and on earth have been enlightened.

O people! Cast aside your idle fancies and turn toward the Dayspring of certitude. Thus doth the All-Merciful command you, if ye be of them that know.

We have been remembering the loved ones in the night seasons and at dawn, that the verses of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, may draw them nigh. I beseech God to aid thee to assist His Cause, to enable thee to voice His praise, and to ordain for thee in the Kingdom that which He hath ordained for the sincere ones.

When thou art illumined by the lights of the Tablet, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of them that know!

BH06971: O Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Bountiful! God willing…

O Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Bountiful! God willing, mayest thou drink of the spiritual wine which is the knowledge of the Beauty of the All-Merciful, and give others to drink thereof. This divine nectar hath not been, nor shall be, the portion of every soul. This wine is befitting only to enduring souls and detached hearts, and ever shall be. Blessed is the soul that hath drunk and attained, and woe unto him who hath been deprived of this sweet and refreshing stream, this mighty and resplendent Euphrates.

Strive thou to remain steadfast on the path of divine knowledge and love, and be not deprived of eternal spiritual stations through attachment to ephemeral things.

The favors of God and His watchful care have ever been and shall continue to be directed toward His handmaidens. Consider this bounty as great and magnificent, for how many were the handmaidens of God who yearned for His days and ardently desired His presence, yet when He rent asunder the veil, they failed to recognize Him and partook not a drop from the cup of His love.

Praise be to God that thou didst turn unto Him and received thy portion of the wine of His knowledge. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH07185: The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

We have rent asunder the veils and sent down the verses, that perchance the people may attain certitude through the meeting with their Lord. Every party has been held back by the imaginings they possess, and hath turned away from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: O people, abandon what ye possess and hold fast unto that which your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, commandeth you. Nothing shall profit you this day, nor shall the treasures of the earth avail you, could ye

but know. Beware lest vain imaginings withhold you from the direction of My Hidden Name. Draw nigh unto God and be not of those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

That which ye possess shall perish and that which hath been ordained shall endure in a preserved Tablet. The Beloved calleth you at all times, yet ye perceive it not. Ye have been prevented from this bounty by following those who cling to idle fancies and vain imaginings.

Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy. Remember Him as thou hast remembered from this praiseworthy horizon. Thus doth the Pen of Command move to make mention of thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord for this manifest bounty.

BH07489: The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great

Verily the Pen proclaimeth: “The Ancient King is come!” Yet most among the peoples remain heedless. Lo, the Lamp declareth: “The All-Glorious is come!” And the Fire crieth out: “The Chosen One hath appeared!” And the Water proclaimeth: “The Ocean of grace hath surged forth in the name of Him Who is the Lord of all worlds!” Blessed is the seeker who hath turned toward the Desired One, and the pursuer who hath sought after Him Who is the Goal of all in the heavens and the earth.

O peoples of the earth! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Grandeur uttereth from the most exalted station. Cast away what ye possess, then turn with illumined hearts toward the court of your Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful. Beware lest the conditions of men prevent you from your Lord, the Creator of all things. Leave the world behind you, turning unto God, the Forgiving, the Generous. That which ye possess will profit you not this day. Have mercy upon yourselves and be not of the transgressors. Hasten unto the stream of the favors of your Lord, the Glorious, the Praiseworthy. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, when seated upon the throne with manifest sovereignty.

BH07446: The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious

When the Promise came and the Promised One appeared, the divines opposed Him and prevented the people from the Path of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the All-Wise. They would make mention of God from pulpits and in mosques, yet when the Dawning-Place of His Cause appeared, they arose in opposition, to such an extent that the heavens and earth lamented their actions. Some issued death warrants against Him, while others disputed the verses of God after they had been sent down. Thus was the matter decreed when God came with manifest authority. This is not the first Cause they have opposed and from which they have turned away. Consider when We sent Our Messengers—they rose against them with hypocrisy, having cast the Covenant behind their backs. To this testifieth every fair-minded and informed one. The learned one is he who hath recognized the Truth, while he who denieth it is among those who are confuted. Thus crowed the Cock of the Throne in this Most Great Prison, while in the hands of the oppressors. When thou hearest the verses of God, arise to serve His Cause and be thou of those who remember.

BH07616: A remembrance from Us to one of the servants…

In the Name of God, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Holy

A remembrance from Us to one of the servants, that the attraction of the call of the Lord of creation may seize him in such wise that neither the dust of vain imaginings nor the murk of those who have clung to the cord of repudiation and debarred men from turning toward the supreme horizon shall trouble him. They are, verily, worshippers of idols in the sight of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Put aside all else, holding fast to the cord of My loving-kindness and clinging to the hem of My mercy, uttering My remembrance and turning thy face toward My luminous countenance.

Say: O people! Follow not those who have made mere words the ladder of their vain hopes. Leave them behind you and turn your faces toward the horizon from which hath dawned the sun of the loving-kindness of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Beware lest ye be veiled by allusions or by the words of those who know not their left from their right.

Arise in the name of thy Lord, actuated by His love and good-pleasure. This is better for thee than the kingdoms of the heavens and of earth. We counsel thee for the sake of God—to this testifieth every discerning and insightful one.

BH07886: A leaf from God to the leaf who hath…

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A leaf from God to the leaf who hath clung to this ancient Root and heard the Call when it was raised in truth, and said: “I believe in Thee, O God of the worlds,” and was blessed to hearken unto the Word of God when it appeared with manifest sovereignty.

O My handmaiden! Blessed art thou for having immersed thyself in the ocean of My knowledge, and attained unto the lights of My love, and taken refuge in the stronghold of My protection, and held fast to the cord of My generosity, and clung to the hem of My favors which have encompassed the heavens and the earth.

By My life! Were the fragrance of what hath been revealed for thee in this Tablet to possess thee, thou wouldst find within thyself such warmth of love as could not be cooled by the waters of the world. Thus have We illumined thy heart with the splendors of the Sun of utterance and adorned thee with the ornament of grace from thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praised.

Beware lest sorrows overtake thee in aught. Put thy trust in God. He verily will suffice thee in truth. He is in truth the Protector of them that turn unto Him, and the Guardian of them that have recognized Him.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07672: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest…

He is the Almighty, the Most Generous

Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest humanity turning away from Thee and opposing Thee, despite that Thou hast made Thyself manifest in the revelations of Thy divinity and hast so sent down Thy signs that they have filled all Thy dominion. I entreat Thee, O Thou Quickener of the mouldering bone, Who didst shed the light of Thine effulgence unto Moses, to shelter Thy loved ones, man and woman alike, beneath the shelter of Thy sovereignty and heavenly favors. Solace their eyes, O my God, with the splendors of Thy countenance, and their hearts with the light of Thy knowledge. Thou art their only assistance, O Lord, and their sole protector on this day. Ordain for them such as shall gladden them, exalt their names, and bring peace unto their souls. Potent art Thou to do as Thou willest. None other god is there beside Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Send Thy blessings, O God, unto Him Who is the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Orient of Thy Revelation, and unto those who have confessed Thy sovereignty and acknowledged Thy grandeur. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Giving, the All-Bountiful, the Munificent.

BH07801: The Book of God hath been sent down…

In the Name of God, Who endures without change!

The Book of God hath been sent down in truth from the heaven of the mercy of your Lord, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it is the Call of God unto all else besides Him, and the sign of His mercy unto those in the unseen and visible worlds. He who hath taken hold of the Book with the hand of might—with him do the denizens of the Supreme Paradise glory, yet most of the people know not.

Beware lest the veils of humanity withhold you from the Most Great Vision, and lest the affairs of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Beloved, cause you to waver. Sow with the hands of trust and detachment that which will cause the plants of wisdom and utterance to grow in hearts and minds. Verily He is with you and beholds what ye do in His path and what ye speak in remembrance of Him, the Mighty, the Loving.

We created the servants for the hereafter, and the Promise hath come, yet they are heedless. Remind them that perchance they may discover this sanctified, mighty and treasured fragrance, and that the breeze of God may stir them and bring them to that station which God hath sanctified above all limitations.

BH07563: These days are the days of God, and all…

In the name of the Desire of the worlds

These days are the days of God, and all creation is in a state of rapture, yearning and attraction. The one who perceived the fragrance of the divine raiment and turned with heart and soul toward the Beloved of the worlds—through the key of the Most Great Name, the door of the ancient treasury was opened, and the hidden mystery was revealed and made manifest through the grace of the Self-Subsisting Name.

O handmaids of God! Count these days as a precious opportunity and occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the Friend, for besides Him there was and shall be naught but absolute nothingness and

utter nonexistence. Pass beyond creation and turn to the Truth. Free yourselves from this ephemeral world and turn to the eternal divine City.

This is the counsel of the peerless Friend. Whoever turned attained their portion and share, and whoever remained heedless was deprived and distant. Blessed are they, men and women, who have turned, and woe to them, men and women, who are heedless.

BH07780: Lauded be Thy Name, O Lord my God! I…

Lauded be Thy Name, O Lord my God! I am Thy servant who hath laid hold on the cord of Thy tender mercies, and clung to the hem of Thy bounteousness. I entreat Thee by Thy name whereby Thou hast subjected all created things, both visible and invisible, and through which the breath that is life indeed was wafted over the entire creation, to strengthen me by Thy power which hath encompassed the heavens and the earth, and to guard me from all sickness and tribulation. I bear witness that Thou art the Lord of all names, and the Ordainer of all that may please Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Do Thou ordain for me, O my Lord, what will profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Supply me, then, with what Thou hast written down for the chosen ones among Thy creatures, whom neither the blame of the blamer, nor the clamor of the infidel, nor the estrangement of such as have withdrawn from Thee, hath deterred from turning towards Thee.

Thou, truly, art the Help in Peril through the power of Thy sovereignty. No God is there save Thee, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

BH07648: The Most Holy, the Most Glorious. Glorified be He…

The Most Holy, the Most Glorious. Glorified be He Who speaketh with truth and remembereth whomsoever He willeth among His creatures. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Verily, those who have been hindered from Him are in grievous schism.

O My loved ones! Be not grieved by that which hath befallen you in My straight and manifest path. Were it not for tribulation in His love, the Glory would not have rejoiced amidst the hosts of creation. To this beareth witness that which I am in, if ye be of those endowed with insight.

Drink ye the Kawthar of gladness from the hands of the mercy of the Manifestation, and turn not unto those who worship idols and imagine themselves to be among the believers. Break ye the idols of vain imaginings through My name and My sovereignty, and be not disturbed by any oppressive tyrant.

Thus hath moved the Supreme Pen and the tongue of revelation hath spoken on this night whereby the faces of all worlds have been illumined.

When thou attainest unto this Tablet, turn with thy heart unto the Dawning-Place of might and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged, the Stranger, the Unique One.

BH07679: Lauded be Thy name, O my God! I can…

Lauded be Thy name, O my God! I can discover no one in Thy realm who can befittingly turn unto Thee, or is able to adequately hearken unto what hath gone out of the mouth of Thy will. I beseech Thee, therefore, O Thou Who art the Possessor of the entire creation and the King of the realm of Thine invention, graciously to aid Thy creatures to accomplish that which is pleasing and acceptable unto Thee, that they may arise to serve Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures, and to speak forth Thy praise before all who are in heaven and on earth.

Thou art He, O my Lord, Whose bounty hath surpassed all things, and Whose power hath transcended all things, and Whose mercy hath encompassed all things. Look, then, upon Thy people with the eyes of Thy tender mercies, and leave them not to themselves and to their corrupt desires in Thy days. How farsoever they may have strayed from Thee, and however grievously they have turned back from Thy face, yet Thou, in Thine essence, art the All-Bountiful, and, in Thine inmost spirit, art the Most Merciful. Deal with them according to the unrevealed tokens of Thy bounty and Thy gifts. Thou art, verily, the One to the power of Whose might all things have testified, and to Whose majesty and omnipotence the whole creation hath borne witness.

No God is there but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07630: The Most Great, the Most Holy

The Most Great, the Most Holy.

A mention from Us to him who has won the lights of guidance, when the supreme horizon was illumined by the Luminary of the Most Great Name, Who appeared among the nations with a proof that none deny except those who turned away from God in the eternity of eternities—that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and hold fast to this Cord through whose movement all created things were set in motion.

When We found the fragrances of thy love for God, the Originator of verses, We sent down unto thee this Tablet whereby the proof of God hath been made manifest to all who are in earth and heaven.

Know thou the value of these days, then make mention of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind, Who came with power and sovereignty. Then make mention of thy brother who was named with this Most Great Name, and glorify his countenance from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We counsel you to steadfastness, then wisdom amongst all people. Verily thy Lord is the Counselor, the All-Knowing.

May the glory rest upon thee and upon those with thee and upon those who have turned towards God, the Lord of all men.

BH07552: O Sakina! Your letter reached the court…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord!

O Sakina! Your letter reached the court of the Most Holy, and the gaze of favor was directed toward it. Praise be to God that you were not deprived of the outpourings from the clouds of divine mercy, nor remained distant from the fragrances of God's days. You have drunk from the ocean of His love and received your portion from the cup of His knowledge. Beseech God to keep you firm in this station, which is the most glorious of stations. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Divine Countenance, and this exalted Tablet hath been revealed for thee. How many handmaidens of God who, night and day, with tears and supplications, yearned and hoped for the days of His Manifestation, yet when the Day Star of reunion dawned from the horizon of the Cause, all remained veiled by the veils of the people of error, save those whom thy Lord willed. And thou art accounted before the Divine Throne among those who have attained. Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!

BH07641: The Most Holy, The Most Glorious, The Most Splendid

The Most Holy, The Most Glorious, The Most Splendid

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the Book in truth and made it a proof from Him unto all the worlds. Verily it is the Lamp of Guidance amidst mankind and the Sign of Grandeur unto all who are in the heavens and on the earth. Through it every Book sent down aforetime hath been established and every wise decree hath been fulfilled. O servants of the All-Merciful! Fear ye God and follow not every heedless one far removed from Him. That which was hidden throughout all eternity hath now been made manifest. Draw ye nigh unto Him and be not of them that hesitate. The mountains have passed away at the mention of His Name, yet ye remain fast asleep. Aid ye yourselves by turning towards the court of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Then aid ye the people through wisdom and utterance. Thus have ye been commanded in every perspicuous Tablet. Grieve thou not over anything. Rather give thanks that the Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned towards thee from this distant station and remembereth thee through His grace. Verily He is the Mighty, the Generous.

BH07740: In His Name, the One Who dominates what was…

In His Name, the One Who dominates what was and what will be! The veils have been rent asunder by what the All-Giving hath sent down from the heaven of Command with supreme sovereignty. Thereupon all things proclaimed:

> "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Great!"

Among the people are those who have cast aside the Beloved, turning unto him who hath disbelieved in God; among them are those who have hesitated; among them are those who are bewildered; and among them are those who have drunk the pure water of reunion through this Name that hath encompassed the worlds.

Say: O people! All meanings have appeared in a concise word—this is what is intended, were ye of those who know. The Most Great Sea hath appeared in the form of man. Blessed be God, the Lord of the worlds!

Give thanks unto God for having turned unto Him and made mention of Him, and for His having revealed unto thee this mighty Tablet. Be steadfast in the Cause and firm in that whereunto thou hast attained, lest the doubts of the transgressors cause thee to slip—they who whisper in the breasts of men. Verily, they are the manifestations of the slinking whisperer. Thus hath it been sent down in the Tablets from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

BH08318: The Most Holy, The Most Glorious

The Most Holy, The Most Glorious

The call hath been raised from the prison-quarter of Him Who is the Lord of Names upon the luminous spot: There is none other God but Me, the All-Protecting, the Self-Subsisting. Blessed is the countenance that hath been illumined by the lights of the face of its Lord, and the heart that hath been enlightened by this light which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Will of its Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. They who are veiled this Day—these have no mention in the Tablets save that they are dead servants. And they who have drunk the living waters—these are the people of Baha, and by them hath the Kingdom of eternity been adorned. Blessed are the people who know. Beware lest the affairs of creation veil thee from the Truth. Cast aside idle fancy and hold fast unto the Name of thy Lord, the All-Protecting over all that witness and are witnessed. Thus doth the Lord of all mankind teach thee whilst imprisoned in the prison of the enemies, that thou mayest rejoice in His remembrance and be of them that act. Verily the glory is for the people of glory, from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed.

BH08061: O servant! Hearken unto the call of the Lord…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

O servant! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names, then immerse thyself in the ocean of inner meanings and divine knowledge, that thou mayest behold what thou hast never beheld before and discover therein the pearls of thy Lord's remembrance, the Mighty, the Bestower. All things have hastened unto God, the Lord of Names, yet We behold the people standing in the wilderness of idle fancy and error.

Blessed is the stranger who hath found in this day his true home, and blessed the weak one who hath laid hold on the cord of might. Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not the desires of them who have disbelieved when the Promised One came with the standards of revelation and inspiration. Follow Him Who calleth you to a station round which circle the denizens of Paradise at eventide and at dawn. Be thou grateful that thou hast been mentioned by the tongue of the Beloved, and that this Book hath been sent down unto thee, whereunto nothing in the heavens and the earth can compare.

BH08127: O ʻIzzatu'llah! May you ever gaze toward the One…

In the Name of the One Friend

O ʻIzzatu'llah! May you ever gaze toward the One Beloved Friend and remain detached and sanctified from all else. The glory of all today lies in the glory of God, which is the recognition of Him. And this

recognition is not complete except through acknowledging His oneness and confessing His singleness, in such wise that no likeness, peer, similitude or equal be seen for Him. For if any likeness were to be seen for the Ancient Being and the Dawning Place of the Most Great Name, such a truth would be like creation and ever remain so.

Hearken unto the counsel of the Faithful Counselor and strive that thou mayest attain unto the most great gift, which is the good-pleasure of the One Friend, and become free and independent of all else. This is God's counsel to His loved ones. Hold fast unto it, detached from all the worlds. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08251: Praise be to Thee, O my God! Thou seest…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

Praise be to Thee, O my God! Thou seest how the Wronged One is imprisoned in the most ruined of lands because He summoned the servants unto Thee and commanded them to pure piety in Thy days, and to gaze toward the horizon of Thy glory and to turn to the court of Thy grace. And for this there befell Him that which hath not befallen anyone in Thy realm. Thus dost Thou behold Him, O my Lord, the Chosen One, among the wicked ones from among the enemies of Thy Self. The matter hath become so grievous for Him that the gate of meeting with Thee hath been shut and the Face hath been veiled according to what was ordained in Thy tablets.

I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Sender of winds, to assist Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to recognize the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs. Then assist her who hath believed in Thee and turned toward Thy direction to attain Thy love and good-pleasure. Verily Thou art the Lord of the worlds and the Ultimate Goal of them that know.

BH08412: The Most Great, Most Holy

The Most Great, Most Holy

A Book sent down in truth from God, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it summoneth mankind unto the most exalted horizon—that horizon from which hath shone forth the Sun of Glory and Majesty. Blessed is he who hath advanced towards it, and woe unto every hesitating one who is veiled. Those who have rent asunder the veils are numbered among the people of this praiseworthy station, and they who have turned away are cursed by honored servants. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize the Dayspring of His Cause and given thee to drink of this Sealed Wine. He, verily, is the Almighty Who doeth as He willeth through His sovereignty. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Hold thou fast unto the hem of steadfastness and grasp the cord of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Arise to promote the Cause, then remind the people in the days of thy Lord, that perchance they may arise from the couch of heedlessness and turn towards God, the Master of the seen and unseen.

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BH08066: The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who is the Desired One, that the remembrance of his Lord may draw him in such wise as to cause him to turn wholly unto Him Whom God hath made the Object of the desire of all the worlds.

O servant! Take thou the cup of life in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink therefrom in His Name, the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Beware lest the conditions of vain imaginings withhold thee from thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Arise in His love with such steadfastness as cannot be shaken by the hosts of them that are lost in idle fancies. Turn not unto them that have violated God's Covenant, and place thy trust in all conditions in the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Verily thy Lord sendeth His blessings upon those from whose hearts the sweet savors of love have been wafted when the Lord of all beings appeared with clear sovereignty. Hold fast unto the cord of His favors and cling to the hem of His Name, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. He is with those who love Him and remember Him in the Most Great Prison. His remembrance hath preceded all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH08357: The Book hath been sent down in truth…

He is the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy

The Book hath been sent down in truth—verily it is a revelation from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Whoso acknowledgeth it hath acknowledged all the Books of God, the Supreme, the Most High, the Most Great. And whoso denieth it hath denied all the Scriptures and whatsoever hath been revealed from the heaven of divine revelation by One Who is Mighty, Trustworthy. Blessed is he who hath attained unto confession of faith when the Chosen One came with sovereignty and power. Woe unto the proud! Rejoice, O concourse of creation, in the manifestation of the All-Merciful, and be not of them that hesitate. They who have attained unto the verses of God and His recognition—these are they who are numbered among the guided ones in a mighty tablet. And they who have turned away or hesitated—these are among the most lost. Give thanks unto God for having remembered thy name before the Throne and revealed unto thee that which hath enraptured the hearts of the sincere ones.

BH08136: The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great

O thou who hast turned thy face towards God! Give praise unto Him Who is the Goal of all worlds, that in His days thou hast attained unto His knowledge and partaken of the choice wine of His love. His favors have ever been and shall ever continue to be. Among His favors is His remembrance of His servants, though some today perceive not the fruits of the Tree of Remembrance and know not the effects of

divine remembrance. Yet there shall come a time when it will be made manifest from the divine Treasury of Time, and in that hour all shall become aware and informed thereof. Blessed are they who today have attained unto the Most Great Remembrance and have arisen to serve the Cause. We beseech the Exalted True One that He may guide all to the river of His mercy and nourish them from the springs of submission. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. And the glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Help in Peril, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH08408: A book from Us unto him who hath turned…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Great

A book from Us unto him who hath turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon when he appeared with My Most Glorious Name and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

Verily, one word from Him cannot be equaled by whatsoever existeth in the heavens and the earth. We seized creation through a word from Us and raised them up again through it, for verily We are powerful over all things.

Blessed is he who hath recognized the Word of God and its Source, and hath attained unto the lights of His Face, the Shining, the Luminous. Verily it speaketh at all times through My Name, the All-Subduing Lord of Names, and summoneth all unto this Luminous Horizon.

Those who are heedless, they are assuredly the people of the Fire, and those who have believed, they are assuredly the people of Paradise—to this doth the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Great, bear witness.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that neither the veils of the divines nor the promptings of the evil ones shall hold thee back.

BH08063: O ʿAli! Hearken unto the call of the Lord…

In His Name, the Eternal, the Ancient

O ʿAli! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Eternity from the precincts of His Most Great Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. He hath created all things for My meeting, and hath sent down all books for the mention of this Mighty Book. The Sacred Scriptures testify that there is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful, and the Holy Books proclaim this is He Who is mentioned in the Tablets and inscribed in a preserved Book.

Then know thou that thy letter hath come before the Throne, and this glorious Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Read it by night and by day; verily it will draw thee to an exalted station. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and turned away from every rebellious infidel.

Beware lest the vain imaginings of those who have drunk the love of the calf keep thee back, or the veils of the deniers prevent thee. Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness, detached from all created things. Thus doth thy Lord command thee, verily He is the Protector of the doers of good.

BH08407: A Tablet from Our presence to him who hath…

A Tablet from Our presence to him who hath attained unto the days of his Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One, and hath hearkened unto the Call which was raised in truth from this Tree that speaketh in the midmost heart of the world: 'Verily, there is none other God beside Me, the Mighty, the Bountiful.'

Blessed art thou inasmuch as the Most Exalted Pen remembereth thee whilst in the clutches of the oppressors. Ye are beneath the pavilion of My loving-kindness; guard ye this sublime station.

It behooveth thy script to be presented before the Throne. Thy Lord, verily, is the Educator, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Make mention, on My behalf, of him who hath been named Ali-before-Nabil, saying: Blessed art thou inasmuch as thou hast hearkened unto the command of thy Lord and art of those who are set ablaze.'

We cherish those who have held fast unto the cord of means, placing their trust in God, the Powerful, the Almighty.

Then make mention of the other and gladden him with the remembrance I have made of him. Verily, My grace hath encompassed the worlds.

May the glory of God rest upon you all from the presence of One mighty and praiseworthy.

BH08072: In the name of Him who abideth after…

In the name of Him who abideth after the passing of all things! O leaf of love! Thy letter hath come before the Throne, and this perspicuous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. We have heard that which thou didst call upon God, thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds.

Immerse thyself in the ocean of joy, inasmuch as the Lord of Revelation remembereth thee in this mighty prison. Verily, He remembereth whoever hath uttered His praise, and loveth whoever hath turned towards His shining countenance. Blessed art thou, and thy father and mother, and whosoever hath believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

Hold fast unto the Tree in such wise that the tempests of the allusions of the ungodly shall not move thee. We have ordained for each one of you a station which none knoweth save My Self, the All-Subduing over all who are in the heavens and earths.

Thus hath My Most Exalted Pen moved to make mention of thee. This is of His grace unto thee. Be thou thankful, for verily He is the All-Giving, the Generous, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08108: O handmaiden of God! God willing, thou shalt be…

In the name of the Peerless Beloved

O handmaiden of God! God willing, thou shalt be enkindled by the fire of divine love on this spiritual day and be occupied with His remembrance and praise. Withdraw not the hand of seeking from the hem of

the Desired One. With the eye of the spirit, gaze upon the Beloved of all worlds, that perchance thou mayest not be deprived of the ocean of His bounty nor be forbidden from the heaven of His grace.

His mercy hath encompassed all creation, and His loving-kindness hath embraced the entire realm of being. Bereft indeed is the heart that hath not attained to His love, and deprived is the ear that hath not heard His call.

O ye who seek the eternal and flowing Kawthar! Drink ye of His love through that Divine Pen and shut your eyes to all the worlds.

Verily, glory be upon those who have remained faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and upon those handmaidens who have remained faithful, for they are indeed among the triumphant ones in the Preserved Tablet.

BH08415: This is a Book sent down from the heaven…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

This is a Book sent down from the heaven of Revelation unto her who believed when she heard the call of her Lord, the Mighty, the Wise, that the Word of God might draw her nigh unto a station wherein naught is seen save the lights of His face, the Mighty, the Generous.

Verily, We make mention of him who hath turned among the servants and then of her who hath turned among the handmaidens. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Verily, he who hath attained unto the days of God is assuredly among the people of Paradise in a mighty tablet, and she who hath recognized her Lord is assuredly among those who have attained in the presence of the mighty Throne.

O My handmaiden! The Tongue of Grandeur maketh mention of thee from this far-distant horizon. Be thou thankful for this bounty and make mention of Him at all times. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Thus hath been sent down unto thee from the heaven of grace that which God hath made the Kawthar of life for all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH08293: The Beauty of Hijaz addresses His handmaidens…

In the Name of the One Peerless God!

The Beauty of Hijaz addresses His handmaidens in the Persian tongue, that they may become intoxicated with the Kawthar of divine remembrance and arise to make mention of the Friend. Though He hath ever been and will forever remain sanctified from all directions, and though He hath attributed Himself to the Hijaz, or to Iraq, or other places, this is but in consideration of the understanding of created things within the bounds of contingent being; else He is and hath ever been the Creator of all and sanctified above all.

O handmaiden of God! May you be, God willing, gladdened and made joyous through the fragrances of the Days of God and the gentle breezes of His favors, and may you walk in the pleasant atmosphere of trust and assurance, of devotion and certitude. Thy mention was made at the Divine Throne, and thus

hast thou been blessed with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds. Praise be to God in all conditions.

BH08339: We have adorned the books of heaven with this…

In the Name of Him Who abideth after the passing of all things

We have adorned the books of heaven with this Book which hath shone forth from the sun of the Revelation of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have made it a lamp of guidance amongst creation and the Most Great Sign for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto it and taketh hold of it with the hand of might and power. He is indeed among the most exalted of beings in this noble scene.

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of My sister's daughter who hath been named after her, then gladden her with this wondrous remembrance that she may rejoice within herself and thank her Lord Who hath caused all things to speak in praise of His Self, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Thou art one of the leaves of the Tree of the Command. Hold fast unto it lest the winds of doubts cause thee to fall or the signs of the wayward move thee. Rejoice thou in the Most Great Name, then prostrate thyself and be thou submissive before God, the Lord of all worlds.

Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee as a grace from Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH08351: The Most Ancient, Most Great, Most Bountiful!

The Most Ancient, Most Great, Most Bountiful!

The gate of heaven hath been opened in the name of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, and there hath come forth from it He Who hath proclaimed unto mankind this Message whereby the trees have been set ablaze and the seas have overflowed. They that have turned unto Him have attained unto all good, and they that have turned away are verily among those who have gone astray. Had men recognized the excellence of this Day, they would have cast blame behind their backs, turning unto God, the Lord of all mankind.

Say: O people! Associate not partners with God. He hath borne witness unto His Own Self by His Own Self that there is none other God but Him, the Single, the One, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Turn ye unto the Qiblih of all existence, and follow not every idolatrous infidel. He desireth for you naught save that which profiteth you in this world and in the world to come. Seize ye the time, O ye that are endued with insight!

Thus hath the horizon of Remembrance shone forth with the sun of the utterance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

BH08774: The gracious and almighty God saith: O my handmaiden!…

In the name of the benevolent Friend

The gracious and almighty God saith: O my handmaiden! Thou hast been called to remembrance before the Throne of Glory and the Tongue of God giveth utterance to this Tablet that thou mayest rejoice in the wondrous effusions of His all-embracing grace and rest assured of His unfailing providence. Make thou mention, at all times, of the Well-Beloved of the world and be wholly detached from aught else save Him. The purpose underlying all creation is to know God. Praise be to Him thou hast attained His knowledge and quaffed thy fill of the ocean of His loving-kindness. Treasure thou so precious a favor and belittle not its worth. Guard it from the thieves, the deniers and the evil ones, inasmuch as the thief is lying in wait on every side, ready to rob thee of so priceless a gem. We fain would hope that through the assistance of God's Most Great Name thou wilt succeed in protecting it.

BH08764: The Beauty of the Cause hath been witnessed rising…

In His name, the Ever-Abiding after the passing away of all things!

The Beauty of the Cause hath been witnessed rising from the horizon of justice with grace. Blessed is he who hath cast away desire and laid hold on guidance in these days wherein the Book of Dawn hath been seen from the horizon of might.

Say: O people! Follow not your desires. Follow Him Who speaketh with truth, for He, verily, hath knowledge of all things. Beware lest the intimations of the people hinder you. By God! They wander in the wilderness of error and find no path for themselves.

The breezes of revelation have wafted and the fragrances of the All-Merciful have been diffused throughout creation. Blessed is he who hath chosen Him as his helper. Rejoice ye in the joy of My Most Great Name, for He hath appeared through a Command that hath encompassed the worlds.

Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance in the niche of wisdom and exposition that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be steadfast in the Cause.

BH08792: A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned…

In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned towards the horizon of Revelation when the Dayspring of verses appeared with grandeur and power, that he may remember his Lord amongst the servants in such wise as to awaken thereby them that are in all lands. O servant! Hearken unto the call from the Most Exalted Horizon, the seat of thy Lord, the Most Glorious. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. Beware lest the affairs of the world grieve thee. Speak forth in praise of thy Lord—thus doth the Lord of Names command thee from this most far-off Station. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The fragrances of the garment have been diffused and the sweet-scenting aroma of holiness hath been wafted, yet the people are in strange delusion. We beseech God to preserve thee from the imaginings of those who have disbelieved in God and to make thee steadfast in this Cause whereby necks have been brought low.

BH08855: Lauded be Thy name, O my God…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

Lauded be Thy name, O my God and the God of all things, my Glory and the Glory of all things, my Desire and the Desire of all things, my Strength and the Strength of all things, my King and the King of all things, my Possessor and the Possessor of all things, my Aim and the Aim of all things, my Mover and the Mover of all things! Suffer me not, I implore Thee, to be kept back from the ocean of Thy tender mercies, nor to be far removed from the shores of nearness to Thee.

Aught else except Thee, O my Lord, profiteth me not, and near access to any one save Thyself availeth me nothing. I entreat Thee by the plenteousness of Thy riches, whereby Thou didst dispense with all else except Thyself, to number me with such as have set their faces towards Thee, and arisen to serve Thee.

Forgive, then, O my Lord, Thy servants and Thy handmaidens. Thou, truly, art the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Compassionate.

BH09009: The Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Generous

The Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Generous

A Book sent down in truth, wherein is that which gladdens the hearts of those who have turned towards the Countenance and soared in the atmosphere of the love of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have acknowledged that which the Tongue of Revelation hath spoken. Sovereignty belongeth unto God, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The faces of those near unto God have been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, while the faces of those who turned away have been darkened by their rejection of this Brilliant Dawn. This is a Day wherein the mountains have been moved and the foundations of every obstinate infidel have been shaken. Lost indeed are they who have forgotten that which We counselled them in the Tablets, and gained are they who have attained unto the lights of His mighty Throne.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto the Tablet of God and its effect, and there hath been sent down for thee that which cannot be equaled by the treasures of the worlds. Thus have We perfumed the Tablet of Love with the musk of the ink as a bounty from the presence of Him Who is the Lord of creation, that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH08732: In the Name of the One True Friend! O…

In the Name of the One True Friend! O Ali! God willing, in these most excellent days thou art occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings, detached and free from people who are as cattle. Divine favors and heavenly bounties have encompassed and will continue to encompass thee, for thou art reckoned as being of the root of the Tree and art mentioned by His name.

Strive thou, in this springtime of youth, to adorn thyself with the ornament of goodly character and conduct, with benevolent deeds and praiseworthy actions. The criterion of human beings is the manifestation of humanity, which is the expression of those spiritual perfections that lie hidden within.

Assuredly, neglect not, throughout thy days and nights, the acquisition of spiritual and outward perfections, that the fruits of existence may be made manifest through thee. This is the counsel and testament of a faithful counselor.

BH08724: The light of the world is the remembrance…

The light of the world is the remembrance of the One Friend.

O friends! The earth of the knowledge of the All-Merciful was observed to be ruined and desolate. We therefore sent forth the Mature Cultivator and Wise Physician to cut away, through perfect remedies, the corrupt roots and worthless weeds, and to nurture that earth through the rains of divine commandments, that it might become a place for the growth of goodly plants and fruit-bearing trees. This is the purpose of sending forth the Messengers and revealing the Books.

O friends! Strive to educate the wayward and ignorant, that perchance the saplings of human existence may become verdant and flourishing through the springtime of divine grace. With pure ears hear My call, and with pure eyes turn toward My horizon. Sightless is he who is deprived of this bounty, and blind is the one who recognized not the All-Powerful Lord.

BH08771: How excellent is the remembrance of God for His…

In the Name of the Kind Friend!

How excellent is the remembrance of God for His creation, and how sweet is the mention of the Lord for His servant, the remembrance of the Beloved for His lover! It hath been and shall ever be, for the sincere seeker, the capital of eternal life and an everlasting bounty. The word of the Desired One is better than both worlds, more delicate than the spirit and more life-giving.

Praise be to God, thou hast attained through His grace unto this eternal bounty, inasmuch as the Beloved of the world in the Most Great Prison is occupied with thy remembrance. This is of His grace which hath encompassed all the worlds. With the tongue of the soul, be thou grateful to the Beloved of all creation and render praise, for thou hast attained unto this bounty and art mentioned before the Throne.

BH08921: The Tree hath called aloud saying: “There is none…

In the Name of the One Friend

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

The Tree hath called aloud saying: “There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the All-Wise!” And the Rock crieth out saying: “There is none other God but He, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the Great!” And

the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh forth from within the all-glorious pavilion saying: “There is none other God but He, the One, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed!”

Blessed is the ear that hath heard the Call, and the heart that hath been illumined by this Lamp whereby the heavens and earth were made to shine, and the face that hath been lit by the lights of its Lord’s countenance, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in the days of thy Lord, then remember thou this favor that hath encompassed the worlds. Thou art in thy home while thy Lord remembereth thee in this mighty Prison. Reflect thou upon the gifts of thy Master, then prostrate thyself and bow down with this remembrance through which the sweet fragrances of thy Lord’s favors, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, have been wafted.

BH08763: These are the verses of the Book which have…

In His Name, the One, the Single!

These are the verses of the Book which have been sent down in truth from God, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily it is the Ancient Sign amongst the nations and the Lamp of Guidance for whoso is in the earth and heaven. Verily it is the Water of Life for the life of all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and the Proof of the All-Merciful to every discerning mystic.

Draw nigh unto Him, O peoples of the earth, and follow not every idolatrous deceiver. Say: This is the Path which you were promised in the Book, and the Balance whereby all things are weighed—know this, O ye who are endued with insight!

Beware lest the affairs of creation veil you from this Cause whereby the horizons have been illumined. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Throne, and for that which God hath sent down unto thee, making it an ornament of the Book of Creation.

BH08888: Blessed art thou in whatever world thou art…

In the Name of the One Friend!

Blessed art thou in whatever world thou art and shalt be!

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the love and knowledge of the Best-Beloved of the worlds—which is the ultimate purpose of creation—and hast quaffed the pure wine in the days of His manifestation.

Physical death shall not prevent those who have turned to Him, whether men or women, from attaining eternal life, for after their ascension to their own kingdom, the spirits of such souls shall find themselves adorned with the most beauteous raiment and in the most exalted station. Whosoever hath held fast unto the truth hath been and shall be with the Truth in all the worlds.

The people, however, are veiled: most are deprived of this station and are powerless and incapable of comprehending it. Blessed is the soul that hath attained unto this station and hath been illumined by the lights of the Ancient Countenance.

BH08742: O Mahmud! May you not remain distant…

In the name of the One True Friend

O Mahmud! May you not remain distant from the cloud of mercy of the Lord of existence and the Sovereign of the unseen and seen, and may you drink from the Kawthar of nearness and assurance.

Strive to make firm the cord of relationship, and its firmness depends upon steadfastness in the Cause of the Lord of possibilities. Whosoever attains to this station, no harm ever was or shall be for him, and he shall attain to the good of this world and the next.

Every soul who today turns to the Luminary of the horizon of inner meanings is accounted among the living before the Divine Countenance, and whoso remains deprived is reckoned among the dead.

Praise the Absolute Truth Who assisted thee and caused thee to attain His recognition.

BH08721: O youth! God willing, through the loving-kindness…

In the name of the One Friend!

O youth! God willing, through the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful mayest thou be blessed with the infinite bounties of the divine days and be nourished and sustained by the fruits of the celestial Tree.

Thou wert mentioned in His presence, and these few words have dawned from the Dawning-Place of the Pen of the All-Merciful, that thou mayest be illumined by the lights of the words of the Dawning-Place of names and attributes, in such wise that the traces of that light shall endure forever.

Blessed is thy father, for he attained recognition of this Cause when We were in those regions, and to this the Revealer of verses beareth witness.

Strive thou to remain steadfast in the Cause of God, for Satan hath been and shall ever be lying in wait. Under all conditions hold fast unto the Lord of all worlds and be detached from aught else but Him.

BH08799: The Most Ancient, the Most Great. A remembrance…

The Most Ancient, the Most Great. A remembrance from Us to him who hath attained unto the recognition of his Lord, when the veil was rent asunder and the Promised One appeared with manifest sovereignty.

Say: This is the Lamp which the All-Merciful hath lit in the midmost heart of creation. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. All the hosts of the earth combined cannot prevent Him from that which He desireth. Verily thy Lord is the Triumphant, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Those who desired to extinguish the light of God through their might, or their vain imaginings, or their learning, shall soon find themselves in manifest loss. His power hath conquered all who are in creation, and His mercy hath preceded all in the worlds. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and arose to make mention of Him—he is of those who have attained.

Thus have We adorned the Tablet of Creation with the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of Names. Read thou and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast aided me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause and made me to be of those who have turned unto Thee.

BH09005: The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Book…

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious Book from Us to him who hath turned towards the Dawning-Place of Revelation when the horizon of utterance was illumined with the Sun of wisdom and exposition, that he may inhale the fragrances of the verses in the days of his Lord, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Bestower, and may arise amidst the servants in the name of his Lord, the Possessor of all being, saying:

> "O people! The Hour hath come and the Resurrection hath appeared. Blessed are they who are endued with vision."

O servant! Hearken unto that which the Lord of all beings doth mention unto thee, and hold fast unto the Sure Handle in such wise that the hosts of the wicked shall not prevent thee.

Say: This is a Day wherein all things have proclaimed with most loud voice: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Unconstrained."

Beware lest that which ye possess prevent you. Leave it and take what hath been given you by God. Verily nothing that hath been created in earth or heaven can equal it.

BH09350: A remembrance from Us to him who hath attained…

In His Name, the All-Ruling over all names!

A remembrance from Us to him who hath attained the lights of the countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of the Will of God, the Sovereign, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed is he who hath clung to the hem of bounty and held fast to the strong cord of God. He is indeed among the most exalted of creatures in the sight of the Truth, though he be considered the most abject of servants. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord—this is the very foundation of the Cause, if thou be of them that comprehend. How many a servant hath believed and then turned away by following the heedless ones, and how many a servant hath stood with such steadfastness as to astonish the hearts of them that have turned unto God.

Thus doth the Ancient King make mention of thee from within the Most Great Prison. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!

BH09266: The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious!

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious!

God willing, through the favor of the Friend, may you be detached and free from all else besides Him, and at all times drink the wine of inner meanings from the hand of the True Cup-bearer. The gaze of God's favor has been and will be with you.

Blessed is your father, for he attained the presence of God and believed in the presence of His countenance. Verily for him is a great reward in the Book. He was among those souls who, after the exaltation of the Divine Word, attained recognition of God, and in the days of the rising of the Sun of Truth in those regions, was present before His countenance, was guided by His lights, and remained steadfast in His Cause. Verily for him is a goodly return.

BH09373: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy names…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy names which have encompassed all created things, and by Thy attributes which have preceded all existence, to protect Thy handmaidens who have turned toward Thy countenance and hearkened unto Thy call in Thy days, and who have arisen to praise Thee and Thy Cause. Verily Thou art God, there is none other God but Thee. The atoms testify to Thy oneness, and the signs to Thy sovereignty and power. Nothing can prevent Thy dominion. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Glorious, the All-Wise.

O my God! Send down Thy blessings upon the people of Baha who were not deterred by the contingencies of fate from turning toward Thy face, O Creator of heaven and Lord of Names! Verily Thou art the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH09275: O Ahmad the Single, the One! He saith…

In the name of the Loving Friend

O Ahmad the Single, the One! He saith: With the wings of knowledge soar in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful, that perchance through His pre-existing mercy and all-encompassing grace thou mayest attain unto the Dawning-Place of His most excellent names and the Day-Spring of His most exalted attributes. The outward foot cannot traverse this distance, and the outer wings are powerless to fly in this spiritual atmosphere. Therefore with spiritual wing and mystic foot set out toward thy goal.

This hath ever been and shall ever be the ultimate journey for those who seek, and the final homeland of the lovers. We beseech God to cause all to attain unto this most exalted station and to grant them to partake of the wine of revelation.

BH09293: O Fatimih, Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness!…

In the name of the Lord of Names!

O Fatimih, Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness! From the Most Great Prison He calleth thee and summoneth thee to the Lord of Eternity. He hath had and hath no purpose save the guidance of the handmaidens and servants of God, inasmuch as He, of His own Self, hath ever been and shall ever be self-

sufficient. Neither doth any good deed of His servants profit Him, nor any evil act of His creatures harm Him. He calleth all purely for the sake of God, that all may attain unto the fruit of their own being, which is the recognition of God and the Manifestation of His Cause. May it be that thou wilt, through His name, preserve the pearl of divine love within the treasury of thy heart. The Glory be upon thee.

BH09301: O Marziyyih! The Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness…

In the Name of Him Who is the Desire of all the world

O Marziyyih! The Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness summons thee to the eternal divine realms. Hearken with thy soul's ear to the call of the All-Merciful, and turn to Him with all thy heart and spirit. Whosoever today has drunk of this eternal wine has attained eternal life, and whosoever has been deprived is accounted as among perishable forms in the sight of God.

Until the Ancient Beauty appears with the Most Great Name, strive that ye may attain through His grace to the fruit of creation, and that fruit is the knowledge of the Beloved. None but detached spirits have been or shall be given a share from this cup. How blessed is the state of one who remains steadfast upon the path of His love and is not prevented by the whisperings of evil souls.

BH09296: O handmaiden of God! God willing, through the grace…

In the name of the one God

O handmaiden of God! God willing, through the grace of the Dawning-Place of Names, thou shalt attain unto the holy bounties in these divine days and receive thy portion and share from the fragrances of His garment of grace. Most of the handmaidens were deprived of this infinite gift, for they were veiled by the veils of their former delusions. Yet some removed the veil and turned toward the Lord of Lords. These handmaidens are accounted as men in the sight of God.

Praise the Beloved of the world that thou hast attained the honor of recognizing the Dawning-Place of His verses, and He hath manifested through thee one who turned to the supreme horizon and attained the sea of meeting and reunion.

BH09337: The One True Friend saith: O friends! Purify yourselves…

In the name of the Desire of the World

The One True Friend saith: O friends! Purify yourselves from the defilement of contingent existence, that you may attain to everlasting rest. All that is other than Him has been and will be transient, and all that is with Him will endure by the perpetuity of the Kingdom. Strive that you may attain unto eternal life, and the cause and means of this is the love of God and steadfastness in His Cause. God willing, you shall attain unto this.

Blessed be your father! Verily he attained unto the lights of the Countenance and was set ablaze by the fire of the love of God to such degree that he was martyred in His path. By My life! This is a bounty and station that the Kingdom of the realms of heaven and earth cannot equal.

BH09286: O friends! The ocean of bounty is surging…

In the Name of the Peerless, One God!

O friends! The ocean of bounty is surging and the Sun of grace is shining forth. Today is the day of praise, not the time of defilement. Say: O friends! Cleanse your souls from the defilement of the world and arise in praise of the One Beloved. Today is the day of the tongue, for it was created for praise. Today is the day of meeting, for the Beloved has appeared. Soar on the wings of the love of the All-Merciful, that perchance ye may attain spiritual nearness.

O friends! Be not grieved at separation—this is the day of joy, not the time of sorrow. Whosoever has arisen in the love of the All-Merciful is of Us, and whosoever is occupied with aught else is accounted among strangers. Such is the utterance of the All-Merciful. Blessed are they that hear!

BH09545: This is a Book sent down from Our presence…

In the Name of the Everlasting, the Ever-Abiding!

This is a Book sent down from Our presence—verily it is a lamp of guidance among mankind, a sign of eternity among the nations, and the Most Great Remembrance for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who draweth nigh and is illumined thereby; woe unto him who wandereth in the wilderness of error and is among those who are far removed.

Arise, O loved ones of God, to fulfill His binding, mighty and wondrous Cause, then aid your Lord, the All-Merciful, through that which causeth all creation to quake. Thus doth the Lord of the worlds command you.

Whoso draweth nigh and drinketh, verily he is of the people of Baha before God, the Lord of Names; and whoso is debarred, he is assuredly among the dead. Verily the glory belongeth unto the people of Baha who have fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament and are among the steadfast.

BH10017: Divine counsels are a spiritual feast sent down…

In the Name of the Beloved of all creation!

Divine counsels are a spiritual feast sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful Will. The friends must appreciate the value of this everlasting bounty and not lose this most great favor and most perfect grace through the conjectures of transient souls.

The glance of loving-kindness from the horizon of the Prison is directed to all, and He observes each soul according to its condition. Blessed are they from whose countenances radiate the All-Merciful splendor and the lights of the Divine Word.

Strive that perchance ye may attain to this station and become sanctified, detached and purified from all else.

BH09781: O servant of the One God! The Peerless Beloved…

In the Name of the One Friend

O servant of the One God! The Peerless Beloved calls unto thee, saying: The call of the All-Merciful is raised before the faces of men, and the croaking of the ghouls follows. Blessed is he whom the croaking of ghouls prevented not from the living waters, and who arose with perfect steadfastness to serve the Cause of the Lord of all beings. Guard ye with utmost endeavor the pearls of divine love, for thieves have been and shall be lying in wait, watching for an opportunity to plunder. Such is the counsel of the Beloved of creation unto His loved ones. The Glory be upon you.

BH09800: O Mihdi of the world! Through the breezes…

In the Name of the One Creator

O Mihdi of the world! Through the breezes of the Ancient Lord's favor, the world hath been adorned with the flowers of divine knowledge and the fruits of inner truth. Blessed is the soul that hath not been deprived or forbidden therefrom. Today is the day when the ocean of generosity is surging and the heart of creation is in joy. God willing, thou shalt attain unto this most great bounty and gaze upon the most luminous horizon. Praise be to God that thou art reckoned among the twigs of the Divine Tree and art related to the Celestial Tree. Hold fast with complete determination, lest diverse winds prevent thee. In all conditions, keep thy gaze fixed upon the Truth and remain detached and free from aught else.

BH09791: O Shamsiyyih! God willing, through the favors…

In the Name of the One True God

O Shamsiyyih! God willing, through the favors of the Countenance of Divine Unity, mayest thou shine forth even as the sun from the horizon of the heaven of certitude, that the darkened hearts of the heedless handmaidens may be illumined by its rays. Give thanks to the Best-Beloved of the worlds that thou art accounted among the people of the pavilion of glory, inasmuch as thou hast sprung from the tree of grace and art related unto the Truth. Know thou the value of this most great bounty and be thou engaged day and night in His remembrance and be thou steadfast in His Cause. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon those whom God hath related to the Tree of His Cause.

BH09802: O leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! Be thankful…

In the Name of the One Friend

O leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! Be thankful that thou hast sprung from Me and art attributed unto Me. This is a divine bounty bestowed upon thee. But what behooveth thee is to hold fast unto the Tree with perfect trust and strength, lest thou be cast down by the diverse winds of the souls of the ungodly. His favors have ever been and shall ever continue to be. Through the mere turning of any soul to the Most Exalted Horizon, the confirmations of the Lord of Names have reached and shall continue to reach. Bind

thy heart firmly to the love of the Beloved of the worlds. He is the source of all good and the bestower of every bounty. Verily, the glory be upon thee from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

BH09815: How many servants and handmaidens there were who occupied…

In the Name of the One Creator!

How many servants and handmaidens there were who occupied themselves day and night with reciting divine books and heavenly scriptures, yet remained veiled from their Revealer when He appeared, and clinging to their own imaginings and holding fast to the Book, were deprived of its Revealer and remained veiled from the Mother Book. They passed by the Sweet Ocean and turned instead to the river of their own vain fancies. Blessed is the soul that held fast to the divine Lote-Tree and became free and detached from all else.

O handmaiden of God! God willing, may you remain steadfast in His love and be free and detached from all else. The glory be upon you.

BH09782: Thy letter reached the Most Great Horizon and was…

In the Name of the One True Friend

Thy letter reached the Most Great Horizon and was honored to attain the presence and favors of the Lord of Power. Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds Who assisted thee to recognize His Own Self and to turn toward His direction. Know thou the worth of this most great bounty and supreme gift, and occupy thyself with such matters as will cause the station of man to be made manifest. Excellence hath ever been and shall ever be beloved in the sight of the Self-Sufficing, the Most High. Strive diligently to attain it. God willing, the glance of merciful compassion hath been and shall be upon thee. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon thy mother and upon thy brother and thy sister, from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09788: O Ramadan! God willing, through the loving-kindness…

In the name of the Best-Beloved of the world

O Ramadan! God willing, through the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful thou wilt drink from the cup of everlasting life and remain firm in thy attachment to the Beloved of all creation, in such wise that the hosts of Satan will not prevent thee nor deprive thee of this most great bounty.

While time remaineth, strive that perchance some service may proceed from thee which shall be acceptable in the presence of the Eternal One, for the fruit of human existence hath ever been and shall ever be the remembrance of the All-Merciful, service unto Him and steadfastness in His Cause. How excellent is the state of that soul who hath attained unto these two and detached himself from all else.

BH09789: O Sakinih! The Lord of Creation declares: I created…

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of earth and heaven!

O Sakinih! The Lord of Creation declares: I created all beings for this Day and for its recognition, yet most remained veiled from knowing it. The cause of their veiling has been and will continue to be vain imaginings and idle fancies. Whosoever today attains to this most great bounty and most generous favor—if she be among the handmaidens, she is mentioned before God as being among the denizens of the highest chambers of Paradise, and if he be among the men, he is accounted as one of the people of the Ridvan. O handmaiden of God! Give thanks to the Lord of Names that thou hast attained to this supreme gift and hast drunk from the Kawthar of His love.

BH09826: A remembrance from Us to her who turned…

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the Mighty, the Beautiful

A remembrance from Us to her who turned to God in her early days, that she may rejoice in the remembrance of her Lord and be numbered among the devout ones in a mighty tablet. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who hath believed in God, the Single One, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He is among those who did not hesitate in this Cause when the Call was raised, but said: "Here am I, O God of the worlds!" We have forgiven him through Our grace and have sent down for him that which shall immortalize his memory amongst all peoples. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for having been mentioned in the presence of His Countenance and for this mighty Tablet which hath been revealed unto thee. Verily, the glory from thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, be upon thee and upon thy father and thy mother.

BH09840: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

In the name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the Mighty, the All-Wise!

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and made them a cause of joy to all worlds. Blessed is he who hath recognized them and believed in them when they were sent down from the presence of a Mighty, Powerful One. Those who have cast them behind their backs are among the most lost. How many a servant hath lamented in separation, yet when the ocean of reunion surged, turned away and was numbered with the heedless. O people! Abandon what ye possess. By God, the Object of the knowers hath appeared and speaketh from the Most Great Prison that there is none other God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance and drunk the sealed wine from the hands of thy Lord's bounty, the Merciful.

BH09925: We have lit the Lamp in the midmost heart…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

We have lit the Lamp in the midmost heart of creation and sent down the verses from the heaven of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness, yet the people remain in manifest remoteness. The atoms lament what hath befallen the Dawning-Place of verses while the people remain veiled by a thick veil. All things call out to them saying "Draw nigh unto the Most Great Ocean," yet they sport with their vain imaginings and are not among those who comprehend. Their eyes have been prevented from beholding the Face and their hearts from recognizing the Source of their Lord's revelation, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve

thou not at anything, but place thy trust in God, the Lord of all worlds. Then render thanks unto Him for having aided thee in what He hath willed, inasmuch as that which the near ones desired hath been made manifest.

BH10228: Creation exists and is sustained through the remembrance…

Creation exists and is sustained through the remembrance of the Friend. Say: O people of contingent being! The Countenance of the All-Merciful declares: Today is not the day for words, nor the time for waiting. Act ye according to the divine utterances which have dawned and appeared from the Dayspring of the Most Holy Pen.

O people of the land! The Peerless Friend hath appeared unveiled, and the Hand of Divine Power hath shone forth from the horizon of the Divine Robe. While time remains, occupy yourselves with the remembrance of the Everlasting One and turn ye towards the Face of God. We have ordained the heart as the pathway of turning unto Him, for the outward path is forbidden.

BH10376: The Perspicuous Book hath been made manifest…

In the Name of the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful!

The Perspicuous Book hath been made manifest by the command of the Lord of the Worlds. Whosoever attaineth unto it and taketh hold of it through divine strength is mentioned before the Throne as being among the dwellers of the most exalted Paradise.

O handmaiden of God! Strive that thou mayest not be deprived of the fragrances of the Lord of Names and Attributes, nor be forbidden from His wondrous and glorious outpourings. Be not saddened by the transient affairs of this base world. Keep thy heart illumined and joyous through the remembrance of the King of Oneness. This is the counsel of the Ancient Beauty unto His handmaidens.

BH10193: God willing, may you, through divine grace, be detached…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Contingent World!

God willing, may you, through divine grace, be detached from creation and hold fast unto Him. Turn your gaze away from all the peoples and fix it upon the All-Merciful. All that is visible shall soon pass away and perish. The fruit of human existence hath been and ever shall be the recognition of the All-Merciful. Whoso hath attained unto this fruit in this day is reckoned as human and is mentioned in the presence of the All-Glorious. Strive that perchance thou mayest drink of the everlasting Kawthar from the hand of the spiritual Cup-bearer and attain unto the true Friend. This is the counsel of the Wronged One unto His friends. Blessed are they that act!

BH10637: The Supreme Pen addresses Its loved ones…

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all the worlds!

The Supreme Pen addresses Its loved ones in the Persian tongue, that they may comprehend the utterance of the All-Merciful, be mindful, and with complete assurance remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of the Beloved of the worlds. O handmaiden of God! The Wronged One of the world calls out to thee from the Most Great Prison, that thou mayest not be deprived of the choice wine of divine knowledge and the living waters of faith, and that thou mayest at all times be occupied with His remembrance and praise. This is the cause of salvation in both worlds.

BH00876: Verily doth Joy proclaim: "My soul be a sacrifice…

He is the Most Sorrowful, the Most Sorrowful!

Verily doth Joy proclaim: "My soul be a sacrifice to Thy sorrow, O Thou Who art wronged by the peoples of the world!" Gladness doth cry aloud: "My spirit be a sacrifice to Thy grief, O Thou Peerless One of all creation!" Happiness in its entirety doth exclaim: "My very being be a sacrifice to Thy distress, O Thou Stranger in the world!" Prosperity doth lament and declare: "My essence be a sacrifice to Thy hardship, O Thou Captive in the hands of the oppressors!" Rest doth speak and call out: "My reality be a sacrifice to Thy tribulation, O Thou Who art the Rest of all mankind!"

This is a Book inscribed with the ink of Command from God, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Knowing. Say: This is God's mystery and His sovereignty, His proof and His testimony unto all who dwell in the heavens and on earth. This is the Day whereon God calleth unto all besides Him. Blessed is he who hath found the sweetness of this wondrous, this mighty Call. Can any day be compared with this Day? Nay, by the Lord of all beings! Yet the people are wrapped in a thick veil.

The ears were created to hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful, and the eyes to behold the Holy Horizon. We have adorned the Most Exalted Horizon with the splendors of Our Most Glorious Name. Blessed are they among all created things who have attained the vision of this luminous Horizon.

O servant! Hearken unto that which is revealed unto thee from the direction of thy Lord, then detach thyself from all else and arise to serve this mighty Cause. Say: O peoples of all religions! The All-Glorious hath come riding upon the clouds! He is the One mentioned in a preserved Tablet.

Say: O people of the Torah! He Who revealed the verses hath come, He Who was promised to you in God's Tablets, if ye be of them that understand. He judgeth from David's throne and calleth you unto the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Say: O people of the Gospel! The All-Glorious hath come and summoneth you unto His holy, His mighty, His sublime Kingdom. Cast aside what ye possess and turn unto the Dayspring of proof, Who hath come for your salvation. Follow not every obstinate oppressor. Mention not your sins save before your Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Compassionate. He forgiveth whomsoever He willeth, for He is the Ever-Relenting, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O people of the Qur'an! Do ye read the Qur'an yet object to its Revealer? Then are ye in manifest error. Your deeds curse you, and what ye read from God's Book, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Abandon oppression and open your eyes with fairness that ye may behold the Sun of Utterance shining from this

luminous Horizon. Do ye imagine yourselves to be on the right path or think yourselves to be among the righteous? Nay, by His very truth! The words return unto yourselves, if ye but perceive it.

Ye turned away from the people of the Gospel because they paused in the Cause of the Beloved, and from the people of the Torah because they turned away from Him Who came with the truth from the presence of a Mighty, Faithful One. And today ye follow in their footsteps—to this testifieth every fair-minded, knowing one. Have ye any proof greater than what We have manifested in truth, or any evidence mightier than what hath come from the presence of One powerful, ancient? If ye say "yea," then produce it! Then shall ye find yourselves in the wilderness of perplexity with none to help you.

All things bear witness to the Creator of the heavens Who hath come with the Kingdom of Names, while ye remain in your ancient error. Ye have objected to Us as the Jews objected to Christ and the people of the Gospel to Him Who dawned from the horizon of Batha. Thus doth the Tongue of Grandeur remind you that ye may turn to the countenance of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Say: O people of the Bayan! We see you more veiled than these, for ye have turned away from Him through Whom the Bayan began and by Whose mighty mention it was sealed. Ye were commanded not to follow your own desires at the time of His manifestation and not to cling to your own fancies. Ye have rejected the Cause of God and turned away from Him through Whom every wise command appeared. All good hath been made dependent upon His mention and every matter upon His leave, were ye but among those who understand. Verily the verses lament for their Revealer, and the proof crieth out for Him Who came with truth, and the testimony calleth between earth and heaven. Blessed is he who hath turned and was among those who hear.

Say: O people of the Bayan! Through your oppression the Creator of all creation hath lamented, yet ye remain joyful within yourselves. Were ye not promised this Revelation? Were ye not given glad tidings of this Cause through which the horizon of your Lord's will, the Mighty, the Great, hath been illumined? If ye deny this Cause, by what proof do ye uphold that which ye possess? Cast aside vain imaginings and turn unto God, the Lord of all beings. This would be better for you, were ye but fair-minded. Do ye not see the shining of the Sun? Do ye not find this fragrance which hath wafted from the garment of your Lord's favor, the Mighty, the Peerless? We have sent down verses unto thee and dispatched them that thou mayest be informed of what We have suffered from the idolaters.

O thou who art mentioned before the Throne! We counsel thee to remain steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord—this is among the greatest of matters with God, the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Powerful. Soon shall a putrid odor spread among the concourse of creation. Thus doth He inform thee, with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a clear Book. When Satan's call is raised there, avoid it and be among the steadfast, such that every contentious matter may be set aright through thee. Beware lest the tempests of allusions move thee, or the words of those who have denied God disturb thee. Be among the stars of steadfastness amidst all creatures. Thus doth the Wronged One command thee from this remote prison.

Remember thy Lord with wisdom and utterance among the concourse of creation, that they may arise at God's call and turn their faces toward Him to Whom the faces of those near unto God have turned. Grieve not over the world and what hath occurred therein. Leave it behind thee and turn thy heart to

God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Were We to recount for thee what hath befallen Us as it deserveth mention, thou wouldst lament until death. But We have been patient and concealed it. Verily thy Lord is the Concealer, the Forbearing.

They have committed around Me that which none before hath committed. Whenever We counseled them, they increased in transgression, and when We banished them, they spoke that which caused the hearts of those who circle round the Throne to burn. Verily they are among the companions of the Fire. The stories of the Youth cannot be borne by the tablets of creation, nor can the Pen flow with what hath befallen Him. Thus doth He Who announced Me and manifested My Cause, Who came with truth from the presence of One knowing and wise, inform you. Blessed art thou and he who remaineth steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the steadfast have slipped.

Say: Look not at what ye possess, but look upon Me with Mine eye. This is what ye were commanded in the Book, as every discerning one doth testify. Whoso looketh with his own eye shall not know Me, and whoso holdeth fast to what he hath cannot soar in My atmosphere. This is certain truth. Thus were ye commanded by the All-Merciful in the Bayan. He bore witness to Me even as I bear witness to Him, and thereupon the tongues of the Prophets were loosed and they testify from the Supreme Horizon to this firm, decisive, mighty Cause.

Say: O concourse of creation! I adjure you by God to open your eyes with fairness that ye may recognize the truth and not be among the ignorant. Thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee and sent down for thee from heaven, from this luminous cloud, all by My leave, despite My enemies—and say: Thou art the Mighty, the Bountiful.

BH02477: You have ever been beneath the shade…

In His Name that is sanctified above all that exists in the kingdom of names

You have ever been beneath the shade of the grace of the Self-Sufficient, the Transcendent, and His favoring glance has been turned toward you.

The fundamental relationship has been and will continue to be the spiritual bond of faith. When this relationship is established and any soul attains to it, that soul is mentioned eternally before the Throne, even if not outwardly mentioned, and is counted among the names recorded in God's Tablet, though none may be aware of it. Observe that if this relationship is not established, the outward relationship is not considered and is not mentioned before the Throne. Thus many who had outward relationships failed to attain to faith at the time of the appearance of the Dawning Places of the divine Command, and were therefore not counted among those related. Praise be to the Ancient Lord that you have attained to this station and turned toward His direction. God willing, you must remain so firmly established on the path that all who are on earth will be unable to prevent you and will find themselves powerless. This is among the most excellent of deeds.

Your letter has come before Us and We have heard that which you called upon God, your Lord, and We have accepted your mention, O you who are mentioned among the worlds. Rejoice in the favors of your Lord, for He is the Forgiving, the Generous. Grieve not for the leaf who has winged her flight to the

branches of the Divine Lote-Tree. She has attained to what was ordained for her in the Book of your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. We mentioned her before, and her name is recorded in the Tablets of your Lord. Be thankful to your Master for this great favor.

O leaf! Great is this Day and mighty is this Cause. You must at all times turn to the All-Merciful in such wise that the intimations of deluded souls will not cause you to slip. Any soul who speaks today other than what the Sovereign of Manifestation has outwardly spoken—that is pure delusion and sheer calumny, and avoidance of it is necessary and obligatory. Be ever anticipating God's grace and detached from all else.

The handmaidens who have ascended to the Most Glorious Horizon dwell beneath the shade of the Tree of Grace, partaking of the wine of bounty. Blessed are they in having attained the Dawning-Place of the Cause and in soaring in the atmosphere of the love of God, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be joyous at all times through God's grace and celebrate His remembrance. His confirmations have been and will continue to be the helper of those who have turned to Him, both men and women.

The friends of God whose names were mentioned in the book of the Most Great Nabil are all remembered before the Throne. Convey greetings from God to them all. The glory be upon you and upon them from your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH04543: The Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High…

The Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Glorious! This is a remembrance from Us unto him whom the breezes of revelation have stirred and who was of the assured ones, that he may rejoice in Our remembrance of him and arise to help the Wronged One amidst the oppressors.

Hearken unto the murmuring of the Water of Life that floweth from the Pen of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He that hath heard and drunk thereof is assuredly of the people of Baha—the denizens of Paradise and they that circle round the Throne of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Powerful, shall pray for him. Is there any refuge for anyone save, by My Self, this resplendent Station?

Arise in My Name amongst My servants, then impart unto them what We have imparted unto thee from the heaven of Our favor, that they may soar in the atmosphere of My grandeur and recognize their Ancient Lord. We have manifested Our Self more greatly than We manifested it aforetime. Woe unto the heedless!

We have changed the Name, whereat most of the servants remain veiled, though We commanded them to rend asunder the veils of names through the power of the Creator of heaven, Who came with the truth through this wise Remembrance. We behold some among them speaking as women speak, uttering what the widows of past religions uttered. Say: Fear ye God, and follow not the imaginings of them that have turned aside. Thus hath the gate of utterance been unlocked by the finger of the will of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

When thou attainest unto what hath been revealed unto thee, ponder what hath befallen Us, then thank thy Lord for having remembered thee before the Face when sorrows encompassed it through what the hands of them that disbelieved in God, the Most High, the Most Great, had wrought. Verily, the glory from Us be upon them who have stood fast in this Cause whereby feet have slipped save such as were preserved by the hands of thy Lord's grace, the Inaccessible, the Most High.

BH04668: The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great

O Leaf of Paradise! Your letter was present in the court of intimacy and the sanctuary of holiness, and from it wafted the fragrances of the love of the Beloved. We beseech God to assist you in all conditions in that which you are engaged in, namely His remembrance and praise, and to aid you in that which He loves and is pleased with. We have ordained for you what you desired in your letter, that you may be one who speaks His praise in the Kingdom of Creation and circles round Him in the Supreme Heaven. Verily your Lord is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Be not grieved at what has befallen you. By My life! I grieve not for the one who has ascended, but rather for the one who remains, for the one who has ascended in the love and remembrance of God has attained unto the Most Great Ocean and the Supreme Joy, while the one who remains is in the sorrows and troubles of the world and deserves prayers until they return to their place. Blessed is the leaf that has returned to its branch and root.

God willing, you should engage in the remembrance of the Beloved of the horizons with perfect attraction, eagerness, joy and yearning, in such wise that it may cause the attraction of all who are on earth, that all may turn to the most holy court of the Lord of Names. Convey wondrous and exalted greetings to all the kindred and loved ones of God, and gladden them all with the favors of God. Although Tablets have not been revealed this time except in answer to petitions, yet all are mentioned in the presence of God and exist beneath the glance of His loving-kindness. And glory be upon you all.

BH07837: O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! Your…

In His Name, the Most Holy Above All Mention

O My handmaiden and daughter of My handmaiden! Your mention hath been made before the Throne, and the glances of the favors of God are directed towards you. God willing, you shall ever drink from the cup of divine bounty and be speaking in His remembrance. Praise the Beloved of the world that you have attained unto the hearing of the Decisive Utterance in His days. Grieve not over anything, place your trust in God, your Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. That which you sent hath been presented before the Throne. This is of My favor unto you. Then We accepted it, and this is another favor, and We shall clothe it with Our bounties. This is of Our mercy which hath preceded all worlds. Remember thy Lord, then thank Him in all conditions for having guided thee to His straight path and for the Ancient Beauty having turned towards thee and remembered thee in His Most Great Prison. Convey My greetings to all the steadfast

women in that land. All are mentioned before the Throne. Verily, He is the Protector of those who turn unto Him and the Helper of those who remember Him.

BH00791: This is a remembrance from Our presence unto them…

He is the One Who Warbleth upon the Twigs!

This is a remembrance from Our presence unto them that remember. Verily it is the ornament of grace unto all who dwell in the world. Through it there springeth forth from hearts the sweet basil of love, proclaiming "There is none other God but He, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate." By it faces became radiant and the heavens and earth were illumined. How many servants have found the sweetness of utterance and turned toward the All-Merciful, and how many remained heedless and were among the wayward!

Behold then and remember the days of Moses when He came with the truth and called the people unto God, the Mighty, the Gracious. The people opposed Him, save those who drank the choice wine of revelation from the hand of the mercy of their Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. The divines rose against Him with rancor and hatred. Then did We preserve Him by a sovereignty from Our presence and delivered Him from the oppressors.

Then We sent forth the Spirit and dispatched Him with a spirit from Our presence and a mercy from Our side, and He called the people unto this Great Name. He said:

> "Verily He shall come with the truth and shall fulfill for you what ye possess."

Thus was the matter decreed from the presence of One knowing, informed. He would hasten through the field of praise and remembrance, and proclaim the mystery of this Secret that hath appeared with the ornament of God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereupon necks were stretched forth in hypocrisy and they arose to extinguish that resplendent, luminous Light. There befell Him in My path what hath not befallen anyone before Him—verily We were aware. Then We sent forth after Him the Beloved with clear signs and manifest proofs, and He called the people by this ancient Remembrance. He bore hardships and tribulations in love of this Beauty that hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity. Then most of the people opposed Him and denied God, the Mighty, the Praised. Were it not for My protection and sovereignty, they would have slain Him on the very first day wherein He called the servants unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Then We adorned the tablet of creation with the ornament of the Primal Point, Who gave the people glad tidings of this wondrous Cause. He began the Book with this Name and sealed it with this beauteous Remembrance. He said: "Verily He shall manifest whatsoever He willeth, not what ye desire. He is indeed the Ruler over what He willeth. In all things He proclaimeth: 'There is none other God but I, the Single, the Unique, the All-Encompassing.' Behold Him with His eye, not with your eyes. Leave what ye possess in your quest for what He possesseth. This is better for you, if ye be of them that know.

"O people! A single word from Him cannot be equaled by what was revealed in the Bayan, nor will all the books of the world suffice you at His appearance. He shall manifest however He pleaseth, not as ye wish.

His Will is hidden in the treasuries of knowledge and none hath comprehended it save His own knowing Self. O people! When He cometh and ye attain unto the lights of those days, turn ye unto Him with radiant faces and follow not every remote idolator. Beware lest the Bayan withhold you from your Lord, the All-Merciful. By God! Nothing shall profit you this Day, even if ye cling to every mighty pillar. This is a Day wherein light is transformed into fire and the Bird of the Divine Throne crieth out: ‘This is a mighty Day!’ This is a Cause the like of which hath not appeared in creation.” Thus testified the Lord of Invention, Who came with the truth and dwelleth in this remote prison.

Behold how the people of the Bayan read the Book and make mention of Him Whom We sent with the truth, yet oppose Him by Whom every mouldering bone was quickened. Behold these people—they are like those who passed before, nay more veiled. Blessed be they who perceive!

Among them is he who cast aside his God, turning to his own desire. Lo! He hath not found the fragrance of the Bayan in the days of his Lord, the All-Merciful. He would have been among the perishing ones if he had known to walk with his own eyes toward the Spring by which hearts were stirred and the eyes of those near to God were solaced.

Thus do We recount unto you what hath befallen Us from those who denied the right of God and His proof when He came from the heaven of bounty with this Ancient Name. They behold the Sun yet deny it; they hear the most wondrous melodies of the All-Merciful, yet say, “Sufficient unto us are the imaginings of the idolaters.” Say: If ye possess a proof greater than what hath been sent down in truth, or evidence mightier than what hath appeared in creation, bring it forth if ye be truthful.

Power hath filled all regions, proof hath encompassed all in the realms of being, and evidence hath surrounded all creation, yet most people are as dead. Their ears are debarred from truly hearing, their tongues from mentioning the Lord of Names, and their eyes from turning to this resplendent horizon. The Beloved hath come, yet they know not; the Desired One hath appeared, yet they perceive not; the oceans of knowledge flow, while they hasten in the wilderness of ignorance, understanding not.

The Kawthar of life hath circulated by the hands of the grace of their Lord, the All-Merciful, yet they turn away therefrom. The breezes of revelation have wafted, yet they sense them not. The countenance of Glory hath shone forth from the horizon of eternity, yet they see it not. The Hidden Book hath been recited, yet they hear it not. The table of the spirit hath been sent down, yet they remain far from it.

Blessed is he who hath stretched forth the hand of power in the name of his Lord, the Chosen One, and thereby rent asunder the veils of those who hesitated in the Cause of God, the Self-Subsisting, the Self-Existing, and who hath spoken with such authority that the might of the wicked ones—who, when the Self-Subsisting came, followed mere fancy—could not prevent him.

Were We to recount what We have suffered at the hands of the workers of iniquity, all things would lament and honored servants would cry out. We have accepted all afflictions in the path of God, and all calamities for the exaltation of His Word, the Mighty, the Beloved. In all times have We been slain by the swords of the lost. Say: The sword of hypocrisy is sharper than the sword of steel, were ye to know.

My hair crieth out, and my neck asketh: “Was I severed in the path of God?” It answereth: “Yea, by my Lord!” but the people see not. We remember God in all conditions, and the veils of majesty prevent Us not—to this do near servants testify. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath called the people with supreme steadfastness to this Cause whereby hearts have been illumined.

Woe unto him who hath been deprived of the fragrances of the verses and hath opposed Him at Whose call they that lay in the graves arose. Turn ye unto God, detached from all else, then remind the people in such wise that they who hesitate may hasten.

Say: He asketh no recompense or reward from you, nor doth He command you save what is better for you than all that is hidden and manifest. Cast aside that which preventeth you from guidance; turn with pure hearts to the horizon of the revelation of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Those whom the winds of the love of their Lord, the All-Merciful, have not stirred—these are indeed a people confounded.

Say: O people! Make good what hath escaped you in the days of God, and follow not every rejected learned one. Say: Knowledge is the recognition of My Self, turning unto My Face, standing firm in My Cause, and following what hath been sent down in the scrolls of My glory and the tablets of My grace, would ye but know. Say:

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the Crown of all names, and through which earth and heaven were illumined, to cause me to be numbered with them who have quaffed the wine of Thy Revelation from the hands of Thy bounty, and who have stood firm in Thy Cause in such wise that neither the veils of human allusions could withhold them from Thy wondrous signs, nor the curtains of words could hinder them from turning unto the manifestations of Thy grace. O Lord! Number me, then, with them that are steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in their love for Thee. Moreover, ordain for me that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones, whom Thou hast made the Daysprings of certitude in Thy land and the Dawning-Places of faith in Thy realm. Thou art He in Whose grasp is the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy power. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the Inaccessible, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

BH00892: I testify that through thee hath been adorned…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

I testify that through thee hath been adorned the Book of Love amongst all creatures, and embellished the brocade of affection through thy love and sincerity for God, the Lord of all worlds. How can this evanescent one make mention of him whom God hath related unto Himself? Blessed art thou for having attained unto this sublime, lofty, mighty and ancient station. Ye are they who are mentioned before the Throne, and ye are they who gaze upon the countenance of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous—He at Whose grief all things have lamented, and by what befell Him the sincere ones, the Messengers, and the denizens of the highest Paradise do weep.

Although this evanescent servant was and is unworthy of mention, yet the sweet fragrances of thy love are so diffused that I felt compelled to intrude with this letter. His honor Amin and his honor Abu’l-Hasan,

upon them be the Glory of God, the Mighty, the Trusted, have arrived and are frequently occupied with thy mention. Numerous exalted Tablets have descended from the heaven of the Lord's Will specifically for thee and those who circle round thee, and were sent. However, before the departure of his honor Amin, his honor Aqa Hasan, upon him be the Glory of God, intended to travel, hence this letter was ventured. Two or three months ago, that is, during the days of Ridvan, a letter arrived from his honor Aqa'i, the Name of God M.H., upon him be all the Most Glorious Glory, from the direction of Hadba, containing certain names, for whom exalted Tablets were also revealed and sent.

Among them was mentioned his honor Shaykh S., upon him be the Glory of God, for whom two Tablets were revealed, one in Persian and one in Arabic, and likewise for his sons. Also, numerous exalted Tablets were graciously bestowed without names, that they might give to whomever they wish. Some of these Tablets were sent with his honor Amin and some with his honor Aqa Hasan.

Furthermore, at one time when this servant was present before the Throne, the Blessed Countenance turned to this servant and the Tongue of Grandeur uttered these words: Write to him whom God loves and who loves God that they should never relinquish wisdom in any circumstance and should act with moderation, for if the Cause exceeds wisdom it will cause sedition, and sedition causes distress to the weak ones. Therefore, with consideration for them, you must act in such a way that no harm occurs. After the martyrdom of Badi' We commanded preservation, especially for those like thyself who are engaged in service to the Cause. Although preservation has been and will be in God's hands, since He has commanded wisdom, therefore you must strive with utmost effort to observe it. Thus have ye been commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. You must surely exert mighty effort and noble striving in this matter. Thus doth God explain to those whom He loveth; verily He is the Protector of the sincere ones.

Furthermore, his honor Amin will present the details of this land. In truth, he has labored extensively and is wholly occupied with service, not slackening for a moment. His reward is with God Who created him and assisted him to recognize Him, turn to Him, and serve in His path. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Whatever was in my mind from the utterances of the Dawning-Place of Names and Attributes, and which I was commanded to submit to your honor, I have submitted according to my capacity. Otherwise it is evident that He is able to mention divine utterances as they truly deserve. Convey greetings to the honored brother, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, and to the assured, content souls who are in your presence—to all of them from this evanescent servant convey greetings. We beseech God to assist all to serve Him and to be steadfast in His Cause. Verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

They mentioned that your honor had sent an amount specifically for Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Glory of God. As commanded, it was left with Aqa Muhammad Javad, upon him be the Glory of God, so that whenever someone travels to Mosul it may be sent. Likewise, on behalf of Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli an amount along with a box of tea was left with this lowly one specifically for the aforementioned one. Until now its dispatch has been delayed as no one was traveling. God willing it will be sent.

Whatever has reached Jinab-i-Amin has reached completely and fully, nay even more. Sufficient for him is what was revealed concerning him:

> "Verily he is the Trustworthy one before thy Lord, the Mighty, the Generous."

Furthermore, in the letter of Aqay-i-Ism'ullah M.H., upon him from all glory its most glorious, it was written that your honor had beseeched God, exalted be His glory, that seven might end in eight and conclude with the name of that Beloved One. This was submitted before the Divine Throne. The Tongue of Grandeur spoke, smiling, and said:

> "Verily We have made him the first of these and their last. Exalted is this wondrous and lofty favor."

End quote.

Furthermore, it was written that some souls who have newly attained to the stream of recognition desire to turn towards the Most Great Scene. This was submitted to the Most Holy Court. He said:

> "Most certainly prevent them, for without permission it has not been and will not be permitted."

Again I submit that the Tablets which were presented, some of which were given to Aqa Hasan, were again given to Jinab-i-Amin, as the aforementioned one was intending to travel by another route. A Tablet specifically for Aqa Mirza A.B., upon him be the Glory of God, was revealed from the heaven of will. Whenever they deem it advisable they may deliver it. I entreat and hope from your honor that to each of the loved ones of God who are present in that gathering you will convey most wondrous and most mighty greetings from this evanescent servant. The Glory which has shone forth from the Sun of the name of my Lord, the Most Glorious, and then the salutation which has risen from the horizon of grandeur be upon you and upon those who are related to your honor and upon the loved ones of God who are honored to serve you. How excellent is this for you.

The servant 66 [of God], 15 Jumada 1290

According to what Jinab-i-Amin mentioned, the honored brother, upon him be the Glory of God, had requested a sample of this lowly servant's unworthy handwriting. Therefore I wrote and sent the Most Holy, Most Mighty Tablet which was revealed on the blessed night of the Birth specifically for them. It was intended to write and send specifically for your honor as well the Most Holy, Most Mighty Tablet which was revealed this year on the Most Great Festival, but due to the abundance of writings and the sudden departure of Jinab-i-Amin as commanded, there was no opportunity whatsoever. God willing it will be written and sent later. Furthermore, one page of the wondrous handwriting of the Most Great Branch, may my spirit be a sacrifice for the dust of His footsteps, was graciously given specifically for the [son] of that beloved one.

BH01000: The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Exalted

This is a remembrance from Our presence to people who hear, and wisdom from Us to people who understand, and light from the horizon of the Cause to people who see. This is the countenance of God, if you would turn to it. This is the Temple of the Cause, if you would accept it. This is the horizon of Revelation, if you would behold it. This is verily the Dawning-Place of inspiration, if you would perceive it.

Say: This is the Fire through which all things were stirred and ascended unto God, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. This is the Word through which was created what was and what will be. This is the fragrance through which the world was perfumed, if you would discover it. These are the winds through which the gardens of hearts were made verdant, if you would know. This is the Hand which emerged from the bosom of grandeur and power and encompassed all that is seen and unseen. This is He Who cannot be known through aught else—behold Him, O people, through His own eyes and follow not every rejected liar.

Say: This is the righteousness of God which you were promised in a hidden Tablet, and this is the Temple built by the hands of your Lord's power, the Mighty, the Loving. Say: This is He but for Whom the verses would not have been revealed nor would every decreed matter have appeared. This is He Whom the Desired One of the world intended, while you are as dead. This is He to Whom the tongue of grandeur calls out, indicating: "This, verily, is the Beloved of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved."

Yet ignorant servants denied Me and broke God's covenant—verily they are bewildered. They cast aside the All-Knowing and took hold of vain imaginings—verily they are a people who deny. They turned away from the ocean and approached the pond—they do not understand. Thus has the Most Exalted Pen raised its cry between earth and heaven. Blessed is he who turned to it with the ear of innate nature—verily he is of the triumphant ones.

Arise to the Cause through God's might and power. Say: O people! The veil has been rent asunder and the Bestower has come with a manifest proof. All that appears from Him is evidence, if you be of those who know. He calls, at all times, all who are in the realm of possibility, yet people are in a mighty veil. Among them is he who was veiled by remembrances until he opposed the Chosen One and was of the opposers. And among them is he who clung to tales of the past and spoke that which caused the hearts of those near to God to burn. And among them is he who said "He has not yet thus revealed Himself in those days" and was of the heedless.

Say: I have not revealed Myself, but God has revealed all things, if you be of those who know. Say: Were you to ponder what you oppose, you would find it a proof and evidence for Him Who has come with the truth by a clear command. Can the clamor of these people prevent Him? No, by His own Self, the Truth! He speaks what He is commanded by One knowing and wise. Say: He has come with power and sovereignty that none in the worlds can prevent. Through Him has shone the sun of Will and through Him has appeared God's decree, the Mighty, the Generous.

Thus have We recounted to thee the conditions of the servants that thou might become aware of what has befallen Us from the hosts of the ungodly. They hasten to the fire while supposing it to be light. Say: No, by His sovereignty which encompasses all in the heavens and earths! This is the Manifestation which you were promised in the Tablets. He has come at an hour none among the people perceived, and thy

Lord is witness to what I say. Say: It is the Hour at which the Hour was shaken and the Resurrection wailed, if you be of those who hear. The Cause is mighty, mighty! None can bear it save the people of Baha who have cast aside the world and are of the detached.

When thou hast attained unto God's verses and known the conditions of the leaves, say: Praised be Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me when I was in the prison of the idolaters. I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Great Name, to assist me to arise to serve Thy Cause, to stand firm in Thy love, and to turn towards the horizon of Thy favors. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Convey my greetings unto My loved ones who have stood firm in the Cause and abided by that which was enjoined upon them from the presence of the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: By the Lord of the Great Throne, ye are the triumphant ones, and by the Lord of the Exalted Seat, ye are the spring breezes. Ye are they who have quaffed this pure wine which was unsealed in the name of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Ye are they who speak that which your Ancient Lord hath desired, and ye are the witnesses this Day, while all others are in strange concealment. Thus doth the All-Merciful testify for you, and nothing created on earth can equal this. Every discerning soul beareth witness thereunto. Verily, they who are remote this Day are among the dead. They have not drunk of the water of life and they abide forever in the graves of ignorance.

Arise to assist the Cause of your Lord in such wise that the affairs of men shall not grieve you, nor shall the doubts of the heedless hinder you. Be ye the helpers of God in His lands and the emblems of His might amongst His servants, that the people of the earth may find in you that whereby their souls may be assured and the hearts of the hesitant ones be set ablaze. Remember God in your homes, and He will remember you in this mighty Prison.

Be not disturbed by those who have wronged Us. Soon shall We seize them as We seized the transgressors before them who transgressed against God in those regions. He, verily, is the Powerful, the Determiner. He who pronounced judgment against Us hath been seized by the breaths of chastisement from every direction. He is, verily, the most severe of revengers. Thus was it revealed in the Tablet of the Heart when the Ancient Beauty arrived at the Most Great Prison. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Were it not for thy Lord's mercy, thou wouldst find those on earth as a handful of dust, but My mercy hath preceded My servants; therefore have We left them to themselves until the appointed time.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O God, in Whose right hand are the reins of all created things, and in Whose grasp is the kingdom of earth and heaven. I beseech Thee by the light of Thy countenance, whereby the horizons were illumined, to send down upon us from the heaven of Thy bounty that which will draw us nigh unto the ocean of Thy favors and make us to be of those whom the blame of the blamer hath not kept back from turning toward Thy face, nor hath the clamor of the infidels deterred from drawing nigh unto the court of Thy Cause. O Lord! Thou art the Generous, possessed of great bounty. I beseech Thee not to withhold us from that Ocean which hath surged through Thy Name and been exalted through Thy Command. Thou art, verily, the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of names. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Self-Subsisting, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH01327: O ʿAli! The Most Great Ocean hath surged…

In the Name of Him Who is Mighty to do as He willeth!

O ʿAli! The Most Great Ocean hath surged, and from each drop thereof is heard: “There is no God but Him, the One, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful!” The fragrance of divine favors hath wafted when thy letter reached the Throne. This is of His grace upon thee. Be thou grateful and say: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of all things!” We found thy letter purified from the mention of aught else but Me, and adorned with the remembrance of the name of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. Therefore hath the Lord of Destiny turned toward thee from the direction of His Most Sublime Vision, speaking unto thee through these verses, before which every proof and evidence must needs bow down in prostration. Rend asunder the veils of all created things through My Name and My sovereignty, then illumine the horizons with My remembrance. This is a Day whose station, were We to describe it, could not be encompassed by all the Tablets of heaven and earth, and all pens would be powerless to recount it.

O ʿAli! How many of the chosen ones have beseeched and attained not, have turned toward and reached not, have lamented and heard not—yet thou hearest the Call from the horizon of eternity, the Outlook of thy Most Glorious Lord, in the voice of grandeur and majesty:

> “There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting.”

By God! The Interlocutor of Moses calleth from this Prison while in the hands of the wicked ones, and the Beloved of the Beloved mentioneth thee with verses that have caused the very rocks to quake, how much more the hearts of the righteous! The Father of the Son calleth thee from this station and addresseth thee with decisive utterance.

O ʿAli! Were We to reveal unto thee what lieth concealed in the treasuries of infallibility, by God, the heaven would be cleft asunder, the earth would be rent, and the hearts of all servants would be convulsed, save whom thy Lord willeth, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Hadst thou been present at the time of the revelation of this Tablet, thou wouldst have soared on the wings of longing, transcending all stations of knowledge and all heights of names, and wouldst have witnessed thy Lord’s all-encompassing power over all who dwell in earth and heaven. Through My sweetest remembrance hath the sun risen from the horizon of eternity, and through My Most Glorious Name have the dead been raised.

O ʿAli! Despite such majesty, before which all matters have been subdued, the hosts of the oppressors have encompassed Me from every direction. Consider how, in the midst of ultimate tribulation, He speaketh and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of all names, in such wise that neither the might of the oppressors nor the armies of the infidels can hinder Him. Thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee time and again. When thou hast attained, recite and turn with an illumined heart toward the Dawning-Place of thy Lord’s revelation, the Mighty, the Bountiful. God hath forgiven those whom thou didst mention in thy letter. Verily, He forgiveth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. Rejoice in that thou art under the gaze of thy Lord, and He hath made thee know the Dawning-Place of His verses, while the people were in doubt and schism. Be

thou steadfast in the Cause, then make mention of those who are there, by the leave of the Revealer of verses.

In the Persian tongue it was mentioned: O thou who gazeth toward God! Look not to the words of the past and what hath been mentioned, for most of it was either pure falsehood or intermingled therewith. And even if there was a word of truth, they comprehended not its meaning and distorted it. Consider what was written in the Book concerning the signs of resurrection, gathering, raising of the dead, the Hour, the Calamity, the Inevitable Event, the Cry, the Trump, Paradise and Fire, and the like, and likewise concerning the Qa'im and His appearance—not a letter thereof did they comprehend, and from its purpose they remained wholly veiled.

That which was revealed in God's Book, the Furqan, is the truth wherein there is no doubt, and none hath understood its true meaning save whom thy Lord willeth. Apart from this, most of the traditions and tales had no foundation, even as in this most great Revelation some such vain imaginings have been rent asunder and their meaning made clear and evident, while others remain between the hands of the All-Merciful, that He may rend them asunder through His sovereignty.

In any case, purify thine ears from that which is with the people. That which is now raised up sufficeth for hearkening. Verily He is the Enricher of the worlds.

The Teacher of Moses was the heavenly confirmations, which are none other than the divine revelatory effulgences that now speak forth, and which in every world are known by one of His names. In God's Book [the Qur'an] they are named "Khidr".

Most of the mysteries of this Revelation have remained concealed. Verily it cannot be compared with aught else. Should one reflect upon the Bayan, God will open unto his heart such gates of understanding for recognizing this Revelation as have never been opened unto any among His servants. Thus doth the Lord of all beings decree. Know thou, then conceal, and the glory be upon thee.

BH01412: He is the Ever-Abiding Who knoweth no decline! Thy…

He is the Ever-Abiding Who knoweth no decline! Thy letter was presented before the Throne and was observed by the lights of the Kingdom, and hath attained unto utterance. Praise be to the Best-Beloved of the world, that thou hast been illumined by the effulgences of the Morn of Eternity and stirred by the wafting of the Primary Word, and hast recognized the Second Six after the Upright Alif, which indicated the rolling up of the First Six.

This is the station concerning which Ahmad-i-Ahsa'i, upon him be the Glory of God, gave tidings, saying:

> "The Vav consisteth of three letters: six and alif and six; and the Six Days have passed, and the Alif is the Completion, and there is no word; how then the Last Six Days? Otherwise the Return would not be realized, for it is the mystery of inversion for the symbol of the Chief. And if acknowledgment be obtained from others concerning the Remaining Six, the Cause will be completed with proof and the Most Great Secret will be revealed,"

and so forth.

The First Six referreth to the heavens of the previous Cycle which were created in six days, “and have passed,” that is, were rolled up by the Upright Alif which is the Point; then another Six were raised up through the manifestation of My Most Glorious Name. Thus doth the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, apprise thee. And thereby was manifested the mystery of inversion, for the banner of the Chief was raised above every lofty and towering standard. Thus did We make their highest to become their lowest, and their lowest to become their highest. Blessed are they that understand!

O thou who gazest toward God! No one until now hath comprehended the utterances which were revealed in this connection. The Question was specifically put to the Criminal of Kirman to interpret it and, upon his own inability, to inquire of the Dayspring of knowledge. Pride and vainglory so seized him that he was debarred from recognition thereof until he returned to his abode. Verily thy Lord is the Just, the Wise. The purpose of that utterance was this very matter. Every Cause hath been manifested, every secret brought forth, every hidden thing unveiled, every manifestation completed, and every perspicuous Book sealed. We beseech God to assist all in that which beseemeth this Revelation, whereby organization hath been scattered, and the fancies gathered in minds dispersed, and the feet of the steadfast have slipped.

We found thy letter sanctified from mention of aught else and adorned with this Great Name. Grieve thou not over anything. He hath ordained for thee in His Kingdom that which shall solace thine eyes and gladden thy heart. He is the Protector of whoso hath turned unto Him and spoken in praise of His exalted remembrance.

That which is necessary today is and shall be the service of the Cause. Most people are heedless. All must be educated in such wise that they will not be prevented from the straight path and the clear way by the croaking of the crows. All that was mentioned in the Tablets of the past and future hath ended in this most wondrous and most holy Revelation, and the time of all hath expired, even as the allusions of previous Books have been sent down in the glorious Tablets from the Divine Pen. Blessed are they that observe!

Thou must strive at all times with the utmost endeavor that perchance the trees of human souls may not be moved by every wind nor stumble at every thorn. Even as in these days an unknown person in one of the cities of God laid claim, and some heedless ones were attracted, until they recognized and returned unto God and were numbered among the penitent. If it were decreed that every day a Manifestation should appear, the Cause of God would never become established. Therefore, in this day, persons such as thyself must summon the people to the Most Great Steadfastness, and this station hath been and shall ever be the greatest of all stations, even as it hath been recorded in the Books of the past and future.

That which hath proceeded from thee in the path of God is accepted before the Throne, and although what thou hast written concerning this Most Holy, Most Exalted Cause hath not been presented before the Throne, yet God’s knowledge hath encompassed it. After reading this Tablet, refer back to it that it may fully accord with that which hath been sent down from the Throne. Blessed art thou for having drunk the Choice Wine and for having begun from Us and returned unto Us with sincerity and recognition. This is the testimony of the All-Merciful in thy favor. Rejoice thou and say:

> “Thine is the praise, O Lord of the worlds, and Thine is the gratitude, O Thou Who art wronged in the hands of the ungodly, and Thine is the glory, O Glory of those who are in the heavens and the earth!”

Verily the glory be upon thee and upon thy kindred and upon those who are with thee in this Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Holy, Most Mighty Cause.

BH01615: I had previously sent a petition to your honor…

In the Name of God, the Most Invincible, the Most Holy, the Most Wondrous, the Most Glorious

I had previously sent a petition to your honor, and this is another time, for whenever anyone turns towards you, my heart is set ablaze with the fire of your remembrance and love, and compels me to mention and praise your honor. Although mention from one such as I befits not one whom God has singled out for the service of His Cause, the manifestation of His Word, and the teaching of His creation. We beseech God, exalted be He, to aid me to do what is befitting of His loved ones who have detached themselves from all else save Him and have arisen to aid His Cause among the worlds.

Previously when his honor Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli was departing, a detailed response to that beloved’s letter was submitted and sent. And now too, since his honor Amin and Mulla Abu’l-Hasan and Aqa Hasan, upon them be the glory of God, were departing, I felt obliged to engage again in mention of that beloved. God willing the previous petition has arrived and the books, as mentioned before, were sent. Whosoever wishes to make a copy, please grant permission, but much emphasis is needed that they preserve them so they do not become blackened or lost. And since there was no bookbinder here, they were therefore sent without binding.

The loved ones of the land of Ta had requested prayers. To whatever extent possible, deliver them to them. And in these days the Kitab-i-Aqdas has been revealed from the holy heaven—blessed is he who looks into it and ponders what has been sent down of the verses of his Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The reason was that in recent years some questions regarding divine laws were asked from various quarters. However the Supreme Pen paused—in the Land of Mystery a brief text was revealed in Persian but was not sent anywhere. By command it was preserved in its place until in these days again the petitions of the questioners were presented at the Most Holy Court. Therefore in the most wondrous melodies in the language of verses this wonderful, exalted Book was revealed.

And since his honor Aqa H.M., upon him be the glory of God, was present here, whatever was currently expedient to be revealed was bestowed upon him—that is, permission was granted for him to make a copy of it. God willing you will attain unto it and will act according to wisdom. Blessed is he who has a taste to find its sweetness, and who has eyes to recognize what is in it, and who has a heart to discover its symbols and mysteries. By God, the back of utterance trembles at the greatness of what has been revealed in it and the veiled allusions due to their intense manifestation.

By command: they must strive with utmost effort and endeavor to maintain the unity and harmony of the loved ones. They must at all times be focused on the Cause and its exaltation, detached from all directions. Once the Tongue of Grandeur spoke these words: Write to his honor ʿAli, upon him be the

glory of God, that your service has been and will be noticed, and will not be lost with God, and you are counted among those souls of whom He says “no fear shall be upon them, neither shall they grieve.” Therefore they should not be distressed or saddened by certain matters arising from the loved ones. With perfect detachment and reliance engage in promoting love and unity and association, such that even if harm befalls you it matters not, for good deeds will not remain hidden from the All-Knowing and the Commander. Soon you will witness the reward for what you have done and what you have borne in the path of Truth. Be thou grateful and be of the thankful ones. End.

Furthermore it is hoped that at all times you will write of your blessed circumstances, for this has been and will be the cause of joy to the heart of this ephemeral servant. Verily glory be upon you and upon those who love you and who hear your words and who associate with your honor purely for the sake of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous.

The servant 66 [of God], 15 Jamadiyu’l-Avval 1290

BH01718: The Beloved of God in Birjand and its surroundings

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In His Name, the All-Subduing over whatsoever is not Him

These are clear verses, there is no doubt they have descended from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Whoso doubteth is among the most remote of creation—thus doth the Truth testify when He came with His mighty Cause. He who hath turned to the Countenance is among the people of this luminous horizon, and he who hath turned away is among the companions of the fire. We have ordained that hearts must turn towards Us—thus hath the decree been set down by the Beloved in a clear Book.

Blessed is he from whose brow shineth forth the sun of steadfastness in such wise that the eyes of the heedless are dazzled thereby, and blessed is the mouth from which wafteth the fragrance of determination upon this straight path.

O My loved ones! Ye are the lights of the sun, were ye to be of them that know, and ye are the fish of this ocean—immerse yourselves therein in My Name and discover the pearls of My knowledge which encompass the worlds. In every word of thy Lord’s words surgeth an ocean whose shore none hath reached save him who hath circled round My Will, which hath conquered all who are in the heavens and the earth.

O chosen ones of God! Forsake all else, then speak forth in praise of the Desired One, that perchance the dwellers in the tombs may arise and turn toward the station wherein the Lord of existence proclaimeth: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Wise.” Blessed is the mouth that hath tasted the sweetness of the Living Waters, and the tongue that hath been moved to praise its Lord, the All-Merciful, and the ear that hath hearkened unto this wondrous Call.

Are they who turned away based upon anything? Nay, by this exalted station! They are worshippers of idols, moved by the winds of passion—they are among the distracted ones. Arise to serve among humanity. Say: O people! The Dayspring of Oneness hath come with such sovereignty that nothing can

withstand it. Turn ye unto Him and be not of the patient ones. He is the Word of God among you—corrupt it not, O heedless ones! He is the Spirit of God—slay Him not with your swords, O hosts of the oppressors! He is the Lamp of Revelation among you—extinguish it not with your breaths, O company of the malevolent!

Can anyone extinguish the lamp We have lit with the hand of power? Nay, by My radiant Beauty! The Word hath been perfected, the proof completed, and the evidence made manifest, yet the people are in strange drunkenness. Blessed is he who hath recognized the value of these days and attained unto the knowledge of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and hath taken the cup of eternity in the name of Baha and drunk thereof amidst the concourse of creation, despite those who denied the Lord of Names and rejected the signs whereby every moldering bone was quickened.

The Tongue of Eternity speaketh and all things speak with it, yet most people are prevented from hearing it, having followed every remote calf. Say: Cleanse your eyes—this is He Whom ye remember at morn and eventide. This is He for Whose mention and praise the Bayan was revealed, and by Whose leave every wise command was established. This is He Who was promised unto you in the Tablets from God, the Mighty, the Praised One. Cast away that which withholdeth you from Him, then approach with shining faces and illumined hearts—thus have ye been commanded in a preserved Tablet.

Whenever We desire to conclude Our utterance, We see it flowing like the ocean from the valleys and shining like the sun from this luminous horizon. When the Most Great Ocean surgeth, can anything still it? Nay, by My Name which hath subdued the worlds! When the winds of Will blow, can anything prevent them? Nay, by My Cause, before which the necks of the proud have bowed!

All this is of My grace upon thee—be thou thankful and among those who praise. Reflect within thyself how thy recompense should be for Our having remembered thee while We were imprisoned in the hands of the oppressors. Confine matters to the remembrance of thy Forgiving Lord, then speak of what hath befallen Him at the hands of these transgressors.

The Most Glorious Beauty from God, the Lord of Names, be upon thee and upon those who are steadfast in the Cause of their Lord, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

BH01919: Glory be to Him Who speaketh at the heart…

In His Name, He Who is established upon the throne of ‘He doeth what He willeth’

Glory be to Him Who speaketh at the heart of the world and calleth all peoples to the eternal, everlasting Law through which He quickeneth all worlds and aideth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty and confirmeth those who have turned to the Dayspring of His Cause. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

We have sent down verses for every occasion that are unequalled by all that hath been created in the heavens and earth. Blessed is he who, when hearing, ariseth, and he who, when attaining unto hearing, speaketh forth this wise remembrance. They who have been set ablaze by the fire of the Word among all

creatures—these are the people of Baha in the kingdom of creation, as doth testify unto this the Lord of Names in this mighty prison.

Blessed art thou for having been touched by the breezes of revelation and drawn nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Give thanks for Our causing thee to hear this Call, for the hearing of which the ears of the Prophets and Messengers were created. By God! Were it not for this Call, ears would not have been created, nor would the eyes of the mystics have been opened. Hold fast to the cord of steadfastness in such wise that through thee every doubting soul may become steadfast. Then protect the Cause from the allusions of those who have denied God and the veils of every sinful misbeliever.

Thy letter was present before the Throne and was honored with the glance of the loving-kindness of the Lord of existence. Praise the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast been and wilt continue to be mentioned in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court. This is among the great bounties of thy Lord. Today what is incumbent upon all is to protect people from the conditions of self and passion, and the steadfastness of all in the love of the Beloved of all creation. Ye must educate the loved ones of God in such wise that they remain not deprived of the Lord of the worlds by the cry of the cawers, for from every direction the cry of haste hath been and will be raised.

They consider all things nonexistent and void. They should not be deceived before the completion of a thousand years, as hath been expressly revealed in the Tablets, but should remain so firm in the Cause that they regard all else as perishing. This is among the most mighty matters, that the Cause of God may be established in all else. God willing, ye must be occupied with utmost endeavor in service to the Cause. Most people are ignorant; it is necessary that steadfast souls be educated by the hands of training. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions and make thee among those who have aided the Cause of God by their own selves. He is the Helper of the helpers.

Blessed art thou, O My Name, then blessed art thou, O My Name, for having attained unto that which most of the servants have not attained, and for having drunk the wine of life from the cup of the favors of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Unto this doth thy Master testify at the heart of Paradise. This is a treasure for thee in His dominion, a light for thee in His kingdom, and a glory for thee in His human realm. Thy Lord knoweth what thou art upon. He is, verily, the All-Wise, the All-Informed.

In recent years, a number of the loved ones have inquired about certain divine ordinances. Due to divine wisdom these were deferred until this year when various petitions from the people of different lands were present before the Throne. Therefore the mighty Tablet which is in truth the cause of the order of the world and the life of nations was sent down from the heaven of will. Perchance God will send it afterwards. He is, verily, the Ruler over what He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Convey greetings from the True One to all the loved ones, both men and women, and keep them enkindled with the fire of the Word. The glory be upon thee and upon those who love thee for the sake of God.

BH02155: We have turned toward thee from this Most Glorious…

In His Name, the Everlasting, the Eternal, Who fadeth not away!

We have turned toward thee from this Most Glorious Horizon. We found thee stirred by the Supreme Word of God, wherefore We have revealed unto thee this Tablet, from whose horizon shineth the Sun of the tender mercy of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great. With Him is the knowledge of all things. He beholdeth him who speaketh in His Name and reciteth what hath been sent down from the Kingdom of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We have lit the Lamp of Eternity in the world that the peoples might be illumined thereby. Some have turned toward it, and some have turned away, following every remote scholar.

Say: O concourse of divines! Have ye heard the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen and turned away, or were ye among the heedless? Ye would call upon God morning and evening, and lament your separation from the Lord of Names. Yet when the meeting came to pass and the sea of reunion surged, ye broke God's covenant and His pledge, and turned away from Him Who was the goal of all worlds.

Say: Have ye witnessed a Revelation more mighty than what hath appeared in truth, or have ye heard a Call more sweet than what hath been raised between the heavens and the earth? At all times He calleth out with the most exalted call, in such wise as to encompass the earth and heaven. Turn ye, that ye may hear what ye have never heard in the Kingdom of Creation, that haply ye may arise to redeem what hath escaped you in the days of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Say: We created ears to hearken unto this Call which hath been raised from the midst of tribulation. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Cast away what books ye possess which ye have authored according to your desires. By God the Truth! The Mother Book which was concealed in the knowledge of your Lord, the Guardian over the worlds, hath been sent down.

Say: The Sun hath appeared at high noon, yet ye have not discerned from it even as much as the blind discerneth. Thus hath the All-Merciful decreed when seated upon His exalted throne.

Grieve thou not at anything. Put thy trust in God, then remember Him with joy and fragrance. He aideth whom He willeth through a sovereignty from His presence. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Be thou enkindled with the fire of the love of God in such wise that the veils of the people who are shut out by their idle fancies might be burned away, those who have turned from the Truth when it came with a wondrous command. We desire to behold thee detached from all else and clinging to the Hidden Name which hath appeared from the horizon of power with a command before which all in the heavens and earth cannot stand. Thy Lord is verily the Strong, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

By My life! Naught shall remain for thee save the remembrance of God and the exaltation of His Cause. Thus doth he who loveth thee for the sake of God counsel thee. To this testifieth every just and well-informed one.

Render thanks unto God for having attained unto the days of thy Lord. This is a sovereignty which no decline shall follow, nor shall the hands of the thieves reach thereunto. Thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee once again, and sent unto thee that whereby the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all possibility, and the breasts of them that are nigh unto God have been illumined.

When thou art illumined by the lights of the dayspring of exposition and hast attained unto the Tablet of the All-Merciful, arise, turning toward the Self-Subsisting, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged, estranged, and lonely!

BH02172: In the Name of Him by Whom the ocean…

In the Name of Him by Whom the ocean of utterance surged and the sweet savors of the All-Merciful were wafted! O Ibrahim! Hearken unto the call of the All-Glorious from this manifest horizon. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the One, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the Unique, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy letter hath attained unto the Most Exalted Horizon and toward it hath turned the gaze of thy Lord, the Most High, the All-Glorious. Through its presence before the Throne, God hath absolved thee of thy misdeeds. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Generous. He hath read what thou didst compose in praise of thy Lord. All things were created for this purpose, yet most of the people are heedless.

The Herald of the All-Merciful calleth out to them at all times, saying: “This is the Pure Kawthar! Draw nigh, O people of zeal, and be not of the doubters!” And My Most Exalted Pen proclaimeth: “O concourse of creation! The Lord of Names hath come! Turn ye unto Him and be not of them that are far removed.” Yet they slumber upon the couch of heedlessness and idle fancies, such that this Call which hath encompassed the world moveth them not—the Call whereby the very rocks cry out: “The Kingdom is God’s, the Almighty, the Most High, the Most Great!”

Say: This is a Day wherein if anyone should miss what behooveth him, he shall not be able to make good his loss, though he should run through the wilderness or plunge into the seas of names. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings, while imprisoned in this mighty stronghold. Were the people to know the worth of these days and what hath appeared therein, they would cast away the earth and all that is thereon, turning toward the Qiblih which God hath made the point of adoration for the denizens of the Supreme Concourse, the dwellers of the cities of eternity, and the angels drawn nigh.

Give thanks unto God for having attained unto the recognition of the Dawning-Place of His sovereignty, the Manifestation of His Revelation, and the Dayspring of His Most Great Name. Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne, and this Tablet hath been revealed unto thee, from which the sweet savors of loving-kindness and the fragrances that cause the hearts of the sincere to soar have been wafted.

Thereupon the Tongue of Grandeur addresseth His Most Exalted Pen from this Ultimate Tree, saying: Make mention of thy loved ones whose petitions have not been presented before the Throne, that thy

most sweet call may draw them to a station that cannot be described by mention or utterance, and may cause them to voice thy praise amongst the worlds.

O Faran! Thou art beneath the glances of the mercy of thy Lord, and from thee We perceive the sweet savors of My remembrance, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Blessed are My people within thee who remember Me with joy and fragrance and among whom the perfume of My luminous and cherished garment is diffused.

O My loved ones! We are with you and hear your call, and We have heard what your tongues have uttered in My remembrance, and We shall show you what ye are engaged in during the days of your Lord, the Mighty, the Peerless. Unto each one of you hath been sent down that which none can reckon save God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds. We beseech God to aid you in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to strengthen you in that which beseemeth His Cause, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Soon shall the wrongdoers behold the recompense of what they have wrought in this vain life, and the sincere shall see what hath been ordained for them in the Kingdom of their Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Thus hath the Tongue of Revelation spoken in remembrance of His loved ones on this night wherein the horizon of inspiration hath shone forth from the Luminary of His Name, which God hath made the Sovereign of Names for all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH02469: Thy letter hath come before the Throne, adorned…

In the Name of Him Who abideth forever without decline.

Thy letter hath come before the Throne, adorned with the mention of thy Lord and sanctified from all else. By My life! It is better for thee than all that thou hast done before, for there hath been ordained for him whose letter reacheth the Throne after its arrival in the Most Great Prison the reward of one who hath attained His presence, beheld His countenance, and heard what His tongue hath uttered. This is indeed a great bounty.

As for what hath befallen thee through the decree of fate, We have informed thee thereof in a Tablet We sent thee aforetime. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Wise. Through Our mention of the two, the decree of the third was established. Reflect, that thou mayest be assured that thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We informed thee in that Tablet as a token of Our grace. He is verily the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Be not grieved by anything. Praise be to God, through the merciful favors and infinite outpourings of God thou art turned to the Most Great Horizon and art clinging to the cord of love of the Lord of Destiny. He will deliver thee and ordain for thee what He willeth. His grace hath encompassed all worlds. Whoso holdeth fast unto Him with complete steadfastness findeth himself in an exalted station.

God willing, be thou inwardly engaged in the remembrance of God and outwardly occupied with external affairs. Be thou steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that neither the tempests of the allusions of the people nor the hurricanes of the words of the deniers may move thee. He will assist thee and aid thee through His grace. He is verily the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

The acceptance of positions and engagement in affairs hath not been forbidden, for perhaps through these means one may succeed in serving the Cause and turning toward the loved ones of God. In all conditions be confident in God's grace and assured of His bounties.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which earthquakes seized all the tribes of the earth save him who cast away all else behind him and made it the Sovereign of Names between earth and heaven, that Thou make me steadfast in Thy Cause, acknowledging Thy oneness and confessing Thy singleness, and clinging in all conditions to the hem of Thy pardon and favors. O Lord! I have turned my face unto Thee at this time when the lights of Thy countenance have shone forth from the horizon of Thy manifestation and the dayspring of Thy Cause. I beseech Thee not to turn me away from Thy door nor deprive me from the ocean of Thy bounties. Then assist me against Thine enemies and strengthen my arm through Thy grandeur and sovereignty and power and might. Then ordain for me through Thy Most Exalted Pen, in the Tablet which Thou hast made the Dayspring of Destiny for all created things, the good of this world and the next, that my soul may rejoice through Thy grace and mine eyes be consoled through Thy favors. Thou art verily the All-Giving, the Everlasting, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

BH10905: Thy letter hath come before the Throne and hath…

He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth

Thy letter hath come before the Throne and hath been illumined by the light of thy Lord's countenance, the Powerful, the Supreme, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Therein thou didst call upon God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Throne and of the dust, and the Lord of all the worlds, and didst seek from Him that which beseemeth not those who have detached themselves in the love of God from all else besides Him. Beware lest thou be among the heedless. Read thou what hath been sent down from the Supreme Pen in the Tablets of thy Lord, and be of them whom the breezes of revelation have so seized that they have forsaken the world and all that is therein, clinging fast to the Most Firm Handle.

We have revealed to the King of Iran:

> "O King! Wert thou to hear the shrill voice of the Most Exalted Pen and the cooing of the Dove of Eternity upon the branches of the Divine Lote-Tree in remembrance of God, the Creator of Names and Fashioner of earth and heaven, it would bring thee to a station wherein thou wouldst behold in existence naught save the effulgence of the Worshipped Beauty, and wouldst see sovereignty as the most contemptible thing, leaving it to whomsoever might desire it, and would turn toward the Horizon which shineth with the light of His Countenance."

And We revealed to the King of Paris:

> "Dost thou take pride in the treasures thou dost possess, when thou knowest they shall perish? Or dost thou glory in that thou rulest a span of earth, when all of it, in the estimation of the people of Baha, is worth not even as much as the black in the eye of a dead ant? Leave them to such as desire them and turn unto the Most Great Purpose. The poor man is he who beareth this weighty burden, and the lowly one is he who taketh pride in such fleeting glory.

> Choose thou for thyself that which God hath chosen for thee. He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth that which profiteth him in this world and the next. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous. Thou knowest not what profiteth thee. He, verily, knoweth better than thou, wert thou of them who are informed. Be thou content with what God hath been pleased to ordain for thee, and place thy trust in Him in all matters. He is verily the Protector of those who trust in Him."

What thou didst seek—verily it was not mentioned before thy Lord. By My life! It is the source of pride and vainglory. It beseemeth not him who hath clung to the hem of detachment in this Most Holy, Most Mighty, Most Exalted, Most Wondrous Day.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Encompassing over all things, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next, and shall establish me in Thy service amongst Thy creatures. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Compassionate. Then forgive me, O my God, for what I have done in Thy days, and by Thy grace and bounty absolve me of my misdeeds. Verily, Thou art powerful over this from time immemorial.

BH02880: In His Name Who speaks from the Tree…

In His Name Who speaks from the Tree of Being: There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Loving!

The world hath been honored by the advent of the Lord of Eternity, and the Promised One hath been made manifest in His visible Beauty to both the unseen and the seen, yet most of the people remain heedless. The Mount hath quivered at the dawning of the Manifestation, and the Tree cries out:

> "Praise be unto Thee for having rent asunder, with the finger of might, the veils of glory and revealed Beauty unto all who are in the heavens and on earth."

Every atom hath found the fragrance of reunion, yet most of the people remain heedless. They hear the call of God openly, yet what is in their hearts of the idols of the worshippers preventeth them from certitude.

O thou who gazest upon the Countenance! These lands have been honored by the glance of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Unconstrained, yet most of My people remain in evident veils. The ocean of bounty hath surged through the appearance of the Lord of Names—blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and is of those who have attained.

The tongue of My loving-kindness addresseth My people saying: Arise from among the dead, turning unto God, the Revealer of verses. This is He Who was promised you in the Book of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They follow their leaders and cling to the hem of their vain imaginings—nay, they are among the abased ones. They worship the calf while thinking themselves servants of God besides Him—nay, they are among the liars.

Thy letter hath come before the Countenance and hath been blessed by the fingers of thy Lord's favors, the Mighty, the Generous. We found from it the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord. Blessed art thou for having attained the ultimate goal and been moved by the Most Exalted Word which hath shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's utterance, the Most High, the Great. He hath ordained for thee thereby what shall profit thee in this world and the next. He is verily the Powerful, the All-Knowing. He shall manifest unto thee what He willeth through His grace and sovereignty. There is none other God but Him. His is the creation and the command. All things are with Him preserved in a guarding tablet.

We beseech God to make thee known by His name and speaking in His remembrance, that thy mention may endure in His kingdom, the Inaccessible, the Mighty, the Protected. He verily seeth whosoever moveth in His path and worketh for His good-pleasure. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Blessed art thou for having found the fragrance of the Garment and turned unto God, the Lord of the worlds. That which thou seest shall perish, but what hath been ordained for thee shall endure in a wondrous tablet.

BH03014: Thy letter was presented before the Throne and achieved…

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding without decline

Thy letter was presented before the Throne and achieved the honor of Our gracious regard, and whatsoever was written therein found acceptance. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the ocean of grace and drunk the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the favors of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, when He was in the region of Iraq, and He revealed for thee in the Tablets that which confirmed the testimony of the past and by which thy mention shall endure throughout all regions. Thou hast ever been and, God willing, shall ever remain beneath the glances of the favors of the Lord of creation. At all times thou must be engaged in service to the Cause with joy and radiance.

Verily, all that hath befallen thee in the path of the Divine Purpose hath been recorded in God's Book and inscribed in the Preserved Tablet. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. As to thy desire to journey to this region, there hath been ordained for thee the reward of one who hath attained the presence of God. This is what We informed thee of before as a token of Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Were We to tarry in this realm, We would command thee as thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise, hath chosen.

O My Name! The reward of attaining Our presence, specially ordained for thee, hath been recorded by the Pen of Command in the divine scrolls. By My life! Nothing created on earth can equal it, as all possessed of insight shall behold. Today that which is obligatory and essential is the mention of God amongst His creatures with wisdom and utterance, and this thou hast been and art engaged in, praise be to God. As for what thou didst mention regarding thy son, verily he is remembered before the Throne, and various Tablets have been revealed for him whereby the eyes of the sincere ones are consoled. As We have determined to dispatch the bearer with haste, no special Tablet was revealed. Should God so will, there shall be revealed for him that which shall gladden his heart, solace his eyes, bring rest to his soul and cause his spirit to quiver with joy. He is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Convey to all the loved ones of God sublime greetings from the True One. All must rejoice in divine bounty. Glory be upon thee and upon thy son and upon those with thee and thy descendants, from the presence of One omnipotent and all-knowing.

BH03385: In the Name of Him Who rules over all…

In the Name of Him Who rules over all who are in the heavens and on earth! This is a Book sent down in truth from God, your Lord and the Lord of all worlds, that the call may draw you again and again unto a station where neither the allusions of the people shall hinder you, nor the clamor of the oppressors disturb you.

Your letter attained the presence of God, the Lord of Manifestation, and We heard that which you addressed unto your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We found it adorned with the mention of the Beloved and embellished with the love of your Ancient Lord. Therefore did the ocean of grace surge and the winds of your Lord's mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, were stirred. Rejoice in what We have sprinkled upon you from the seas of pardon and forgiveness. This, verily, is a manifest bounty. We beseech God to assist you at all times, to aid you in that which He loves and is pleased with, and to cause you to speak forth this mighty remembrance.

You wrote at the end of your letter "the one despairing of God's mercy." By My life! This befits not these days. Write henceforth "the one assured of his Lord's tender care, the All-Mighty, the All-Loving, His servant David." Thus does My Most Exalted Pen teach you, through whose effect the Kingdom is perfumed, through whose breaths the dead are raised up, and through whose fragrance the birds do sing. Sovereignty belongs to God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Beautiful.

O David! Hearken unto that wherewith your Lord, the Sincere Counselor, the Trusted One, counsels you. Strive that there may appear from you that which befits His sovereignty, His grandeur, His detachment and His sanctity. Thus does the Lord of all worlds command you. Thus have We loosened the reins of the Pen of Revelation in the meadows of utterance, as a bounty from your Lord, the Most Merciful, that you may soar on the wings of detachment in this atmosphere which none among all created things can breathe save those whom your Lord has willed by His sovereignty which overshadows the worlds.

Should you find the sweetness of this Tablet, you would arise with your whole being to serve your Lord and would say by night and day:

> "Praise be to You, O Lord of all mankind, and glory be to You, O You Who art wronged throughout all regions, and splendor be to You, O Beloved of them that know!"

Convey My greetings unto her whom you mentioned in your letter and unto your wife who has believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Sufficient unto them both is God's glorification from this wondrous horizon.

BH03615: In His Name, the One Who standeth without transition!…

In His Name, the One Who standeth without transition! O Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned towards the court of the Ancient of Days and set his face toward his Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One, that the Call may draw him to the Dayspring of Names and cause him to speak in praise of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

Thy letter had previously come before the holy presence, and We answered thee with verses that all contingent beings cannot equal, but they reached thee not until numbered years had passed. And now thy letter hath come again and been honored by the glance of thy Lord's grace, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

O servant! Say to the concourse of the Jews: Your appointed time hath been fulfilled—where then is the Promised One? Bring Him forth if ye be of the learned! Among them are those who are perplexed within themselves, whose inner voice addresseth them saying:

> "The Promise hath come to pass, yet we see not the Promised One."

Say: Break asunder, O company of the froward, the chains of limitation! Verily He ruleth upon the throne of David with majesty and power.

All the appointed times have ended, yet the peoples await the appearances of their vain imaginings. Say: He hath appeared in truth with a sovereignty that no veils can obstruct. My people are asleep. Blessed art thou for having been awakened by the Call when it was raised from the Divine Lote-Tree planted in the white spot, and for having hearkened unto it while most of the servants turned away.

The Holy Land hath been honored by the advent of the Lord of all creation, and the Mount hath been illumined with the lights of the Manifestation, yet the people remain veiled by following vain imaginings. Say: Rend asunder that which preventeth you from the Dawning-Place of Beauty, and turn ye to the Kawthar of reunion bestowed by the Lord of the beginning and the end.

Thus hath warbled the Dove of Utterance upon the branch of inner meanings and exposition, as a grace from the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Quickener of the dead!" Be thou assured by thy Lord's favor, then stand firm in the Cause and be a herald of this Name through which religions have been overturned.

BH03849: He is the Sanctified above all comparison! Glorified be…

He is the Sanctified above all comparison! Glorified be He Who hath manifested the Manifestation of His Self and caused Him to speak forth verses whereby spirits have been enraptured. Say: This is the Day whereon souls have been agitated, mountains have passed away, and all who are in the heavens and on earth have swooned away, save those whom God, the Lord of the Day of Mutual Reckoning, hath willed. Blessed is the hand that hath cast away what it held, and the heart that hath turned toward the Qiblih of all horizons.

They who have taken hold of the Tablet of God with hands of might and power—these are the people of Baha in the Tablet of eternity. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names, Who speaketh at all times: "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful."

Say: O people! For every matter there is a point of return, for every light there is a dawning-place, and for everything there is a beginning. Ponder, that ye may understand the purpose of God, O people of discernment! They who deny the beginning of the Cause—these are brutish rabble who have no portion of the Book. Would they deny God after having witnessed His sovereignty encompassing all creation?

It behooveth them who deny the Manifestation of God to reflect in these days wherein the Ancient King calleth out from the midmost heart of the world, after having been wronged at the hands of the wicked ones. Should they say nature hath brought forth this Essence, say: If We were to believe you in this, We would say: Do ye see any likeness to Him or behold any similitude for Him? Since He is singular in His essence and unique in His being, it behooveth you to follow Him, O company of the ignorant! By My life, they speak that of which they are unaware. Thus hath testified the All-Merciful from this most exalted station.

Say: O beloved ones! Pay no heed to what they say. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause and cling to the hem of the mercy of your Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. Blessed is he who hath attained on this day and hath turned with his heart unto God, the Lord of all servants, casting behind him the deluded ones, speaking forth this remembrance which God hath made the sovereign of all remembrances.

BH04063: A book sent down from the presence of One…

He is the Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious

A book sent down from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Verily it is the Lamp of Guidance unto all who dwell in the kingdom of creation, and the Most Great Path unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. It calleth out to those on earth and summoneth them unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. It saith: I am the Blessed Leaf, upon which the Pen of Command hath inscribed that which attracteth the hearts of those who remember. Blessed is he who hath recognized my ways, hearkened unto my melodies, and attained unto that which his Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful, hath willed.

O people of Baha! Arise to offer praise between earth and heaven, then speak forth that which the Divine Lote-Tree hath spoken. Verily there is none other God besides Him, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Omnipotent.

Draw ye nigh unto the Fire which We have kindled with the Finger of Power, that it may generate in your hearts the warmth of remembrance of My wondrous Name. It is a warmth that neither the coldness of allusions nor the whisperings of the sinful can extinguish. Blessed is the man who hath stood firm in this mighty Cause, and the tongue that hath spoken in remembrance of God, detached from all else save Him.

Say: Beware lest ye render your deeds null and void through that which your desires command you. Abandon that which your minds reject, then follow that which ye have been commanded by your Lord,

the Mighty, the Powerful. Blessed is he who hath attained unto reason and recognized it from all else besides it, and woe unto him who hath cast it behind his back—he is assuredly among the ignorant.

O servant! When thou hearest the Call that hath been raised in the Tablet and attainest unto the utterance of the All-Merciful, arise to aid the Wronged One and be not of them that hesitate. Thou wert created to make mention of thy Lord and to praise Him among those who have been debarred from the Kawthar of the mercy of their Lord, the Generous, the Bountiful. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the remembrance of God and for being the recipient of the gaze from this luminous Scene.

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BH04524: Your letter was honored before the Most Great Countenance…

In the Name of the One Friend

Your letter was honored before the Most Great Countenance and attained the presence of divine favor through the glance of the Lord of Power. God forgives what you desired from Him—rejoice and be among the thankful ones.

These are days when the ocean of generosity is surging, the heaven of bounty is exalted, and the winds of grace are blowing. How blessed is the soul that has become perfumed by the fragrances of the days of God, and has become detached and free from the worlds.

As for what you desired regarding service to your Lord, We beseech God to assist you in all conditions and make you among those who have become renowned for serving His Cause among the worlds.

Regarding what you desired about the trace of My pen that was sent to you—We have made it this station: that you should acknowledge what God has acknowledged and what the tongue of revelation has confirmed from this remote place.

And regarding what you mentioned about meeting—it is indeed difficult and arduous because the Beloved is in the hands of the oppressors. Do not grieve at this, put your trust in God. He will ordain for you from His grace what He desires. He is the Guardian of those who turn to Him.

Then mention Me to your mother and give her the glad tidings of this wondrous remembrance. Say: Blessed art thou for God has provided thee with one who remembers his Lord and has turned to Him when most of creation turned away. This is from My favor upon you and upon her. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous.

Then convey My greetings to your wife and your son that they may rejoice in what the tongue of revelation has spoken in their remembrance, and that the Countenance of the Ancient of Days has turned toward them from this noble horizon.

BH04789: The Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious!

The Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Glorious!

The Dove hath cooed and the birds have warbled this Name whereby the faces of the wicked were darkened and the faces of the near ones were illumined when the Hour arrived and the All-Knowing appeared. Intoxication seized the dwellers of earth save those who held fast to this firm Cord. Say: This is a Day wherein no one's faith profiteth him except through this Great Announcement which hath been mentioned in the Tablets of God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The All-Merciful hath testified at the heart of creation that there is none other God but Me, the One, the Exalted, the Single, the Mighty, the Impregnable.

Among the people are those who have turned to God and those who have turned away from this manifest grace. Say: O people, the world and all that is therein shall pass away. Fear God and follow not every remote learned one. This is a Day wherein the Dawning-Place of knowledge hath appeared, did ye but know. Remember when We sent Our messengers—the people opposed them and clung to what they possessed of idle fancies and images. Say: This is a Day the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen. Abandon what ye possess and turn unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest vain imaginings prevent you from the Lord of all beings. Cast the idols behind you, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Thus have We adorned thee with the ornament of revelation and given thee glad-tidings through this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the sun of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Sufficing, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the Peerless. Verily Glory be upon the people of Glory who have attained unto this Cause which was the hope of the sincere ones.

BH04637: O ye two luminous lights, he who was named…

O ye two luminous lights, he who was named before the Most Great Horizon as Samandar, and Nabil-i-Qabli-ʿAli—may the glory of God and His effulgences rest upon them both. Let them observe with radiant gaze:

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious. Verily my heart hath moved me to make mention of the two hearts and to turn toward the two qiblihs, though they—may the glory and praise of their Lord rest upon them—are but one heart and one qiblih, as this servant, who is in need of the mercy of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, doth testify.

As Jinab-i-Amin—may the glory of God and His outpourings rest upon him—was about to depart, I felt obliged to make mention of these beloved ones, although a detailed letter was previously sent to your honor. Yet heartfelt love and original affection moved this servant once again to make mention of that beloved one. We beseech God to aid you in His service and love, and to manifest through you that which shall endure in remembrance as long as God, the King, the Mighty, the Wise, endureth, and to make you dawning-places of certitude throughout all possibility and manifestations of steadfastness throughout all lands. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

We hope that both of your honors will not withhold from this servant the fragrances of your mention. God willing, may you ever gladden the servant with the fragrances of mention. Convey infinite greetings and utter nothingness to all the friends of God, male and female, young and old. The glory be upon you both.

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BH05147: This is a fire We have kindled…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Great

This is a fire We have kindled with the hand of power and sent unto Faran, that through it the people of the All-Merciful might be set ablaze. Blessed is he who heareth from its sighing that there is no God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Verily He is the Sovereign of existence and the Ultimate Goal. Should He so desire, He could subdue all created things with but a single letter from His Book. Thus doth the Lord of all beings decree. Blessed are they who are endowed with insight, for then, turning their gaze, they behold all things astir from the breezes of reunion in His days. Joy be to them that turn unto Him!

O people! The Most Great Ocean hath surged in the midmost heart of the world, and each wave thereof proclaimeth that there is no God but I, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Merciful. Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath testified in every atom—that this is verily the Sealed Book and the Beauty of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, Who was hidden within the pavilion of glory and grandeur until the appointed time, whereupon He appeared with a sovereignty that encompassed all men. Blessed art thou for having turned toward Him Who was wronged whilst in the hands of the wicked. Thy letter hath come, been opened and read, and We have sent down for thee these verses whereby the mountains have taken flight. Thus hath the Bird of the Divine Throne warbled upon the branch of faithfulness with verses through which the breeze of God hath wafted over all who are in earth and heaven. Give thanks, for We found thy letter sanctified from mention of aught else but Me and adorned with My Name, which God hath made the Sovereign of all names.

BH05830: The ear of Divine favor hath heard…

In His Name, Who standeth over all things!

The ear of Divine favor hath heard that which thou didst cry out to God, the Lord of the worlds, and that wherewith thou didst praise thy Lord. Thus must it be with one who hath turned to the All-Knowing, the One. He answereth thee through His grace from this glorious station, and remembereth thee with that which thou didst remember. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

And as for what thou didst mention regarding thy powerlessness and nothingness before His countenance—this indeed is true recognition. Be grateful and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of them that remember!" Blessed art thou, inasmuch as the Most Great Ocean hath sprinkled upon thee while He was in the hands of the oppressors. Know thou that His remembrance of thee is better than all that hath been created on earth—to this doth every discerning mystic bear witness. Give thanks unto God for

having adorned thee with the ornament of His remembrance and for having made thee among them that have turned unto Him.

Grieve not over the world and its afflictions. Soon shall ye behold yourselves in manifest glory, if ye remain steadfast in the love of God and His Cause. By God! Whoso attaineth unto this station, verily the denizens of the Supreme Concourse and then the dwellers of Paradise shall make mention of him, and thy Lord is, of a truth, knowing and witnessing of what I say.

Glory be upon the people of Baha who have cast away the world and held fast unto this glory which hath appeared in the temple of man. Blessed be the All-Merciful Who hath manifested it in truth through a sovereignty that hath conquered the worlds.

BH05875: The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great

A Book from Us to him who hath gained access to the Most Great Sea when it appeared amongst the nations with waves that none denied except those who disbelieved in God from time immemorial.

We summoned the servants unto God, the Lord of creation, whereupon the wolves of the earth gathered against Us until they imprisoned Us in this spot. All that is on earth was created for Our names, yet We were debarred therefrom, such that We had no place wherein to store what We possessed of the Books of God, the All-Governing, the Mighty, the Bestower.

The Trusted One came to the Most Great Prison and desired to build a house or purchase land wherein might dwell he who had no shelter in the land. How many an evening did he pass in one abode, only to be driven forth by the hosts of the wicked at daybreak. He was in the hands of the evil ones most of the time, as doth the Lord of all men testify. At one time imprisoned, at another captive, then exiled, then in chains and fetters.

We beseech God to make firm His loved ones in His Cause and to open hearts through this Name which He hath made the key to the treasuries of mysteries, and We beseech Him to grant thee success in that which thou art engaged and to strengthen thee in such wise that the machinations of every ignorant oppressor shall not sadden thee.

BH06157: A remembrance from Us unto him who has drunk…

In the Name of Him Who has power over all things!

A remembrance from Us unto him who has drunk the choice wine of tribulation from the cup of decree in the path of God, the Lord of all names, that he may rejoice in that which has been sent down unto him from the heaven of God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Verily, those whom adversities have overtaken in the path of God—this is of His grace upon them. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous. Beware lest the waters of hardship and tribulation extinguish the fire of thy love. Place thy trust in God, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Soon

shall they who have wronged be made to drink from the cup from which they made My loved ones drink. Thy Lord, verily, is the Just, the All-Wise.

There has befallen Us that which is greater than what hath befallen you, and We make mention of you through Our grace in this mighty Prison. This sufficeth you, by the Lord of all worlds. This enricheth you, by the Possessor of the heavens and earths. This shall endure for you in the kingdom of your Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Read ye the verses of the All-Merciful with spirit and joy. They draw you unto a station wherein you will not be saddened by what hath befallen you at the hands of the oppressors. He, verily, praiseth him who showeth patience under His decree and beareth in His path that which His near ones among His chosen ones and His sincere ones among His loved ones have borne. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

BH06441: In His Name, the One with power over all…

In His Name, the One with power over all who are in the worlds! O ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar! Hearken unto the Call which hath been raised in truth from the Dayspring of Divine decree, that it may bring thee to the Most Great Scene, the station wherein the Lord of mankind proclaimeth: “There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.”

Thy letter hath been honored when it came before the Throne and the Sea of Vision turned towards it. This is of His grace unto thee, that thou mayest be of the thankful.

Grieve not because of poverty, for verily thou art rich, by thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds. He who hath recognized this Cause is among the most wealthy of creation and the most honored of servants before God, the Mighty, the Great.

Various letters have come before Us; We have hastened first to answer thine. This sufficeth thee, if thou be of them that understand. He loveth him who hath sought Him and him who hath turned towards Him. His is a station at the Throne, and he is of them that have attained.

Be content with what God hath ordained for thee—this is the best counsel from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Occupy thyself with thy craft; He will assist thee as He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the Powerful, the Mighty.

May the glory rest upon thee and upon thy brother and upon those who are with thee, from One Who is Mighty, Praiseworthy.

BH06641: The Sun of Truth and Exposition hath dawned, inasmuch…

In the Name of Him Who is the Everlasting, the Eternal, the Ever-Abiding

The Sun of Truth and Exposition hath dawned, inasmuch as Man hath appeared from the horizon of Purpose and Power. Whoso desireth to behold the Essence of Eternity—lo, it hath appeared through this Name which God hath made the Dawning-Place of Inspiration. Say: This is He through Whom the seas

have branched forth, the fruits have appeared, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Chosen!”

O peoples of the earth! Make not yourselves the playthings of the ignorant, and cast not the Cause of God behind your backs. Fear God, and follow not every disbelieving deceiver. Cast away what the people possess and hold fast to the hem of the favors of your Lord, the All-Merciful, through Whom existence was illumined. The All-Bountiful calleth you unto His all-encompassing grace. Turn ye unto Him, O ye who are endued with insight!

Draw nigh with your hearts unto the court of the Beloved. This is better for you than the kingdoms of earth and heaven. Say: Beware lest ye dispute concerning the signs of God. Hold fast unto them and shun those who have denied God, the Lord of all men. Thus hath the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of utterance. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all mankind!”

BH06939: In the Name of God, the Single, the One…

In the Name of God, the Single, the One, the Alone! Verily, He Who is mentioned mentions thee in this perspicuous Tablet, and the Desired One calls thee from this mighty Prison, and the Worshipped One summons thee in truth and remembers thee with such melody whereby the realm of possibility hath soared with longing for its Lord, the All-Merciful, and the hearts of the Concourse on high were attracted.

Grieve not at what thou hast witnessed in My path. We were witness to what befell you in this Cause whereby hearts were filled with the fear of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. Be patient in God, then seek victory through God. Verily, He aids whom He willeth through a power from His presence and a sovereignty from His side. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

They who cast aside justice and embraced tyranny have lost—they are among the perishing ones. Blessed is he who hath attained unto that which most of creation hath not attained—verily he is of the sincere ones. The All-Merciful remembers him in the highest paradise. This is the most great bounty and the lofty station.

Verily the glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath turned to the Countenance, detached from all that is in the heavens and the earth.

BH07825: The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great

A Book sent down in truth, by which the lights of the sun of the remembrance of My Name, the Most Merciful, have shone forth, and which hath turned unto God, the Mighty, the Generous, that it may rejoice in My remembrance of it and may stand with such steadfastness in the Cause of its Lord that the doings of the wayward shall not cause it to waver.

O My handmaiden!

Hold fast to the cord of the favors of thy Lord and turn at all times to the horizon of the Cause of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Verily, He maketh mention of His servants who make mention of Him throughout all regions, and of His handmaidens who have arisen to remember Him amidst the worlds. Act thou according to that which thou hast been commanded in the Tablets. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

Be thou thankful that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and that this gracious Tablet hath been sent down unto thee, from which everyone possessed of the sense of smell can detect the fragrance of the All-Merciful. Thus hath testified He Who is the Goal of all who know.

When thou hast found and recognized this, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp is the kingdom of names, and thanksgiving be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me while I was in a remote prison.

BH08312: At all times doth the All-Merciful call out: "Unto…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the Eternal.

At all times doth the All-Merciful call out:

> "Unto Me, unto Me, O My servants! Unto Me, unto Me, O My handmaidens!"

Blessed is the one who hath heard His call and was of those who advanced. Whoso hath acknowledged His oneness in this Revelation is assuredly among the most exalted of servants in a preserved tablet. They who have deprived themselves of this most great favor are truly counted among the dead.

Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, for having attained unto the recognition of God and turned toward Him while every remote idolater turned away. It behooveth thee to remain steadfast in such wise that the affairs of the heedless shall not perturb thee. Follow what We have enjoined upon thee in the Tablets, then turn away from those who follow the dictates of their own selves—these are assuredly among the most lost.

Hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's grace. Verily His mercy hath preceded all created things and His grace hath encompassed the worlds. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee. He is verily the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH09457: The Most Great, the Most Holy

The Most Great, the Most Holy

We have desired to make mention of one of Our maidservants who has believed in God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Praised, and to give her once again to drink of the Living Waters. Verily We are powerful over all things. O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in My remembrance, then remember thy Lord at morn and eventide. Let not the tribulations of the world cause thee grief. Behold what hath befallen thy Lord, the Creator of the heavens, through that which the hands of the oppressors have wrought. Drink thou at all times from the Salsabil of divine knowledge from the chalices of the bounties of thy Lord,

the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We make mention of all who have turned unto God and remember their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thus have the verses been sent down as a token of Our grace upon thee, that thou mayest be of those who are thankful, in a perspicuous Tablet.

BH01411: My spirit be a sacrifice unto thee! This evanescent…

He is God, exalted be His station, to Him belong greatness and majesty

My spirit be a sacrifice unto thee! This evanescent servant hath been honored by thy letter, which was a cup of longing for the lovers, and I drank from it as the sincere ones drink the water of life in the days of our Lord, the Most Merciful. We beseech God to grant every mouth a portion thereof, and every heart a share of this Euphrates which was mingled with the tears of the Beloved—nay rather, it was pure with what flowed from the heart that was a fountainhead of God's love and favor, and a treasury of God's remembrance and grace. When I read and perused it, I took it and ascended until I attained the presence of the Throne and presented that wherewith thou didst call upon God, the Lord of the worlds. When it was concluded, the hand of grace and favor was extended, and took it, and the most luminous gaze perused what was inscribed therein of His mighty and impregnable remembrance. Then there shone forth from the Dayspring of grace that which I am unable to mention. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

Then the tongue of grandeur and majesty spoke:

> "O thou who propagatest My Cause and standeth firm upon My path! Hearken unto My call, for it quickeneth bodies and gladdeneth the hearts of the sincere ones. We praise God for having aided thee to make mention of that which the ear of grace hath heard and which hath been accepted before the Dawning-Place of the verses of thy Lord, the Ancient of Days. By My life! This sufficeth thee, and none knoweth this station save him who hath attained unto this noble seat. Read thou what We sent before, then ponder upon it. It shall open unto thy heart the gates of knowledge and understanding, even as it opened them before. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Thou art in the letter Ha, and the Beloved remembereth thee in His manifest prison. Upon thee be the glory of God, His praise, and the praise of all who have laid hold on this firm cord. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Whose mercy hath preceded all created things!"

After this evanescent servant was blessed with the perusal of your letter and the petitions were presented before the Throne, the response was revealed from the Dayspring of grace and sent forth. Furthermore, two boxes of tea arrived. He said the tea was very fine, but suited for princes rather than for prisoners and the poor. Its fragrance was excellent, but as it contained white buds, its color was very light. Prison tea should be closer to commercial grade, meaning that a small measure should color multiple cups. This year God hath engaged somewhat in trade, for His glory and honor among the people, yet due to the sincerity of the sender, the lightness of its color added to its excellence, as it was special and is consumed in His presence. All this is from His grace upon His loved ones. He is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Likewise, that which was sent by those two honored souls, upon whom be the Glory of the Most Merciful, had been written about before its arrival, and likewise the response to two letters from the Afnan, upon whom be the Glory of God and His grandeur, which they had sent from the Land of Ya in the name of His Holiness the Name of God M.H., upon him be every most glorious glory. This servant presented the response which was sent. Let your honor forward it. Similarly, a brief petition was submitted to the Name of God. We beseech God to ensure its delivery. He is, verily, the Preserver, the Trustworthy.

Furthermore, a packet arrived from His Holiness the Name of God, together with items sent by Aqa Mirza [Ali-Naqi], upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah].

Moreover, concerning what you had written about the Persian friends, four Tablets were revealed two years ago in response to their petitions and those of others from the Dawning-Place of God's Command. The original exists, but a copy was sent. Should they approach it with pure hearts and eyes of fairness, they will derive from it the hidden springs contained in all the books. We hope that, God willing, these decisive words will have their effect. Were all people to contemplate these four Tablets alone, it would suffice all who dwell on earth, for they have been revealed in such wise that their like, like the existence of Truth itself, is impossible. We beseech God to assist all to recognize Him. He is, verily, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Convey my sincere greetings and glorification to the friends in that land. Glory be upon your honor and upon those who attend your service.

The servant 66 [of God], 28 Sha'ban 1290

BH01755: Fix thy heart upon the Most Great Purpose…

Fix thy heart upon the Most Great Purpose, for verily it is the Lote Tree beyond which there is no passing, which speaketh in the kingdom of creation: 'There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.'

When the letter Ba joined with Ha and they were mingled, all things were transformed therefrom, by thy Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Hold fast unto the Divine Primal Point, and all else is but zero, even though thou seest it existing on earth. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise….

BH00197: May my soul be a sacrifice unto Thee, O…

Section 1: "May my soul be a sacrifice unto Thee…"

In the Name of God, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

May my soul be a sacrifice unto Thee, O thou who hast arisen to aid the Cause of God! May my spirit be offered up for thee, through whom the horizons have been perfumed and from whom the sweet savors of the remembrance of our All-Knowing Lord have been wafted! How can an ant describe this station unto which the birds of divine knowledge cannot soar, and to which the minds of the wise cannot ascend, save whom God, the Lord of all worlds, willeth? Were I to attempt to describe that which thy tongue hath uttered in praise of God, both remembrance and pens would be exhausted, yet this blessed

remembrance would not end. When I beheld my powerlessness to offer fitting praise of this station, I sought God's help and beseeched Him to reward thee as befitteth His all-encompassing grace.

Again, may my spirit, my being, and my essence be sacrificed for thee! The servant hath been honored by the letters which proceeded from thy presence—first that which issued from the land of Ta, then what followed twice from the land of Ta, then two twin letters arrived, one from the land of Kaf dated the 13th of Jamadiyu'l-Avval, and the other from the land of Sad dated the 14th of Jamadiyu'th-Thani, and in the second was a small letter adorned with thy handwriting dated the 22nd of Jamadiyu'th-Thani.

Praise be to God for these successive, continuous, and uninterrupted bounties which bore thy boundless favors. This evanescent servant was blessed to receive these, and prior to these mentioned letters, was honored by two blessed autographs before arriving in the land of Ta, which were written en route. Responses to some were submitted and sent through Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God. Likewise from the direction of the land of Ha, I beseech and hope from God, exalted be His glory, that what was submitted may attain the honor of His presence. All were presented to the Most Holy Court at the beloved times. Again a mighty Tablet hath descended from the heaven of favor and the original revelation is being sent. Similarly, regarding the names mentioned in thy letters, those that were in the Book of Ta have been revealed and sent with Amin, and the rest shall be sent, God willing and with His aid.

Concerning what thou didst write about the blessed verse of inheritance,

> "Blessed art thou for having comprehended that which was revealed from God"

- since Jinab-i-Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of all worlds, had inquired about inheritance, by command that which was revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas regarding this matter was written specifically for him and sent. Similarly, he had inquired about the law of marriage, and what was revealed regarding this was also written and sent by command. All these passages are revealed in the Kitab-i-Aqdas, and that mighty Book was sent specifically to thee. God willing, thou hast by now been blessed to see it.

Regarding thy remark that the meaning of the Book of Ta and Kha and Za et cetera was not clear, He said: "This station is ʿWe have recorded all things in a Book."' Thus it endeth.

Each portion mentioned in the Book equals nine, and from each number sixty is intended, which in total equals the name Muqit, and likewise it descends by sixties until it reaches the station of Jim, and those two stations which are Ba and Alif have not been mentioned, that our Lord may decree concerning them as He pleaseth. From each of these in this Dispensation one and a half portions were deducted and added to the offspring, who receive the portion of two Ta's. God willing, they shall become aware of the mysteries of that Most Holy, Most Exalted Book at the time of attainment of His presence.

Furthermore, it is submitted that despite the greatest prohibition, travelers from all directions arrive at the Most Great Prison without permission, and they know the beloved of the people of this land and to what degree they persist in opposition, denial and corruption. In any case, each day new conversations are heard. It is strange how the loved ones consent to commit that which causeth harm to the Root of the

Tree. And all expect to remain. In brief, now in every village of the surrounding villages numerous souls reside and the corruptors have found means to say whatsoever they wish. From the very gathering and excessive coming and going, the government itself hath been disrupted. We beseech God to bring forth good through this. In no year has there been such gathering in this land. Another group must be appointed to arise to serve the travelers.

Moreover, your honor knoweth what transpireth, despite the lack of outward means and the wickedness of the people of this city and the arrival of newcomers. Although all have understood that the harm of these matters returneth to the Root of the Tree, yet they remain heedless and unaware. We beseech God to aid them to do what He loveth and is pleased with.

Another matter: the neighboring Khajih, whenever present before the Throne, asketh about your honor's condition and speaketh well of you, and whenever your letter arrived they were truly delighted. God willing, your honor will mention them in future letters so it may be conveyed to them. Although this servant hath somewhat conveyed your honor's affection to them, since there was no explicit mention of them in your honor's letter, out of fear of speaking falsely, a satisfactory explanation was not given to them.

Furthermore, regarding Aqa Muhammad Sadiq from the people of K, they wrote a letter to this servant about the Huquq, as your honor yourself noted on its back. It was presented to the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. According to the command, one portion thereof should be given to the deserving ones in that city, and two portions should be sent to Zaynu'l-Muqarribin, for the people of that land are very deserving.

Although these small amounts do not suffice for that land, they are somewhat useful. Regarding what was written about Jinab-i-Nabil (upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah]) from the people of Qa'in, it is very good that they should proceed to the land of Ha. We beseech God to aid him to help his Lord through what He hath commanded in the Tablets.

Regarding what was written about Jinab-i-Hasan-i-Qabli-ʿAli Khan, their petition was presented to the Most Holy Presence. A special exalted Tablet was revealed and will be sent later.

Concerning Aqa Ghulam-ʿAli, son of Jinab-i-Dhabih, upon them both be Baha'u'llah, it was submitted and according to His command that he should remain engaged in his trade there, as this is closer to godliness before God. Praise be to God, divine favors have been and will continue to be bestowed upon the relatives of Jinab-i-Dhabih. Wherever they may be, they are under the shadow of Truth. The gaze of favor is directed towards His loved ones. Travel to this land is in no wise permitted. We beseech God to grant them the sweetness of following His command. By My life, it is sweeter than all sugar, honey, candy and whatsoever is above them. Verily, He is the All-Wise Ruler.

Regarding Aqa Muhammad-Hasan, about whom you had written that you would bring along, it was submitted. He said:

> "There is no objection to what thou hast intended. We love to approve what thou hast approved, as a favor from thy Lord, Who, were He to be described by generosity, His Essence

would be ashamed to be attributed thereto, and were He to be characterized by grace, He would be embarrassed to be mentioned in His presence. Verily thy Lord is far exalted above what hath been mentioned or will be mentioned. He is indeed independent of all names. There is no God but Him, the Eternal Unseen."

At the time of writing this petition, the Ancient Beauty, exalted be His grandeur, said:

> "Write in My name M.H.: Those souls who, during their travels and journeys through the cities of God, have shown love to that person, even if less than the eye of a needle, We have honored them with a special favor and have sent down that which will bring joy to their eyes."

Concerning what you had written about the believers in the land of Ta, then in Q.M., then in K., then in S., about their love for God, their being set ablaze with the fire of His love, and their being attracted by the signs of His grace, and then what you mentioned about all the villages—all was presented before the Divine Throne. Regarding each one, countless favors have dawned and are shining from the horizon of grace, which neither the pens of all worlds could enumerate, nor the tablets of the heavens and earth could contain.

Furthermore, regarding what you had written about Jinab-i-Haji Mirza Kamali'd-Din and Aqa Mahmud and Haji Mirza ʿAli-Qabl-i-Akbar, upon them be Baha'u'llah and His favors, through the companionship of Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be Baha'u'llah, a most holy and exalted Tablet was revealed from the heaven of eternal favor specifically for Aqa Mahmud, upon him be Baha'u'llah, from which shone forth the evidences of grace, bounty, generosity and favor. This servant was astonished at the time of its revelation that despite what had been reported about them, how they were honored with this most holy and exalted Tablet. Now from your letter what was hidden has been revealed and what was concealed has become manifest. I swear by the Most Great Name, this servant was so overjoyed that nothing greater could be imagined, for I had been very concerned about their matter, as there had previously been perfect love between this evanescent servant and them. We praise God, we thank God, and we glorify God for having caused him to attain that which the near ones have attained. And from that blessed Tablet, this servant became certain that in these days the fragrance of their love would waft. Praise be to God that through His favor we have attained unto this.

Concerning the mystic da'ira you mentioned, the written text has been sent to your presence. As far as possible, it should be written with musk and saffron. This servant has also added some red ink for its color and permanence. Whosoever wishes to bear this great gift must, after ablutions, sit in a private place turning towards the Point of God, and then with complete humility and supplication recite the Verse of Power revealed in the first line, then the Names of God revealed in the second line, and then read the prayer revealed in the center of the form. Then it should be folded, and while folding it, one should repeat nineteen times—or according to the number of the Greatest Name (9) which is closer—these luminous words:

> "He is the Protector, the Helper, the Assister, the One Whose help is sought."

Then keep it folded and do not reopen it. If it must be opened for copying, this same procedure must be repeated. Its offering at the Divine Threshold is one mithqal of gold, however a lesser amount has been

permitted for the honored Aqa Siyyid Husayn-ʿAli. Your honor is surely aware that the intention is that a gift be made in this station, and its benefit returns to the bearer and giver himself. He is, verily, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. However, great care must be taken that it is written correctly and in accordance with the original.

Section 2: "Regarding what you wrote about Nabil…"

Regarding what you wrote about Nabil of the land of Kaf mentioning this lowly one, and that the beloved one had recorded his words—his mention was presented at the Divine Threshold and the Sun of favor has risen from the horizon of grace. We beseech God to assist him in all conditions as He assisted him before, and to cause his remembrance to endure in His Book, and his spirit and soul in His Kingdom and Dominion. He is verily the Protector of whoever turns to Him and the Master of whoever faces His luminous direction. Please convey on behalf of this evanescent non-existent one profound and exalted greetings to him. I presented his greetings specifically before the presence of the Branches of God, and all return greetings.

Likewise, regarding Nabil, formerly Mihdi, entitled Kh A N from Alif whom you mentioned—he was specifically remembered in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Presence. Perfect grace was manifested regarding him and an exalted Tablet was specifically revealed for him which will be sent, God willing. Please convey greetings to him on behalf of this evanescent one.

Another submission: This servant has sent the reply to the letter of one of the steadfast women of the land of K which that beloved one had sent. May it come before your most pure and luminous gaze and then be forwarded. As for the matter of the wife of the honored brother Haji M J, as commanded, they should act according to what is best for the aforementioned Haji. Your honor will observe the letter and become informed.

Among other news is that Haji Mirza ʿAli-Akbar and another person have arrived in Haifa. The aforementioned Mirza had previously written that their stay in that land was not possible and had requested permission to come to Mosul. After arriving in Mosul, all the mighty and protective Tablets which Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin had mentioned proved ineffective, and now they have arrived in Haifa. Similarly, before them, Shaykh Muhammad, along with another person from the Jewish community who had turned towards the All-Merciful, arrived. Muhammad Mustafa gave them some of the wealth they had so they could go to Tripoli and engage in work, as the aforementioned Shaykh's stay in Iraq was not possible due to conflicts between him and his father. Thus Muhammad Mustafa sent them to these parts. However, a malicious Persian joined them and showed them kindness until one night, finding the opportunity, he took everything they had including their books and left. The aforementioned person arrived at the Most Holy Court stripped of all possessions—they had even taken his coat. News has arrived that several others are also on their way. What more can this servant say about the arrivals to this land?

Another other noteworthy events is that in these days the former chief [ra'is] who was in this city has, praise be to God, attained to the ornament of faith and has openly arisen to mention the Truth and His loved ones. After some time, they summoned him and another person arrived, and according to some of

the corrupt ones, now no fragrance of love can be detected from him; rather, the opposite, such that on the last day of the month of fasting, they returned the seven who had left the prison and were residing in the finest quarters where the chief officers stayed, back to prison. Let us see what will become manifest later. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. And he intended to attain the Most Holy Court, but permission has not been granted thus far. In any case, this land is like a chameleon—each day it appears in different colors, but all people weave their own imaginings while what our Powerful Lord has willed remains firm, enduring, permanent, penetrating, and dominant over all who are in the kingdom.

And regarding what was written about the blessed leaf, her eminence Ta, upon her be the glory of God and the glory of those in the kingdom of creation, it was submitted, and her petition was also presented before the Throne. This is what was revealed in response to it from God, her Lord and the Lord of all the worlds:

> "O My Name! We have understood what thou didst mention in the leaf which called upon its Lord and attained that which was the purpose of its creation and its stages. Blessed is she, inasmuch as her letter hath been presented and she hath been mentioned before the Throne. This, verily, is the most excellent of her deeds in her days. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We had mentioned her before and adorned her head with the crown of thy Lord's favor, and We sent unto her through the Trusted One that which rejoiceth her heart and the hearts of them that are nigh. We make mention of her at this time in this manifest Prison, and We glorify her in this station and bid her to be patient in what she desireth. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The means and wisdom with which We have been commanded do not require her departure from her homeland. We beseech God to pour forth upon her patience from His presence. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. Thou wert present before the Throne and hast known the Prison and what is uttered therein at all times."

This servant submitteth that following the presentation of the petition of that Leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree, upon her be the Glory of God, the Sun of favors rose from the horizon of grace. Although previously a Most Holy Tablet had been specifically revealed and sent for that leaf, these wondrous and exalted verses were again revealed from the heaven of bounty. It is most clear and evident that God's favor hath been bestowed upon her. However, this land is witnessed in a different state each day and hath not yet become settled according to what was revealed in the Tablets. It hath been difficult and most difficult from every direction—from the opposition of the opposers, the wickedness of the enemies, and the agitation of the people of this region from every sect and tribe. No place of residence can be found. The finest house in Acre is the one which hath now become the seat of the Throne. Your honor hath observed that eighteen souls, young and old, are present in the Most Holy Court. The upper floor of the building hath four small rooms. Thus it is evident how difficult the situation is.

Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the Glory of God, during his presence, having resided in this land for some time, became aware of the confined space. Therefore, he strove earnestly to acquire some land and build a house. No land came into their possession until a plot was found near the house. After investigation, it became known that its owner desired to exact the price of all of Acre for that plot of land. The Most Great Branch, may my spirit be a sacrifice unto the dust of His most pure footsteps, hath taken residence in

what is considered the changing room of a bath house. Would that the difficulty were limited to this matter alone. He is, verily, the All-Numbering, the All-Knowing.

Regarding the envelope sent on the 9th of Shawwal, God willing it has by now arrived and they have been blessed to visit the Most Exalted, Most Holy Tablet, as it was sent by two routes.

At every moment, my spirit be a sacrifice for thee, my Beloved, my Lord and my Master, I conveyed thy praise, glory and exaltation in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Court before the holy faces of the Branches of the Divine Lote Tree, the people of the pavilion of divine infallibility, and the blessed Afnan. Especially the shining lights of the horizon of the Throne, each with a pure and exalted tongue, conveyed holy exaltation transcending the realms of mention and utterance. Likewise, I conveyed thy beloved exaltation to each of the circling loved ones, and all, one by one, express utter evanescence, complete nothingness, and most wondrous, most holy, most exalted, most sublime exaltation to thy presence. Verily the Most Glorious Glory and the Exaltation which hath dawned and shone forth from the Dayspring of Grandeur be upon thee, O thou who hast arisen with thy whole being to serve God and to aid His Cause, the unassailable, the firm, the mighty, the inaccessible.

The servant of God, 11th of Shawwal 1290

A further matter: At the time of the return of his honor Aqa Siyyid Yahya, upon him be 9 66 [Baha'u'llah], he was asked to convey to his honor Ismu'llah Ha, upon him be the glory of his Lord, that a piece of felt between one and two layers, neither too thin nor too thick, matching the head size that the aforementioned gentleman had measured, should be completed and sent with whoever was traveling. It is not known what happened to this.

My spirit and being be a sacrifice for thee. The two petitions that were submitted to the blessed presence of the Two Most Exalted, Most Holy, Most Supreme Greater Branches were presented. The gracious reply was written and sent. Their letters should reach his honor Aqa Siyyid Yahya. The envelope of the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet, along with the mystic circle and two blessed autographs of the Two Greater Branches, and two petitions from this servant to the two most exalted names, Afnan 66 [Allah] and Ismu'llah Ha, and a letter in reply to the letter of the assured ones of the land of Kaf, and the letter from the ladies of the household which they wrote to his honor Aqa Siyyid Yahya, all were sent in one envelope to thy presence. My spirit be thy sacrifice.

Again regarding the inscription of the mystic da'ira, it is submitted that if it is written with good rosewater and red ink it would be most beloved before God, for after its completion this servant presented it at the Court of the Throne. The main purpose is that it should be written with something fragrant, and now at the Divine Throne the fragrance of good rosewater is more beloved than musk and other scents.

BH01800: This is revealed from the heaven of the will…

This is revealed from the heaven of the will of the utterance of our Lord, the Most Merciful. His word, exalted be His majesty:

O Fath-i-A'zam! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Eternity. Thou didst call upon Him with the tongue of love and affection, and He hath answered thee with these verses, for which all existence would sacrifice itself. Thou didst call Him with attraction and longing, and He calleth thee through His grace that hath encompassed all created things.

Thy letter hath come before the Countenance and was read by the tongue of Our servant who is present before the throne of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Unconstrained. From each word thereof We discovered the fragrance of thy sincerity towards God and thy steadfastness in His firm and wise Cause. We have sent down Tablets unto thee and dispatched them through the Trustworthy One. Be grateful for what hath been sent down unto thee of the enduring bounty which shall never cease. We beseech God to assist thee under all conditions, and those who have arisen to help this Wronged One among the servants. From this station We send Our greetings unto thy face and the faces of those around thee who have turned towards the Countenance, detached from all else save Him.

The supplication of that honored one reached the throne, and these exalted verses were revealed from the heaven of grace:

In the name of our Lord, the Most Impregnable, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most High.

Praise be to God Who hath manifested the Hidden Point beneath the veil of Oneness through His Name that speaketh in the Divine Lote-Tree. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Exalted, the Mighty, the Powerful, the Trustworthy. Praise be to God Who hath quickened all created things through what hath sprinkled upon them from the ocean of His Name, the All-Encompassing over all beings. Then did the people of the graves arise, turning towards the Manifestation, while the people of darkness perished by turning towards gloom. Those who attained unto arising are among the most exalted of creation—through them have the faces of the days been illumined and the horizon of utterance hath shone forth. Then He chose from among these whom He willed and established him to aid His Cause in the kingdom of creation, and caused him to speak His praise in such wise that neither the conditions of the servants nor the deeds of those in the land could prevent him.

Exalted, exalted be His dominion! Exalted, exalted be His power! Exalted, exalted be His favors whereby He hath delivered His loved ones from the oceans of idle fancies and drawn them nigh unto the horizon of revelation—a station whereof the pens are powerless to make mention. Verily He is the Almighty over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

My spirit be a sacrifice for thy steadfastness. Praise be to God, this evanescent servant hath been honored by His mention of that honored one. I beseech God to make this bounty everlasting, that we may ever be blessed with the like thereof. Verily He is the Hearer, the Answerer. Regarding what was written about the new joy and gladness, we praise God for this. God willing, it hath been and shall be blessed. This matter was most acceptable before the Throne, and when the honored Amin, upon him be 96 [Baha'u'llah], was departing, mention was made of it in the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet which was revealed from the heaven of favor specifically for the master with the name 66 [of God] Ha', upon him be all His most glorious Baha. I beseech the True One, exalted be His might and glory, to make this joy blessed and permanent. Verily He is the Giver, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the Generous.

This servant requests that you convey profound and exalted greetings from this evanescent one to all the loved ones of God in that land. The friends who are present also convey their sincere greetings and most wondrous, most exalted, most glorious salutations to your honor. The Most Great Branch and the Greater Branch, may our spirits be sacrificed for them both, remember your honor with most wondrous mentions and greet you with salutations sanctified above the realm of mention and description. And the glory be upon you and those around you.

The servant

11 Shawwal 1290

BH02031: Praise be to God Who has adorned the Book…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Mighty, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

Praise be to God Who has adorned the Book of Existence with His Hidden, Treasured, and Protected Name, which has appeared as His Most Glorious Name in the Kingdom of Creation, and through it revealed the Primal, Invisible, and First Point, and through it detailed Books which the minds of the wise and those in the Kingdom of Names cannot comprehend. At this station, creation began with the Will which appeared and shone forth in creation through the very essence of creation. Exalted, exalted is His glory above being clouded by the understanding of those in earth and heaven! Then exalted, exalted is His holy court above being comprehended by the hearts of those endowed with insight! Can the evanescent one mention that which the very essence of eternity would be ashamed to claim? Can the non-existent soar in this atmosphere when even the known has fallen with clipped wings in this space? If I mention Him as the Known, this is but an attribute for His servants, and if I describe Him as the Self-Subsisting, this is but a mention from His creation.

Exalted, exalted is He above being mentioned by any name or described by anything besides Him, above what the tongue mentions in praise and description. My limbs trembled, my pillars shook, and my joints quaked at the mention of this station wherein the reins of pens were not loosened and the points of words were not sharpened. Therefore I conclude and say: There is no God but You, the Hidden, the Inaccessible, the Single One Who cannot be described by what has been or will be said, and You are the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

My spirit and soul be a sacrifice for You! The fire of longing in this evanescent servant is ablaze and the heat of the thirst of separation is burning. This thirst can only be quenched by the water of reunion and this heat can only be cooled by the Kawthar of meeting. And since outwardly this door has been closed through the oppression of the oppressors, remembrance and utterance have been given the power to compensate for this station. This servant has been deprived even of that. From the day they attained the Most Great Honor and were blessed to reach the Most Holy and Most Exalted Court in the Abode of Peace until now, mention of His Holiness has been in the heart of this lowly, evanescent one. Praise be to God that through divine favors and infinite heavenly grace they preceded in the Most Great and Decisive Cause, for at the first manifestation of effulgences they attained the station of nearness and were blessed

with meeting. Verily He ordains for His Afnan what He desires and decrees what He wishes. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the Wise, the Powerful, the Mighty.

The Most Glorious Glory be upon Your Holiness and upon those who bow before you for the sake of their Lord.

The servant of God 11 Shawwal 1290

The two boxes of new tea and last year's shipment arrived intact. Since the two sons of Jenab-i-Za, upon them both be the Glory of God, had previously requested that this servant submit this matter, therefore it was submitted and praise be to God it was accepted in the Most Holy Court. We praise Him in all conditions. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03535: A missive from Us to him who hath attained…

He is the One Who prevaileth over all who are in earth and heaven!

A missive from Us to him who hath attained the lights of the Countenance and voiced the praise of his Lord amidst the servants, that the call of the All-Merciful may draw him to a station wherein he proclaimeth the Most Great Steadfastness among the people and guideth the heedless to the path of God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bestowing.

We have aforetime revealed unto thee that whereby the fragrance of God was wafted throughout creation, and this is yet another time. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Arise amidst the people with this Most Great Remembrance. Say: O people! By God, the Promised One hath appeared when the appointed time was come. How long will ye follow the dawning-places of idle fancies and pursue the daysprings of vain imaginings? Rend ye asunder the greatest veil in the name of the Lord of Destiny, then draw nigh unto this Sea which God hath made the source of all seas.

We make complaint unto thee concerning the manifestations of learning, for they have forbidden the servants from the Lord of creation, though they were created for this Remembrance whereby all remembrances have shone forth. Beseech thou God that He may cleanse the earth of these people, even as He hath cleansed most regions of their presence.

Say: O concourse of divines! Ye shall not henceforth behold yourselves possessed of any power, inasmuch as We have seized it from you and destined it for such as have believed in God, the One, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Unconstrained. Thus hath the Command come to pass and judgment been decreed from God, the Lord of the Day of Reckoning.

Know thou that We have counseled the servants in most Tablets with wisdom and utterance, lest there appear in the land that which would agitate the hearts of the loved ones. Make mention of thy Lord with wisdom amongst the people, then follow what thou hast been commanded in the Book of thy Lord, the Lord of all men. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed the wine of life in My days, and have soared on the wings of longing in My atmosphere, and have detached themselves from all else but Me, and have been attracted by the shrill voice of My Pen, and the rustling of the winds of My loving-

kindness, and the murmuring of the waters of My bounty. These, verily, are the stars in the heaven of My remembrance amongst the horizons.

BH03732: Absolute Being cries out in utter nothingness, saying: At…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

Absolute Being cries out in utter nothingness, saying: At two times is the clamor and cry of the people of contingent existence raised up—once at the beginning, that is, at the first creation, and again at the return. Observe how when the Sun of Truth dawned from the horizon of the Divine Command in the name of Muhammad (may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for His sake), the people of the world rose up in opposition and raised their cry. Likewise at the time of return, when the Manifestation of the Divine Lordship appeared in the garment of servitude. Although the beginning is and ever shall be identical with the return. Blessed are they who beheld the seal in the mirror of the beginning, and likewise the beauty of the beginning in the mirror of the seal.

In any case, in whatever manner and condition the Source of the Command has risen from the horizon of the world, the people have occupied themselves with rejection and opposition, and have not been content with God's good-pleasure, save whom thy Lord willed. When the law of prayer was revealed in the time of the Messenger, the idolaters would prevent their ears from hearing the call to prayer and would count hearing it as evil. But after the divine power had encompassed all, most became aware and turned toward the horizon of certitude and held fast to the revealed divine ordinances. And when the reality of prayer and the hidden mystery appeared in the King of Days, again the cawing of the ravens was raised up.

In no age have the people been content with that which God has willed, nor will they be, except for sanctified souls and illumined hearts. Therefore you must be thankful at all times, for you have drunk from the living waters of the peerless Kawthar and have turned toward the sanctuary of oneness. This is the most great bounty and the supreme grace. Ask God that you may remain steadfast in His love and firm in His Cause.

The Glory be upon you.

BH03649: The Most Great, Most Holy, Most Ancient. A remembrance…

The Most Great, Most Holy, Most Ancient. A remembrance from Us to him who has turned to the Ultimate Goal and attained the Supreme Horizon on a day wherein the Herald called out from every direction:

> "The Prison belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great,"

that the magnet of remembrance and utterance might draw him to a station wherein he seeth naught save God and His Will, the All-Subduing, dominant over the worlds. This is the most exalted station, yet most of the people are heedless.

O Muhammad! Blessed art thou for having attained, visited, beheld and heard that which the Dawning-Place of verses hath spoken from His noble presence. Glorify thy Lord with praise at all times and be thou of them that remember. Praise be to God that through the grace of the All-Merciful thou hast attained unto the water of life, entered the Most Great Scene and been illumined by the lights of the countenance of the Lord of Destiny. His is the praise in all conditions.

The most meritorious of all deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, hath been and shall ever be the teaching of His Cause, albeit with wisdom as hath been revealed in the Tablets. By My life! It is the lamp of deeds and their garment and their crown. Whoso attaineth unto it hath attained unto all good from the presence of a Self-Sufficient, All-Praised One. God willing, your honor must engage in this matter with perfect wisdom.

Although, in accordance with your request, permission was granted for you to direct yourself once again to the Prison, yet if you were to transform this traversing of a long distance into teaching the divine Word, it would be more excellent and more beloved, for praise be to God, you have attained His presence and drunk from the wine of reunion. This is what the All-Merciful hath testified. Know thou its worth and be of the thankful.

Whatever Tablets you had requested have been revealed and sent, and later too, should there be need and should they desire it, God willing and should He desire it, they shall be sent. We beseech God to assist you through His sovereignty and to ordain for you what He loveth and what pleaseth Him. And upon thee be glory.

BH03914: In the Name of the Desire of all worlds!…

In the Name of the Desire of all worlds! The Call of the All-Merciful is raised, yet most of the servants are deprived of hearing it. The Countenance of the Ancient One has dawned from the Orient of the world, yet most people's eyes are veiled and prevented from beholding it. The most pure Wine flows and is visible at the Greatest Scene, yet all are forbidden from drinking thereof save whom thy Lord willeth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The cause of the servants' veiling from the Lord of Creation has been and will be the vain imaginings of the idolatrous souls and the idle fancies of heedless hearts. The Sun of certitude is shining, yet most are occupied with suppositions. The Sun of knowledge has risen, yet most remain cloistered in their own imaginings.

Reflect upon the appearance of the Manifestations of Divine Unity—in every age and era when those Suns of the horizons of inner meanings rose and appeared by God's command, most people arose in denial and attempted to cut down the divine Trees and Lotuses. This has been His way in past ages. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Aware.

How excellent is the state of one who today sees with his own eyes and hears the Call of Truth with his own ears, and purifies and sanctifies his heart—which is the dawning-place of divine revelations—from people's vain imaginings and what is with them, that he may become worthy and deserving of this Most Great Bounty and Supreme Grace. Blessed is he who drinks the wine of recognition from his Lord's

utterance—We testify that he is among the successful ones. Whoever acts upon what has been mentioned will assuredly attain to recognition of the Intended One and will turn toward the Friend.

Verily thou, give thanks to thy Lord for having been mentioned before the Prisoner and for His sending thee this Clear Tablet. We beseech God to assist thee in what He loves and is pleased with, and to aid thee in service to His Cause. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

BH04501: The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: We have fulfilled what…

In the name of the Best-Beloved of the worlds

The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: We have fulfilled what We promised. The Tablets which you had requested specifically for receptive souls have been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful's will and have been dispatched. Although revealed concisely, yet to those endowed with vision and understanding, each word thereof is a manifest book in demonstrating God's Cause, His power and His sovereignty.

Beseech God that through these rains of mercy from the heaven of His Cause He may purify the soil of hearts and minds and adorn them with the flowers of true knowledge and the plants of certitude, for barren soil hath had and shall have no share of this divine bounty. You must, God willing, become the cup-bearer of this most pure wine, that perchance the dead may be stirred by the sweet fragrances of the days of the All-Merciful and turn towards the sanctuary of the Ancient Beauty.

In any case, the decisive command of God is that the sincere ones should in this day engage in teaching the Cause of the Lord of all worlds. This is the meaning of assistance that hath been revealed in the Tablets of God, and whatsoever people imagine besides this hath been and shall remain beneath this station.

For every matter there is an appointed time in the Book of God. He verily doeth whatsoever He willeth by His own Self. He is indeed independent of conflict and contention and of that which troubleth the hearts of those who have turned towards Him. Soon shall all servants behold the standards of His glory and might raised upon the most lofty and noble banners. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH04949: Praise be to God that through divine bounty…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

Praise be to God that through divine bounty in these spiritual days thou hast succeeded in serving the friends of God, which is accounted as service unto Him. By God! If thou knowest this, it sufficeth thee. God hath made this a treasure for thee in the treasuries of His power and the repositories of His protection. Verily nothing escapeth His knowledge and He is the Rewarder of the doers of good. His honor Safi and Rida, upon them be the Glory of God, have mentioned thy services. Therefore from the Most Holy Court this Holy Tablet hath been revealed so thou mayest know that thy services are accepted before the Throne and recorded in God's Tablet. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to enable thee to act as

thou hast acted. God will, outwardly and inwardly, bestow the reward of thy services. Be grateful for what He hath assisted thee to achieve in a Cause that was accepted before the Throne and for which this mighty Tablet was revealed unto thee. Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

And regarding the mentioned souls—His honor Haji Muhammad, Aqa Mirza Ali and Aqa Habibullah—thou hadst written that they intended to come to these parts. This was presented before the Presence. Convey greetings to them. It is not and was not advisable to come to this region and its surroundings, for numerous conflicting rumors have arisen among the people and soon their fruits will become manifest. Blessed are they who are patient and attentive.

BH05316: God willing, may you ever be and continue…

He is God, exalted be His station, to Whom belong grandeur and majesty!

God willing, may you ever be and continue to be the recipient of the successive, continuous favors of the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted One.

After Jinab-i-ʿAyn turned towards the Most Great Scene, verily he attained that which he attained. I swear by the Most Great Name, were it not for the consideration of the consummate wisdom revealed in the Books, they would have openly dwelt in the presence of the All-Merciful. However, the All-Wise has decreed and continues to decree whatsoever He desires. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Be not grieved by the vicissitudes of the days. The vapors arising from the associators have veiled the rays of the Sun of Eternity and have come between It and His loved ones. Soon will they vanish through the sovereignty of thy Lord. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

God willing, occupy yourself with the propagation of the Cause of the Lord of the Day of Judgment with clear certitude. This is what will profit you and become a treasure for you, and I bear witness to this, and no testimony in the heavens and earth can equal this testimony. You are mentioned most often in the presence of the All-Merciful and are singled out for His favors. This suffices you, by the Lord of all worlds.

Convey greetings from this Prisoner to all the friends and say: Today is the day to hearken, that ye may hear the Word of Truth, and it is the day of utterance, that ye may occupy yourselves with His praise. Verily, glory be upon you and upon those with you.

BH05647: In the Name of the One True Friend! Praise…

In the Name of the One True Friend! Praise be to God that through divine grace thou hast been made to inhale the fragrant flowers of the true garden of God. Through the power of the Most Great Name thou must needs manifest supreme steadfastness amidst all peoples.

Today all dwell in one place: whosoever hath ascended unto the heaven of recognition and hath known the Dawning-Place of the Cause of the All-Merciful is reckoned before the Truth as one of the people of truth and is witnessed as such. And whosoever is debarred therefrom is accounted among the people of loss.

Divine power hath encompassed all mankind, though this encompassing is now veiled by reason of the veils of the people. Ere long shall the Hand of Power rend asunder these veils and shrouds, and the faces of His loved ones shall shine forth like brilliant stars throughout all regions, and their station shall become evident and manifest unto all the peoples of the world.

Now that in these days of the All-Merciful ye have attained unto the waters of life, ye must strive that all may partake of this most pure wine and turn with heart and soul toward the court of the All-Merciful.

We beseech God to aid thee to serve Him and to make thee one who remembereth Him through His remembrance and who speaketh forth His Name and acteth according to that which He loveth and is pleased with. He, verily, is the Goal in the beginning and in the end.

BH06203: The Sun of the Word hath dawned…

In the name of the Beloved of the world

The Sun of the Word hath dawned from the horizon of the All-Merciful Will with wondrous and sublime lights. Some of the servants have been illumined by these lights and drawn nigh, while others remain distant and deprived. How excellent is the state of that soul whom wealth hath not prevented from recognizing his ultimate end, and whom the imaginings of men have not debarred from knowing the Lord of all beings. Such a one is numbered among those who drink of the most pure wine in the most great prospect. Upon him be the glory of God and the glory of all who are in the heavens and earth.

Thou must, God willing, become so enkindled with the fire of divine love that its effects will be manifest throughout all contingent being, and lethargy and coldness shall never seize thee. Many are the servants who saw yet failed to recognize, and many who, though unseeing, recognized and turned with heart and soul toward the All-Merciful. The reins of command are in His mighty grasp. He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We beseech God to make thee among those who abide beneath the shade of His mercy and drink from the cup that shall never run dry, and to ordain for thee whatsoever good He hath willed.

BH06059: In the Name of God, the Most Holy…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great! O Kazim! Hearken to the call of the Quickener of the world from the direction of His Most Great Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

We have mentioned thee before, and at this hour as well, as a token of favor from God, the Mighty, the Beloved. They who have attained unto the days of God and have quaffed the choice wine of acceptance—these are indeed an honored people. The denizens of the Supreme Paradise make mention of them, and the Tongue of God from His exalted station pronounces their greatness.

We give the world to drink of the wine of remembrance, both secretly and openly. Blessed is he who has turned and attained unto this sealed nectar. Say: O servants of the All-Merciful! Remember within

yourselves, then make mention of your Lord Who has come from the heaven of the unseen with a manifest proof.

Blessed is thy brother who was martyred in the path of God. Thus does My Most Exalted Pen address him from this Most Luminous Spot: Upon thee be the fragrances of the All-Merciful and His remembrance. I testify that thou didst drink the living waters from the hand of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Merciful, and didst attain His presence in the highest paradise. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the Forgiving. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this inaccessible Remembrance.

BH06555: The Cupbearer of the Wine of everlasting life…

In the Name of the peerless Lord

The Cupbearer of the Wine of everlasting life is the Lord of Names. Blessed is the soul that hath quaffed the most pure Wine in the days of the Sovereign of Destiny, and hath attained unto the ocean of the knowledge of the Lord of Religions.

Today is the day of teaching, and all are commanded to it, that the sincere ones may attain unto the station that hath been revealed in the Book of God:

> "Whoso quickeneth a soul is as though he had quickened all mankind."

The life that is mentioned in God's Book is the life of hearts and minds through the recognition of the Beloved. If anyone faileth to attain unto this station, he is accounted among the dead. Therefore must the friends of God strive mightily, night and day, that perchance they may guide those who have gone astray unto the straight path, and give the thirsty to drink of this living water. Whosoever attaineth unto this station is accounted among the gems of existence in the sight of God.

Be not grieved at the taunts of the enemies and the power of the hateful ones. Soon shall the former be turned into praise and glory, and the latter into weakness and extinction. Blessed are ye, O My loved ones! A goodly end awaiteth you.

BH07201: The divine fragrance hath been wafted throughout the world…

In His Name, the Self-Subsisting Over All Names!

The divine fragrance hath been wafted throughout the world, and the Ancient Source hath appeared with clear proof and evidence. Among the people are those who, upon hearing the Call from the direction of transcendent glory, have turned toward God, the Lord of Names, while others have turned away and followed every repudiating infidel.

Say: O people! By God, that which ye possess will profit you not this Day. Turn ye with humility and contrition unto the Dayspring of grace. On this Day none shall find refuge, nor shall any soul find rest save in that Spot which hath been mentioned in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Well is it with thee for having desired what the Lord of the world desired, and for having recognized that which every wrongdoing deceiver failed to recognize. Render thanks unto God for having attained unto

the Most Great Ocean when the nations turned away therefrom, save those whom thy Lord, the Possessor of all Religions, willed.

Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness amidst all creatures, then make mention of the Lord of all mankind throughout the nights and days. Thus have We adorned the horizon of the Revelation with the lights of wisdom and utterance, as a grace from God, the Lord of all men.

BH07609: The Friend says: The divine fire is ablaze…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds

The Friend says: The divine fire is ablaze and the celestial Tree is speaking from the most exalted spot, yet there is no ear to hear the sweet melody of the All-Merciful and no heart to attain recognition of the revelation of the All-Glorious. Most people cling to their own vain imaginings and remain heedless of the Sovereign of verses. They have preferred conjecture to true knowledge and have contented themselves with doubt instead of certitude. But ere long they shall find themselves in loss and shall witness their deeds rendered null. The truly learned one today is he who has attained the Most Great Favor, for the purpose of creation has been the knowledge of God. Whosoever remains veiled therefrom is accounted among the lost in the presence of the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou for having heard the call of the Most Exalted Pen and attained unto the recognition of thy Friend. Know thou the worth of this most great bounty and occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Beloved of all worlds with heart and tongue.

BH07618: A mention from Us unto him who desireth…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal

A mention from Us unto him who desireth to take unto the Lord of the Throne a way, that the fragrances of remembrance may draw him to the station of steadfastness and certitude and bring him to a seat illumined with the lights of the Throne. We have recognized thy turning unto God and have made known unto thee this One Who is known, from Whom most of mankind remain veiled. We have sent down unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of the Spirit and remain steadfast in the Cause. How many a servant hath lamented in separation, yet when the fragrance of reunion wafted, turned away and was deprived of the truth. Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Countenance and drunk the choice wine of knowledge in days that were inscribed in the Tablets. Remember thy Lord with wisdom and utterance, that perchance they who slumber on the couch of heedlessness and idle fancies may be awakened. Thus hath the matter been decreed. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned unto a Cause that was hidden from the eyes of the deniers.

BH08442: The Dawning-Place of divine revelation, appearing in human temple…

In the Name of the one true God!

The Dawning-Place of divine revelation, appearing in human temple, calleth aloud and bestoweth the water of life. Blessed is he who, through the outpourings of God, hath attained unto life everlasting, and deprived is he who hath been forbidden this eternal, spiritual Kawthar. Not every ear is worthy of this call,

and not every cup is fit to receive this holy wine. Pure and illumined hearts have been and shall ever be the chalices of this eternal and everlasting wine.

Give praise unto the Best-Beloved of the worlds, that thou hast attained unto the water of life and, through the grace of the Most Great Name, hast turned toward the divine Sanctuary. Beseech the True One, exalted be His glory, that thou mayest be steadfast with supreme steadfastness and be adorned with the ornament of praise and glorification in the celestial kingdom of creation.

Verily He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth. He giveth unto whomsoever He pleaseth that which He desireth. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08113: O handmaiden of God! We have sent a drop…

In the Name of the One Friend!

O handmaiden of God! We have sent a drop from the outpourings of the mercy of the All-Merciful, which flows from the fountainhead of the Divine Pen, that through the grace of the Most Great Name thou mayest attain unto drinking thereof and remain steadfast upon His path.

Today is the dawning-point of days and the beginning of times, and likewise praiseworthy deeds which proceed from souls that are well-pleasing and accepted shall be the beginning of deeds, inasmuch as that deed hath taken place in the Days of God and appeared in its proper place. Therefore it hath been and shall be superior to all deeds.

Today is the day of mention and praise, but wisdom requireth that it be manifested in its proper time. Praise be to the Ancient Lord that thou hast received a portion of the outpourings of His mercy and attained unto the Tablet of God. Blessed are the women who give thanks, then blessed are the men who give thanks.

BH08193: The Most Great, Most Holy

The Most Great, Most Holy.

A mention from Us to one who has turned to God, the Lord of the worlds, that the sweetness of the Merciful's utterance may draw him to a station from which the hands of the ungodly are cut off.

O servant! Thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne and this perspicuous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Ask thou God to grant thee that which is therein and to assist thee in that which He loveth and approveth. This verily is a great bounty.

Make mention of the Lord of Names amidst the concourse of creation and hold fast with supreme steadfastness to this Wise Cause. Beware lest the vain imaginings of souls disturb thee. Cling to the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Praise God for having enabled thee to turn toward Him and for having shown thee this straight and manifest path. Verily He seeth whosoever turneth toward Him and heareth the call of them that

remember Him. Follow that which thou hast been commanded in the Book from the presence of One mighty and all-knowing.

BH01468: I have drunk from the Kawthar of Life…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Grandeur

I have drunk from the Kawthar of Life from cups passed round by the attraction of utterance. Blessed is he who gave me to drink! It was as though these cups were circling round the love of God, and in their nature was the nature of iron. When I saw them soaring in the atmosphere of remembrance and utterance without any intention of their own, it was as if they were drawn by the magnet of our Lord's will, the Bestower, the Generous. Were we to expound to your holiness what this evanescent servant drank from each of these cups, this page and others would not suffice, for they spoke of the love of our Glorious and Most Glorious Lord, pointed to the Dawning Place of Manifestation and Names, and bore the water of recognition of the Lord of all worlds.

Exalted is our Eternal Lord Who made it sanctified above allusions and above what is mentioned in creation of natures and elements. Blessed is he who honored me with these cups and gave me to drink from them what delighted my thoughts and brought joy to my heart and soul. We beseech God to make the cupbearer of these cups the magnet of utterance in the contingent world, that the hearts of the followers of religions might be drawn to it. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Helper.

May my spirit be a sacrifice for your attraction! The blessed letter of your holiness was a delight to eyes and heart, and from the cups of remembrance inscribed therein was drunk the wine of love, fellowship, mercy and unity. How excellent is the bestower and the giver! In truth, the sweet fragrance of divine love was wafting from all its letters and words, refreshing heart and soul. After its perusal, on the blessed night of the eleventh of the month of Pilgrimage, it was presented in its entirety in the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence. This is what was revealed in reply:

O Nabil! Blessed art thou for having turned to the One to Whom the world hath turned. This is indeed a manifest bounty. We have heard what befell thee and what thou didst speak when thou didst encounter the letter Ha of the abyss in the land of Qaf with the proof of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! We desired thee as thou didst desire Us, and We desire thee as thou dost desire, and We love thy presence in the precincts of the Throne and thy nearness to the courtyard of this exalted Gate. Grieve not over anything that hath befallen thee. Verily, thou art with Us and thy affairs return unto Us. He verily improveth through His sovereignty what He willeth, the sovereignty that prevaileth over the worlds.

That which hath befallen your honor hath been mentioned before the Throne. The heedless souls have acted and will continue to act according to their own inclinations. Your honor should not be grieved by any matter. And concerning what you wrote about proceeding to the land of Ha, this too is most beloved and acceptable, for it behooveth one such as your honor to arise with utmost power and might to serve the Cause. The foundation of all matters has been and shall ever be the teaching of the Cause. In any case, proceed in whatever way you deem advisable. You are permitted in all circumstances to proceed to

the Most Holy Court and other lands. The reason We have not summoned you now is due to the cold weather. And God speaketh the truth and guideth to the Way.

May I be thy sacrifice! Regarding what you wrote about the Tablets arriving in the company of the beloved one, His Holiness the Name of God, upon him be the Most Glorious of all Glory, and likewise Mulla Muhammad-ʿAli—other Tablets have also been revealed specifically for your honor which have not yet arrived, including one great Tablet in the revealed script and numerous exalted Tablets sent in the company of His Holiness the Trustee, upon him be the Glory of God, the True King, the Manifest. And another Tablet as well. Praise be to God, your honor has always been and will continue to be mentioned before the Throne. Furthermore, be not grieved in any way about those left behind.

News about your beloved one will be sent from the direction of Ha. God willing, all have been and will continue to be under the protection and shelter of the Self-Sufficient, the Exalted. The Most Mighty Branch and the Greater Branch—may my spirit be sacrificed for the dust of their most pure footsteps—especially convey magnificent, exalted greetings to that beloved one. Likewise, those who circle round the Throne are all engaged in remembering your honor and are occupied in expressing pure sincerity. We praise God for this mighty bounty. May the Most Glorious Glory, the Most Splendid Light, and the Light that hath shone forth from the horizon of grandeur be upon your honor and upon those who love you.

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BH04734: May my spirit be a sacrifice unto thee! This…

May my spirit be a sacrifice unto thee! This evanescent servant hath been honored to receive thy noble letter…

And as to what you had mentioned concerning Mirza Maqsud, whose name you had set down, it was submitted in His presence. He said: "Adorn thou his book; it standeth before the Throne, and the eye of My favour is turned toward it." These words are inscribed in his book: "Without choice I consorted with the rabbis; I read what was to be read, and I saw what was to be seen, and I heard what was to be heard."

From these words it was clearly gathered that he hath not attained unto the true discernment of these days, and hath remained far from the mystery of the divine Word and its manifestation, and from its wisdom, its effect, and its all-encompassing power. Certain vain imaginings have appeared unto him; for with the rabbis in this Day there is naught to be seen, nor aught to be heard, nor any word worth the uttering.

He who hath not found being from the Bestower of being, How can he ever become a bestower of being?

Certain of the rabbis from the lands of Europe, being present in the City, and finding no inclination for an interview, turned their faces toward the Most Mighty Branch. After converse with them it became evident that these hapless individuals have been, and still are, afflicted with a hundred thousand tribulations, inward and outward. Yet this much came to pass: whatsoever they heard they acknowledged—so much so that they caused it to be printed in the newspapers of London and Prussia. Convey, however, unto that person but these two words:

> “We beseech God that He may show thee that which thou hast not seen—wherefor the eyes of the knowers were created—and that He may cause thee to hear that which thou hast not heard—wherefor the ears of all who are in the heavens and on the earth were fashioned.”

Say unto them: We did not affirm thy word; rather do thou beseech the True One that thou mayest behold that which is to be beheld, and hear that which is to be heard. Verily He is the Bountiful, the Generous.

Such people neither seek nor have sought the Truth; rather are they eager and hopeful for that which profiteth them outwardly. We beseech God to adorn all with the ornament of His Name, through which the heavens and the earth have been illumined…

BH10404: And if thou seest the letter Ha, say: Fie…

…And if thou seest the letter Ha, say: Fie upon thee and upon what thou hast wrought in the days of God! By God! These are the days promised you in the Tablets and in the Scriptures of the Prophets and Messengers. Were it not for Him, Muhammad the Apostle of God would not have been sent… Fear God, O thou who associateth partners with God, who turneth away from His beauty and denieth His signs! Hast thou taken Baal as thy lord instead of God?…

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BH07576: The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Blessed is He Who hath sent down the verses and made them clear evidences for all who are on earth. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the All-Wise. He hath sent down the eternal feast from the heaven of divine will unto the form of man. Blessed is the All-Merciful Who hath appeared in truth through this Great Name. Well is it with him who hath drawn nigh unto it and partaken thereof—he is reckoned among the sincere in a perspicuous Book. And he who is debarred therefrom is accounted among the dead in a glorious Tablet.

Hearken, O people of Baha, unto this most sweet call! By God, through it all things were attracted and every mouldering bone was quickened. Drink ye the wine of utterance in the days of your Lord, the All-Merciful, despite those who disbelieved in God when He came with this wondrous Revelation. Stand ye firm in the love of God in such wise that ye behold all mankind behind you. This behooveth whosoever hath clung to this exalted hem. Thus have the verses been sent down and the evidences been made manifest. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this wondrous Day.

BH03232: In the Name of Him Who gazeth upon all…

In the Name of Him Who gazeth upon all things! Glorified is He Who hath sent down the verses from His Kingdom, the Mighty, the Great, and Who remembereth whomsoever He willeth among His creation. He,

verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. He writeth for whomsoever He pleaseth whatsoever He pleaseth, and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth whatsoever He willeth. Nothing can prevent that which He hath decreed in the Preserved Tablet. He sendeth down to every soul that which is ordained for it. This is an irrevocable decree from God, the Mighty, the Powerful.

He promised all things this Most Great Remembrance from the presence of One mighty and wise. But when the appointed time came and the Promised One appeared, those who disbelieved in God rose up against Him and were among the most lost. However oft We called unto them, they answered not, and when We revealed unto them clear verses, their desires veiled them. They are indeed among the abased ones. We turned toward them but they turned away, and We approached but they withdrew. Thus was the matter decreed in a clear Book.

O people! I desired not to manifest Myself, but the Mighty, the Faithful manifested Me. I concealed My face; your Ancient Lord revealed it. Look not unto what ye possess, but look unto the proof of God and His balance, then unto His sovereignty which hath encompassed the worlds. Verily, he who looketh unto what he possesseth is reckoned among the people of delusion before your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Every learned and informed one beareth witness unto this. O people! Break not the Covenant of God and His pledge, and follow not the idolaters. Turn ye unto the lights of this Countenance which hath dawned from this luminous horizon. Nothing shall profit you this Day save what God hath desired for you, if ye be of them that are assured.

O thou servant who hast turned unto God! Hearken unto the call from this wronged, exiled One. There is no God but Him, the Single, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Despair not of the spirit of God and His mercy. Be thou steadfast in this straight Path, then recite unto the servants what We have caused thee to hear of the cooing of the Dove upon the twigs of the Divine Lote-Tree, that they may arise and turn unto God, the Goal of those who know. Blessed is he who hath opened his lips in praise of his Lord in these days wherein all things have proclaimed that there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH08439: Blessed is the soul who in these wondrous…

In the Name of the One Beloved!

Blessed is the soul who in these wondrous and exalted days has drunk from the chalice of recognition and has turned toward the All-Merciful. How many souls were occupied day and night with the remembrance of God, yet when He rent asunder the veils and appeared from the horizon of grace and bounty, they all became occupied with their own desires and were deprived and kept back from Him, save those whom thy Lord wished. Give praise to the Ancient Lord that through the blessedness of the Most Great Name thou hast attained unto His recognition and drunk from the cup of His love. For this bounty there hath been no likeness or parallel, nor shall there be. Blessed is the soul that hath turned unto Him, and woe unto the heedless. Beseech God that thou mayest remain steadfast in this mighty Cause and straight path, and be occupied with the remembrance of the Friend.

BH08301: The fragrance of the All-Merciful's garment is wafting…

In the Name of the peerless Lord!

The fragrance of the All-Merciful's garment is wafting, and the spring rain of divine grace is flowing and spreading. O friends! Strive with all your hearts that perchance ye may drink this heavenly Kawthar from the hand of divine favors, for it hath ever been and shall remain the quickener of hearts and the gladdener of souls. Whosoever attaineth unto it and drinketh a draught thereof is numbered among the people of eternity in the Kingdom of Names, and whosoever remaineth deprived thereof is accounted among the dead. Blessed is the soul that hath cleansed and freed itself from its own idle fancies and vain imaginings and hath turned toward the realm of certitude and the manifest horizon. Praise be to the Ancient Lord that thou hast attained to this supreme honor. Now must thou strive to remain steadfast upon the path of His Cause and to be free and detached from all else.

BH08645: Praise be to God that the Luminary…

In the Name of the One True Friend!

Praise be to God that the Luminary of the Most Great Name hath risen and shone forth from the horizon of eternity, and the Ocean of bounty is manifest and billowing. O friends of the All-Merciful! Turn ye with perfect certitude and assurance, that perchance ye may drink from this Ocean and receive your portion from this bounty. How many souls there were who claimed to love God and bore countless afflictions in His path, yet when the Truth Itself appeared and shone forth from the manifest horizon, most remained heedless of Him, while some engaged in conflict and disputation. Such is the state of the servants and all who dwell in the land. The gaze of God hath ever been and will ever be fixed upon His loved ones. May ye ever abide, God willing, beneath the shade of the Tree of the All-Merciful, in peace and tranquility, speaking His praise and remembering Him.

BH00843: Praise be to God Who created water through His…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who created water through His utterance manifest in the Kingdom of immortality. Then He gazed upon it, and it trembled within itself, and a portion of it was frozen. Thereupon the dusty earth appeared through His decree established in the realm of origination. When they separated and divided, the Tongue of Grandeur spoke another word. Then that water, brought into being through the Will manifest in creation through the essence of possibility, moved upon that earth brought into existence through the will of the All-Merciful. And there rose from them both a subtle, spiritual, luminous heat by its power to the highest rank, that it might attain to that station wherein the tongue of its Lord, the Most Glorious, speaks.

When it reached the ultimate station, it paused in that most exalted place which is mentioned in creation as the highest sphere. Then the water mixed partially with the earth, and another heat rose from them both, and due to its weakness it did not reach the first one and halted at another station which is known as the second sphere. And likewise heat rose from them time after time until the stations known as the

spheres were complete. Then the Tongue of Grandeur spoke another word, and thereby the stations and spheres began to revolve, and from the intensity of revolution a light shone forth and was transformed into a dome over the face of heaven. Then brilliant stars and luminous planets appeared.

When the dominion of His Name, the Self-Subsisting, encompassed them from all directions, each one of them became circular as can be seen in the sun and moon. Exalted is the All-Powerful, the Wise Creator Who made His exalted Word the source of creation of all things above and below, the four elements, and the sublime natures brought into being. I testify that He is verily the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty.

My spirit be a sacrifice for Thy love! This evanescent servant was occupied with transcribing what was revealed from the heaven of revelation when there was a knock at the door and someone brought a sealed letter. I took it and opened it and saw a letter sealed with the name of God's name, the Mihdi—upon him be all His most glorious glory. In his letter was a letter from your honor. I took it and read it and found therein the fragrance of your love for God, the Lord of all worlds, and the fragrance of your steadfastness in His firm and wise Cause. I presented it before the Throne in the first hour of the night and laid it before our Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is what was revealed from the direction of the Throne:

"O H.S.! Thy letter hath come and the servant in attendance before the Throne hath read it. We found from it the fragrance of the love of God and the Dawning-Place of His Cause, and We have revealed for thee these verses that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the Most Great Steadfastness and for having aided the Cause of thy Lord when most of the ignorant ones turned away from it. We have sent down for thee aforetime a tablet, then after it another tablet, then after it another tablet, then by the hand of the Trustworthy One radiant and resplendent tablets more brilliant than the light of the sun at noontide.

Beware lest the affairs of the deniers make thee sorrowful. Be thou occupied with the remembrance of thy Lord in all conditions. Verily He is with thee and will aid thee with truth and will protect thee from those who have denied the beginning and the return. Blessed art thou, then blessed art thou, then blessed art thou for having been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament and for having been mindful of His Name among those who cast guidance behind their backs and chose error for themselves. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among the women and the men." Here endeth the divine revelation.

What more can this servant say about what hath shone forth from the Dayspring of divine favors and what hath issued forth from the Source of heavenly bounties? The mute tongue is not capable of mentioning this station. Verily He is the Speaker, the All-Knowing.

Also, a Tablet has been sent down from the heaven of Will especially for the Leaf—upon her be [Baha'u'llah's glory]—who is in your presence, and likewise a Tablet requested for one of the handmaidens of God was sent down from the heaven of grace.

What else can this servant say about how much bounty was shown when your letter was presented before the Most Holy and Most Exalted Presence? The Beloved smiled greatly at your words, and likewise all the holy women of the household send their most wondrous greetings to you and to the Leaf.

In truth, you have been and continue to be the extinguisher of the fire of the hatred of the deniers and the destroyer of the calumnies of the ungodly men and women. Victory has been and will always be with you. Praise be to God for confirming you in dispelling the suspicions of every misbeliever and rending asunder the veil of every misbelieving woman. Verily, He assists whom He wishes with authority from His presence. He is truly the Mighty, the Powerful.

And regarding what you again wrote about the exalted verse "Verily the Ta' in Valaj" etc., it was presented before His Presence. He said the meaning of that verse is that when the Primal Point—may the spirit of all else be sacrificed for Him—appeared in the land of Sh, the croaking of a croaker was inevitable, and the meaning of Valaj was the turmoil of that land and the events that occurred therein, including the presence of the Wondrous One with a glorious Tablet.

Regarding the prayer requested for Aqa Mir Siyyid ʿA.B.—upon him be the glory of God—it was previously sent together with Amin—upon him be [Baha'u'llah's glory], the King of manifest justice. God willing, they have received it. Convey wondrous and glorious greetings on behalf of this servant to them.

And regarding the permission they requested for reading prayers and supplications and giving permission for others to read them, it was presented and He said:

> "We have given you permission for this as a bounty from Us and We will assist you as We please. Verily Our grace has encompassed you. Be thankful and among those who praise."

Regarding what was written about the science of letters and the hidden [science], what was revealed was a treatise on the knowledge of the haykal sent down from the heaven of the Lord of Causes specifically for you. And regarding the matter of the hidden [science], everything is dependent on its appointed time. We beseech God to assist you in this and to manifest through you what He desires. He is truly the Strong, the Mighty. That Persian treatise which was sent to you—by your life—contains everything related to this science. Reflect a little and you will attain to God's purpose.

And regarding Aqa Mirza Fadlu'llah, details were mentioned but he has not yet made any mention. Whatever he wishes will certainly be presented.

And regarding what you wrote at the end of the letter about visitation, this servant presented himself before the Throne with your intention and circumambulated and visited on your behalf, and it was a very pleasant occasion—praise be to God in all conditions.

The Two Most Great and Most Exalted Branches—may my spirit and the spirit of all the worlds be sacrificed for the dust of their footsteps—send most wondrous, most holy greetings.

And regarding the greetings you conveyed to Nabil and the name of [God] the Generous—upon them be the glory of God—now this servant conveys their greetings to you and will later convey your greetings to them. They are all truly mindful in your remembrance.

May the Glory be upon you all. Convey boundless greetings from this evanescent servant to all the loved ones in that land.

The servant, 23 Muharram 1291

BH00757: May my contemplation be blessed with the gaze…

May my contemplation be blessed with the gaze of my Lord and Beloved, the Most Exalted Name 66, upon him be all the most glorious glory. He is God, exalted be His station of grandeur and power.

My spirit and being be a sacrifice unto Thee, then my innermost essence and identity be a sacrifice unto Thee. Days have passed wherein this evanescent servant has not been blessed with the fragrant breezes of thy letter and the sweet-scented emanations flowing from the pen of thy grace and favor. Were I to reckon each hour thereof as a thousand years, I would be truthful in this utterance, for when the seeker is separated from his Beloved even for less than a moment, he accounts it as a thousand ages, and even this is little compared to the burning thirst of love for thy countenance and the yearning for thy presence. We beseech God to pour forth patience upon me in all conditions, verily He is the Guardian of the patient ones.

Furthermore, I submit that for some time I have not been honored with the traces of thy blessed pen. Several blessed letters arrived in succession, and this servant was honored with them all and submitted replies. God willing, they have arrived by now. No new developments have occurred except that his honor Ismullah-i-Asdaq, upon him be the glory of God, has, according to instructions, turned towards the Most Holy Court and is now dwelling in peace under the shadow of the Beloved of the worlds. Likewise, his honor Haji Abdul-Rahim and his son, upon them both be the glory of God, have, as instructed, proceeded from Tabriz to the Most Holy Court and are now dwelling under the shadow of His grace. Furthermore, his honor Nabil of Qa'in, upon him be the glory of God, has reached Mosul and has paused there, seeking permission to attain the presence. Permission has been granted from the Source of Command for him to proceed to the Most Holy Court or to the Land of Ha, as deemed appropriate by your honor, and indeed your honor's judgment in this matter was most wise. We beseech God to assist all to serve His Cause.

Also, Haji Hasan from Q along with two persons from Kalih-Darih and family have arrived at the Most Holy Court and are dwelling in its shadow. They had received partial permission in previous years and, holding to this, they proceeded. Likewise, his honor Samandar and Haji Nasir, upon them be the glory of God, have proceeded with permission and have arrived in Aliyyih, intending to reach the Most Holy Court. According to reports, numerous souls are on the way without permission, having resolved to come. I beseech God, glorified and exalted be He, to assist this servant and the friends and lovers of His eternal Beauty—this is not difficult for Him.

Furthermore, another news is that the matter of the seven persons has apparently become difficult, as some in the Administrative Council of Damascus have risen in religious opposition, while others out of greed that worldly ornaments do not suffice. From the Pen of God, regarding this matter, a word was previously revealed: "He became hungry while his teeth were upon heaps." Indeed, this blessed word was specifically revealed about these souls. In all matters we place our trust in God.

Concerning Haji Hasan, that which His Holiness arranged has been accepted before the throne. God has forgiven what is past; verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous. From that which was revealed from the Supreme Pen in the glorious Tablet specifically revealed and sent to His Holiness—the attention of that beloved one to various regions has borne abundant fruits, and in every place the name of God has been upraised. Sometimes in Iraq it was heard from the blessed tongue that they would say that His Honor Haji Siyyid Kazim—may the Most Glorious Beauty of God rest upon him—had written to the Bab—may all glory in its most glorious be upon Him—"What concern is it if the wall of the community should fall, when thou art its support," and so forth.

And it is hoped that all lands which bear accepted souls and have remained parched from the dryness of the winds of fancy will become verdant and flourishing through the outpourings of the rains of mystical knowledge of that beloved one. We beseech the Most High to assist us in serving His Cause and in manifesting what hath been revealed in His Tablets, and to make us among those who are steadfast in His remembrance and praise. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Another matter is that His Honor Aqa Abdul-Hussein—upon him be the Glory of God—arrived from the regions and sent a petition to the Most Holy Court stating that this servant desires to go to Mecca and is now determined, if permission from the Source of Greatest Bounty is granted, even if for one hour, to attain the honor of meeting, otherwise to proceed to the aforementioned destination. Therefore permission was given and they came and attained what God desired. Blessed be he, again blessed be he. However, they had no letter from His Honor Ismu'llah Ha—upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God. When asked about this, they mentioned that "I went to his presence and he said ʿSince you have no permission, I will not give a letter."' The truth is with him, but since the aforementioned person had the intention for Mecca, therefore permission was given and no blame is upon him. I testify that he is among the successful ones.

May I be thy sacrifice! At this time when the petition reached this station, two holy, adorned, beautified and illumined books from that beloved one arrived like two pure tables. Praise be to God, this servant was in utmost appetite and the bounty was in the highest degree of grace and purity. We kept eating and kept giving thanks. And what bounty it was—a perfect bounty! How could it not be, when it was cooked in the breasts of words with the fire of love for the Revealer of Verses and sent from the Beloved to the yearning, burning, eager and hungry one.

What was written regarding the matter of sustenance of His Honor Aqa Siyyid Javad—upon him be the Glory of God—was greatly accepted before the throne, and His Honor Jud will surely present the details himself. We ask God to unite their gathering and set right their affairs. The details of this matter are very delightful if His Honor Aqa'i Aqa Siyyid Javad presents them completely. And further, this blessed word has risen from the Source of the Cause: "If this land becomes settled," whenever it happens and someone from that land turns toward the Most Holy Court, Fatimah Bigum—upon her be the Glory of God—should be remembered in that caravan and turn toward the Most Holy Court.

May I be thy sacrifice! The journey of that beloved one has become very long. Specifically they said:

> “His journey and absence have been prolonged. The time of his nearness and presence has come.”

A blessed and exalted Tablet has descended from the heaven of grace and special favors of that Beloved One. Since the original revelation was in pieces and its sending was not possible, this servant has copied and sent it from the original. God willing, they will attain unto it. What else can be submitted? Out of longing, yearning, attraction and sincerity, each one of the beloved ones offers, individually, pure devotion and nothingness to His Presence. The Two Most Great, Most Exalted, Most Mighty Branches—may my spirit and the spirits of all the worlds be sacrificed for the dust of their blessed footsteps—remember His Presence with special, special, special mention and convey wondrous, exalted, Most Glorious greetings. Likewise, the Afnan of the Divine Lote-Tree and their branches convey Most Holy, Most Glorious greetings. The Maidens of the Sanctuary and the dwellers of the pavilion of the glory of the Ancient Beauty, in the Most Holy Court which is sanctified from the mention and indication of all created things, remember that Beloved One with glorious mention. Upon you be glory, what glory! Glory before which the Supreme Spirit and the spirits of all the Prophets and Messengers would sacrifice themselves.

The servant, 23 Muharram 91

BH01553: My spirit be a sacrifice unto thee! This evanescent…

He is God, exalted be His station in grandeur and majesty!

My spirit be a sacrifice unto thee! This evanescent servant testifieth that he hath been honored with a letter, each letter of which was a blazing lamp whereby my heart was illumined and whereby the heart of every seeker will be illumined, for it was kindled from the fire of the love of God, the Lord of creation, and was ignited by the oil of wisdom and knowledge. Verily it was sent from the presence of him who was named by our glorious Lord as “The Friend” and made him special among His servants for His remembrance and praise and the manifestation of His Cause among His creatures. Therefore He named him “The Teacher” in His Books which He sent down from the heaven of grandeur and power. How wonderful is this station which is sanctified above my mention or the mention of any other! We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist him at all times and under all conditions, and to establish through him what He hath willed in the kingdom of creation. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He pleaseth and ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth with authority from His presence. He shall not be questioned about what He doeth. Verily He is the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thereafter, it is submitted that whatsoever you wrote regarding the sending of the sacred and exalted Tablets—blessed be you! It is known that your honor has been and will be engaged in services to the Cause according to your capacity. And regarding what you wrote asking that mention of your honor be made in the Most Holy Court, your entire letter was presented in the Most Pure and Most Luminous Presence, until it reached these words of yours:

> “I called upon my Lord when circumstances prevented full expression of my condition.”

This is what was revealed in reply from the heaven of our Lord’s will, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing:

> "God heard thy call before thy existence in creation, in a realm which none save the All-Informed hath knowledge of, and We answered thee in that realm as a bounty from Us. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. And We heard thy call after thy existence and answered thee outwardly through that which thou didst attain in the Tablets, and inwardly through what is inscribed in a Preserved Tablet. The Tablet in this station referreth to His knowledge which overshadoweth the worlds. Blessed art thou, O teacher of My Cause, who gazeth upon My countenance and who art mentioned before My mighty throne! Give thanks for Our having enabled thee, confirmed thee, taught thee and caused thee to speak on a Day when the world is seen to be blind save for whom thy Lord, the Inspirer, the Mover, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, willeth. Be grateful that thy teaching was accepted by God—this is indeed a manifest bounty whose effects shall soon appear in the earth. Verily He is the Manifester, the Giver, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy."

Again from the heaven of divine providence, especially for his honor Aqa, the Name of God, upon him be all His most glorious Glory, a Tablet hath been revealed, and likewise a Tablet specially for his honor the Afnan, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, who is in China, hath been revealed from the heaven of providence and sent. Similarly this servant hath submitted some petitions to serve certain gentlemen which are in the envelope of Aqa, the Name of God. God willing, your honor will send them. If the petition is brief, I hope to be pardoned, as in these days this servant is occupied day and night—numerous petitions arrive at the Most Holy Court from every direction and at all times this servant is occupied, therefore I hope to be pardoned for the brevity.

The Most Great and Most Mighty Twin Branches—may my spirit and the spirit of all the worlds be a sacrifice for the sacred dust of their most mighty feet—with most wondrous mention and most exalted greeting remember and salute your honor, and likewise all who circle round present their pure devotion and most wondrous, most mighty, most holy and most glorious greetings to your honor. This servant's request is that whenever you meet any of the friends of God in that land, you convey sublime greetings on behalf of this evanescent one. The Glory which hath shone forth from the horizon of the Throne be upon your honor and upon those who have been honored to serve you.

May I be your sacrifice—regarding the letters sent, if your honor wishes to open them yourself, after observing the envelope please send them. In all conditions your honor has been and is free to choose.

The servant 26 Muharram 1291

BH01863: In the Name of God, He who is praised…

In the Name of God, He who is praised by His Own Beauty, the Most Glorious, the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Great!

O My Name! The barren lands have turned green through your arrival and presence therein, and the withered trees have yielded the fruits of divine knowledge when you turned toward them and alighted upon them. The anemones of inner realities have opened in the paradise of creation through the descent thereon of the rain of your Lord's mercy—the Educator, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We

bear witness that you have achieved success in teaching and in what God has desired in His Most Inaccessible, Most Holy, and Wondrous Tablet.

We have heard of your encounter with Ha of the abyss. By My life, she is a deaf rock that neither drinks nor grows. By your life, the Supreme Pen does not wish to refer to her with a masculine pronoun. She does not understand what she says and speaks that which causes all created things to curse her. Your Lord is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. She is among the most ignorant of the ignorant, knowing nothing of books except their colors, and nothing of scrolls except their decorative patterns. Would that we had found her possessed of clear certitude even in this much! By your life, she is among the idols—when you see her turbaned like a cloud. If the verses of God were to be recited to her, her head would move without her comprehending a single letter thereof. This is what God has testified to, before and after. He is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Say: O rejected one! Were all the scrolls of the ancients and the moderns to be gathered before you, each one adorned with the seal of authority, this would never suffice you. Rather, you must abandon them all and turn to Him Who speaks the truth from this exalted station. We have heard what you said regarding God's Cause and His mention, and the buzzing of that fly when it turned away from the truth and became one of the calumniators.

Know then that We have sent you the fragrances of verses from all directions, and now this perspicuous Tablet, that your heart might rejoice thereby, your eyes be consoled, and your breast be enkindled by this Fire which We have ignited at the midmost heart of the world through My Most Great Name. Your Lord is indeed the Powerful, the Mighty.

O My Name! Every fire has been extinguished save this crimson Fire that burns bright, and every water has frozen save this Water from whose flowing is heard:

> "There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Great."

Blessed art thou and those who have been attracted by the fragrances of revelation and have stood firm in the Cause of God and His sovereignty. They are indeed among the triumphant.

He Who is imprisoned sends greetings to those whom He sees turning toward God, the Lord of the worlds. Say: The Wronged One mentions His loved ones with that which benefits them in the kingdom of earth and heaven, and its effects shall soon appear in the world. He is indeed the Forgiving, the Generous.

Say: O My loved ones! Aid your Lord, the Most Merciful, in all creation. By God! All that you see today shall perish, but that which has been sent down to you from the Supreme Pen shall endure. This is indeed the certain truth. Blessed is he who ponders My power and sovereignty, and recognizes that which was revealed in My days and appeared through My grace. He is of the people of the pavilion of My glory—upon him be My glory, My mercy and My loving-kindness at all times.

Thus have We illumined the horizon of utterance with the sun of remembrance and explanation, that you might find the fragrance of reunion in the words of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praised. We beseech God to bring about through you in creation that which will cause His fragrances to waft forever, and to ordain

for you what is better than all that has been created in the realm of origination. He is indeed powerful over what He wills, and within His grasp is the kingdom of your Lord's dominion over the heavens and earths. And may He adorn all lands through you, that the people might gather unto this firm, impregnable, and mighty Cause. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02212: In the Name of God, the One Who has…

In the Name of God, the One Who has dominion over all names! This is a remembrance from Us to him who has attained unto the Most Great Sea and has been honored with that which is the purpose in the Tablets of God, the All-Subduing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and who has drunk the choice wine of revelation when he attained the presence in Zawra and heard what Moses heard when he turned towards God, the Lord of the worlds.

Rejoice thou in that the Book hath been directed unto thee from this station, and verily it is a Book wherein We have detailed Our Preserved Tablet. We have desired to cause thee to soar in the atmosphere of remembrance and knowledge with wings the like of which have not been seen in the realm of creation, wings that are brought forth through the power of the Spirit which hath been breathed forth through the might of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And We have desired to make thee speak forth the praise of God, not with a tongue like unto the tongues of men, but rather with the tongue that appeareth from the Kingdom of thy Lord's utterance, the Director, the Mover, the All-Informed, that thou mayest arise to make mention in such wise as to move the world and awaken the nations. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Powerful. He moveth all who are in creation through a word from His presence; the might of the powerful hindereth Him not from what He willeth, nor doth the force of those in the heavens and earth weaken Him.

Give thanks for having been mentioned before the Throne prior to His manifestation and for having attained the breezes of the days from this luminous Robe. We have sent unto thee the chalice of inner meanings which hath been filled from the Kawthar of utterance. Drink thou by Our leave. Verily thy Lord saith:

> "Well is it with thee, O thou who hast attained unto this noble station!"

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to stand through Thy Self-Subsistence amidst Thy creation, and made me speak forth that wherewith the atoms speak forth Thy remembrance and praise, and all created things the glorification of Thy Self and the sanctification of Thy Being, and strengthened me to manifest Thy Cause in such wise that neither the might of the Pharaohs nor the power of the tyrants deterred me. I have proclaimed Thy Cause openly throughout the East and West of the earth, such that the pillars of the antagonists were shaken and the hearts of the oppressors were troubled. In all conditions I have been turned toward the horizon of Thy Cause and detached from all else besides Thee.

Praise be unto Thee with such praise as causeth the mystics to soar unto the atmosphere of Thy bounty and favors, and attracteth the sincere ones unto the horizon of Thy revelation and gifts. And praise be unto Thee with such praise as burneth away the veils of all created things and the clouds of contingent

beings, that they may turn unto the ocean of Thy reunion and be honored by attaining Thy presence in Thy days.

O Lord! Thou knowest that by this Tablet I intended one of my Afnan who is related unto My Self and who hath drunk the choice wine of My mercy from the Kawthar of My utterance when he attained the presence of the Throne of My grandeur and the seat of My revelation, and who preceded others in turning unto that mighty station. O Lord! Aid him to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee in such wise that nothing that hath been created in Thy kingdom may hinder him. Then ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones, and decree for him the good of this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Lord of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH05306: In My Name, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing! O…

In My Name, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing! O My leaf! Hearken unto My call from the direction of My Throne. Verily it draweth thee unto My Kingdom and showeth thee of My signs which have encompassed the worlds. By My life! Thy steadfastness in the Cause is better than the deeds of most people. Thus doth thy Lord make mention of thee through His grace. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Generous.

We have made thee a leaf of this Tree which proclaimeth throughout the world that there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Powerful. Thy letter hath come before the Face, sent by Our name, the Guided One. We have read it and answered thee with this gracious Tablet. We make mention of thee most often, for thou hast been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and wert not hindered by the intimations of the opposers and the words of the deniers.

Move upon the Tree through the winds of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Merciful, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of those who know! We have ordained for thee in the Tablet that which is better for thee than all that hath been created in the heavens and earths. Forget all else save God and find solace in My beautiful remembrance.

We have sent this Tablet from the direction of the letter Ha'. We beseech God to cause it to reach thee. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Powerful. Make mention on My behalf of My handmaidens who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. The Glory be upon thee, and upon thy descendants, and upon those who have immersed themselves in this mighty ocean.

BH06143: A mention from Our presence to her who has…

He is the Most Holy, Most Great, the Most Ancient

A mention from Our presence to her who has turned to the Countenance and desired to draw near to the Most Great Sea when most men turned away from it, that the breezes of revelation might attract her to a station beyond which all allusions are cut off.

O handmaiden of God! Thy mention hath been made before the Throne and this Tablet hath been revealed for thee whereby thy name hath been recorded in the Tablets. Give thanks to God for this bounty and make mention of Him at eventide and at dawn. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the veils of those who have turned away from the Countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of the heavens shall not prevent thee. Grieve not over anything. Trust in God under all conditions.

Verily He heard thy call and hath answered thee through this Book which was the beginning of the Books of God in the eternity of eternities. We make mention of every handmaiden who hath turned to God and every servant who hath faced his Lord, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Nothing escapes His knowledge. He heareth and seeth. He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Thus have We sent down the verses unto thee and dispatched them to thee that thou mayest find from them the fragrance of the garment of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Glory be upon thee and upon every handmaiden who hath turned to God, the Revealer of verses.

BH01184: It is Our wish and desire that every one…

…It is Our wish and desire that every one of you may become a source of all goodness unto men, and an example of uprightness to mankind. Beware lest ye prefer yourselves above your neighbors. Fix your gaze upon Him Who is the Temple of God amongst men. He, in truth, hath offered up His life as a ransom for the redemption of the world. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Gracious, the Most High.

If any differences arise amongst you, behold Me standing before your face, and overlook the faults of one another for My name's sake and as a token of your love for My manifest and resplendent Cause. We love to see you at all times consorting in amity and concord within the paradise of My good-pleasure, and to inhale from your acts the fragrance of friendliness and unity, of loving-kindness and fellowship. Thus counseleth you the All-Knowing, the Faithful. We shall always be with you; if We inhale the perfume of your fellowship, Our heart will assuredly rejoice, for naught else can satisfy Us. To this beareth witness every man of true understanding….

In His name, the Everlasting, the Eternal.

O Thou who art the Desired One! Hearken unto the call of God, the Mighty, the Loving, from this Most Glorious Station. There is none other God except Him, the Protector of both the seen and unseen. The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken amidst the world—neither the scrolls of Adam nor what was revealed unto the Seal can compare with it. Turn with thy heart's ear that thou mayest discover the sweetness of what hath been sent down from God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

This is not a day to pause or to turn to what the people possess. Leave them to their vain imaginings and turn to God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Soar in the atmosphere of divine knowledge, not with wings like the wings of birds, and draw nigh unto the Desired One not with feet like the feet of men, but through the subtle, spiritual, and real motion generated by the power of the spirit. By God! It is swifter than the lightning that dazzleth the sight. This is what hath been sent down in the Crimson Scroll from My Most Exalted Pen. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

This is a day wherein it behooveth every soul, when he hath attained unto the Call that hath been raised from the direction of grandeur and majesty, to abandon whatsoever he possesseth and turn toward the Face, saying: "I believe in Thee, O Thou in Whose grasp are the reins of all creation." Take thou the chalice of detachment, empty of all creation, then drink in His Name, the Protector of all possibility. Shouldst thou turn toward the Bird that singeth upon the branches of the Lote-Tree of Utterance, thou wouldst hear what thou hast never heard before, and longing would seize thee in such wise that thou wouldst call out His Name throughout the lands. Ask thou God to aid thee in that which profiteth thee and to establish thy remembrance in the Scrolls and Tablets. When thou findest the fragrance of God in what hath been revealed in truth, render thanks and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O my Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High!"

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning him who was named Nasrullah, make mention of him before the Truth. Say: God hath forgiven thy brother. He is verily the Generous, the Merciful. Grieve not for him. He loved his Lord and answered His call and pursued My straight and manifest path. We found from him the fragrance of sincerity in certain years and We pardoned him as a bounty from Our presence. Be thou thankful and of those who are at peace. Whosoever believeth in God and erreth in a matter—He verily forgiveth him. He is the Benevolent, the Generous. O Nasrullah! Rejoice in My bounty and in what hath been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen, and be of the thankful ones.

M.S.: Thy other letter hath been presented before the Countenance, and the Glance of God, the Lord of the worlds, hath turned toward it, and what was therein was read by the tongue of the servant present before the Throne, and We have answered thee with this wondrous Tablet.

As to what thou hast mentioned concerning him who is named Yusuf, who was attracted by the verses of thy Lord and turned unto the Dayspring of Revelation, We make mention of him as a token of Our grace, that his remembrance may be eternally preserved in the Tablets. This is better for him than all upon which the sun doth shine. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days. Say: O Yusuf! Blessed art thou for having heard, recognized, and turned unto the Countenance after the passing of all things. The opposition of the divines did not prevent thee from this wondrous Kawthar. Drink thou thereof time and again, once in My name the All-Merciful, then in My name the All-Subduing over the worlds, then in My Most Glorious Name, in spite of those who have denied God when He appeared with a proof that encompassed all in the heavens and earth. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils through the power of thy Lord, the Lord of Return. Beseech thou God to assist thee in breaking the idols of the people through the strength of remembrance and utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

We counsel thee to be wise, for wisdom hath been sent down from One All-Knowing, All-Informed. Stand firm in the Cause in such wise that neither the opposition of any learned one nor the clamor of any remote ignorant one shall deter thee. We accept him who turneth unto the Countenance and make mention of him who remembereth his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Grieve not for what hath passed. Hold fast unto the handle of grace and cling to His pure and resplendent hem. He ordaineth for whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth, and sendeth down from the heaven of His bounty that which the hearts of the mystics are powerless to comprehend. Stand thou firm in the Cause and say:

Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast caused me to know the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, when He was imprisoned in the fortress of the heedless.

M.S. We counsel thee to be wise, again We counsel thee to be wise, and yet again We counsel thee to be wise, lest there occur that which may agitate the hearts of the weak. This hath been revealed in most of the Tablets as a token of Our grace unto all, whether young or old. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among My loved ones who have quaffed the choice wine of My verses, the entrancing, the vivifying, the tender, the subtle.

BH03035: O My loved ones! You are beneath the canopies…

…O My loved ones! You are beneath the canopies of My grace and the pavilion of My favor. Upon you be My glory and the glory of those in the heavens and earth. We make mention of you as We mentioned you before, We adorn the book of existence with your remembrance as We adorned it before, We give you to drink of the wine of life as We gave you to drink before, and We address you with joy and fragrance as We addressed you before. You are with Me and I am with you. Verily your wealth is through My Self, your poverty is for My Cause, your migration is for My Name, your life is through My remembrance, and your return is unto My Self, the One that overshadows the worlds. Convey My greetings to them and give them glad tidings of what hath been revealed for them from this luminous Station. We have abbreviated this Tablet for We are engaged in a mighty task. We beseech God to assist them in that which He loveth and is pleased with, and to send down upon them from the heaven of grace that which befitteth His all-encompassing generosity….

O my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy bounty, the heaven of Thy favors, and the sun of Thy grace, not to deprive me of what Thou hast ordained in Thy Book, nor to withhold me from the ocean of Thy knowledge. I testify that Thou didst create me for the recognition of the Dayspring of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation, Who calleth out in the most exalted voice to all who are in earth and heaven, in such wise that neither the might of the oppressors nor the power of the pharaohs could prevent Him. O Lord! Since Thou didst create me for this, deny me not from it, and I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy service and praise, and to grant me the best of what I have asked of Thee. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Forgiving, the Generous….

And as for what you mentioned regarding Ramadan before concerning the people of N.J., this is what was revealed from the heaven of grace:

He is the All-Giving, the All-Sufficing!

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify that Thy grace hath encompassed all created things and Thy mercy hath preceded all contingent beings, such that in all things are seen the manifestations of Thy generosity and bounty, and the evidences of Thy power and might. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the ocean of eternity surged in Thy dominion and the fragrance of the garment was diffused throughout Thy lands, to make me steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy religion, and to ordain for me what shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou knowest what profiteth me while I know not, and Thou art the All-Wise, the All-Informed. End.

BH08083: Verily, We were walking in the prison of ʿAkka…

Verily, We were walking in the prison of ʿAkka, detached from all created things, and speaking in remembrance of the Lord of Names, when I was bidden to make mention unto thee of that whereby God's proof hath been perfected unto all else, and His testimony made manifest to all who dwell in earth and heaven. When the irrevocable decree came forth from the presence of the Ancient King, My limbs trembled with fear of God, the Omnipotent, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, and weeping overtook Me to such extent that all things wept at My weeping, and the Daysprings of Names cried out by reason of what I beheld of the people's turning away from Him by Whom the Sacred Scriptures were adorned….

BH06602: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared with the Most Great Name is verily the Manifestation of the Ancient of Days and the Educator of all nations. Whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto all good, and whoso hath been debarred is assuredly among those who have gone astray.

Be thou diligent in the days of God, that through thee may be revealed that which will preserve thy mention in the Tablets. Hold fast unto what is praiseworthy, turning away from what is unseemly. This is what the Lord of Destiny commandeth thee. He loveth him who turneth towards Him and commandeth him to that which will profit him in this world and the next. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the Counsellor.

O Mu'min! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to believe and for having made thee to recognize this Cause whereby all souls were thunderstruck save whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, did will.

Convey My greetings unto thy wife who attained the presence when the Luminary of the horizons was shining from the direction of Iraq. We beseech God to assist thee and her in that which He loveth and is pleased with. He is verily the Almighty over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

BH01230: O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

O My Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned unto God, who hath been stirred by the fragrance of reunion in His days, who hath directed his heart toward Him, who hath spoken His praise, who hath been drawn by His verses, who hath desired to assist His Cause and to arise to serve his Lord, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

O thou who hast turned unto God! We have desired to give thee to drink of the Water of Life from a chalice whereof if thou shouldst drink but a single drop, thou wouldst find therein the taste of all the fruits and foods of Paradise. This is of the bounty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. And We have

desired to show thee the Ancient Beauty through an eye sanctified from all contingent things, and We have desired to cause thee to hear the Call from the mouth of thy Lord's Will, that thou mightest give thanks to Him at eventide and at dawn. And We have desired to make thee soar in the atmosphere of longing, not with wings like the wings of birds, and to draw thee nigh unto the ocean not with feet like the feet of men, but rather through that subtle, spiritual, and real motion which proceedeth from the power of the spirit.

By God! It is swifter than the lightning that dazzleth the sight. And We shall cause thee to swim in the ocean of thy Lord's knowledge—an ocean whereof none hath attained to even a drop save whom God willeth, thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. The breezes of revelation and the fragrances of divine favors shall so take hold of thee that thou shalt move through the body of the world as the chief artery moveth through the human body.

Say: O people! By God, the Hand of God hath appeared, and it is sovereign over all who are in earth and heaven. Were anyone to find the sweetness of that which We have sent down unto thee, the attraction of the verses would so seize him that he would cry out with a cry surpassing the crashing of thunderbolts in the mountains, and would be set ablaze with the fire of the Word in such wise as to set the horizons aflame. Whoso hath today attained unto the shield of protection which hath been woven by the hand of power, neither the swords of the world nor the darts of the factions can affect him. Thus have the rains of My bounty poured down and the fire of My love been kindled, that thy heart might rejoice thereby and that thou mightest arise to serve thy Lord with power and sovereignty.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for His having turned toward thee the Countenance of God, and for His Most Exalted Pen having moved to make mention of thee, and for thy name having been inscribed in the most wondrous of Tablets. All things shall perish save that which hath been revealed unto thee in this Tablet, from whose horizon have shone forth the suns of grandeur and power. In the most wondrous Persian tongue this is mentioned, and this is yet another bounty that thou mayest be among those who rejoice.

Praise be to God that through the infinite outpourings of divine grace in these days when the horizon of the heaven of Will is resplendent with the Sun of Oneness, and the ocean of generosity through the Most Great Name is manifest and evident, thou hast turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and clung to the Sure Handle. In gratitude for this supreme honor and mighty gift, thou must at all times be occupied with the promotion of the Cause of the All-Merciful. That the True One, exalted be His glory, commands His loved ones to promote His Cause is indicative of His grace. Each of the assured, certain, and steadfast souls must today regard himself alone as both the promoter and the one promoted. He hath ordained that promotion be through mention and utterance, that perchance dead souls and moldering bones may be quickened by the sweet savors of divine verses and turn toward the Friend, that all may attain the divine bounties and receive a portion of His vast mercy.

The Kingdom of assistance is within His mighty grasp. Should He so will, He could through a single soul subdue the entire world. Observe the sun, which is but one of His signs: through divine confirmations it alone hath conquered the whole world. When such a sign in the horizons is thus observed, this same is proof that He is able, in the realm of the souls of His loved ones, to raise up one soul with such power, might and ascendancy as to subdue all the kingdoms of the earth. Every discerning mystic from this

supreme example perceiveth that which he had not perceived before, and with heart and soul confirmeth the words of the All-Merciful which have streamed from His Pen. Yet this station hath been made to tarry and hath been prohibited, in accordance with consummate wisdom. None knoweth the mysteries of His wisdom save His all-pervading knowledge. Therefore, it is incumbent upon all today to conquer the strongholds of heedless souls through proof, evidence, mention and utterance, and to bestow fresh eternal life upon moldering bones through His remembrance.

God willing, thou shalt shine forth from the horizon of the heaven of steadfastness like a brilliant star and illumine those regions with the light of recognition. Thus have We bestowed upon thee the hidden and abiding favors, and upon thy heart the holy and resplendent breezes of holiness, and upon thine ear My most sweet and most delectable call, and upon thy sight the meanings witnessed in this exalted Tablet. Be thou assured of His grace and favors. He will verily assist thee with the truth. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Powerful. He is with thee under all conditions. He is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. However, in all Tablets ye must be mindful of wisdom, for this is a matter concerning which the decree hath been issued in all circumstances. Blessed are they that act! The glory be upon thee and upon the sincere servants of God.

BH01492: I was silent in remembrance and lay sleeping upon…

In His Name, Who abideth after the passing of all things!

I was silent in remembrance and lay sleeping upon my couch when the breeze of the All-Glorious awakened me and the breath of the All-Merciful roused me from my slumber. When I awoke and arose, He caused me to speak by His sovereignty and commanded me to raise the call amidst His creation, that I might convey unto them that which I was bidden by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Therefore do I impart unto thee that which the Spirit hath imparted unto me, that I may fulfill some measure of what is incumbent upon me by God's command and His proof, that thou mayest turn unto the supreme horizon, the station wherein hath dawned the Sun of thy Lord's Beauty, the Mighty, the Gracious.

Hearken unto the Call from the precincts of ʿAkka, from the Divine Lote-Tree: He is, verily, none other than God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Leave the people and what they possess, and turn with thy purest heart unto the Most Great Vision. This is what thou hast been commanded in the Tablets of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

This is the Day whereon Sinai proclaimeth: "The Kingdom belongeth to God, the Possessor of Names," and the Mount calleth out: "The Lord of Revelation is come," and the Spirit walketh before Him, and the proof circleth round His mighty, His unshakeable Command. Beware lest the veils of the people prevent thee from the countenance of Truth. Arise to make mention and utterance amongst the concourse of creation. Say: O people! By God, the Promise hath been fulfilled and the Promised One hath come with manifest sovereignty.

When We found thee stirred by the breezes of the days of God, We revealed unto thee this exalted Tablet, that thou mayest take it with strength from Us and speak it amongst the servants, that they might cast away their vain imaginings and turn unto the Dayspring of certitude. Say: O people! This is a Day

wherein there is no refuge for anyone and no escape for any soul save unto God. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of that for which ye were created, or veil yourselves from Him Who hath come with the truth with mighty sovereignty.

Say: Abandon the pond and turn ye unto the Most Great Ocean which surgeth in the name of God, the Lord of eternity. Then drink therefrom in His Name, Who hath dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Say: He remembereth you for the sake of God—to this beareth witness the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names, were ye of those who know.

The Tree of Knowledge hath been raised up by the command of the All-Merciful. Blessed is he who hath hastened to its shade, turning away from the deluded ones. How many a mystic hath been barred from the Known One, how many a scholar kept far from the One known, and how many a heedless one hath turned unto God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

The bounty is in God's hand—He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth by His command. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty. Observe, then remember when Muhammad, the Messenger of God, came with God's signs and His proof: the learned ones turned away from Him, the scholars objected to Him, yet those who had no renown among the people believed in Him. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

And before Him, when the Spirit came with God's sovereignty and His command, the Jewish scholars turned away from Him, yet today all kings and sovereigns pride themselves in His Name. Such hath been God's way in the past and in the future, when the Manifestation of the Cause appeared from this luminous horizon.

How many a worshipper hath worshipped God through nights and days, yet when the Lord of all men appeared, denied Him and followed every ignorant remote one. And how many of the learned and the mystics discoursed of knowledge and wisdom, yet when the All-Merciful came, turned away from Him—these are indeed among the heedless ones.

Draw nigh unto the Most Great Ocean, detached from the nations and what they possess of Satan's whisperings. Say: That which ye possess of knowledge and wisdom profiteth you not today. The Dayspring of all knowledge hath appeared with His Name, the Self-Subsisting, calling all unto God, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

Arise from the horizon of detachment in the name of thy Lord, the Creator, then give glad tidings unto the people with wisdom and utterance through this Cause whereby the faces of those near unto God have been illumined. Do that which will profit thee today and thereby establish thy remembrance forever in the Tablets of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

Grieve not over anything. Trust in Him; He will verily support thee with the truth and will open upon thy heart the gates of knowledge. He is, verily, the Ancient Bestower. Take the cup of life, detached from all existence, then drink therefrom in thy Lord's Name and fear not the idolaters.

Thus hath shone forth the Sun of Knowledge from the horizon of wisdom and utterance. Turn unto it with thy whole being and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds, for having remembered me through the tongue of the Manifestation of Thyself, while He was imprisoned in the most desolate of lands, in the hands of the oppressors.

BH01658: This is a Book whose verses have been sent…

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling over what was and what is to be!

This is a Book whose verses have been sent down in Arabic, and it is indeed detailed from the Mother Book by God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. Through it the Spirit casts truth in all times. Verily, there is no God but Him. And He Who speaks is indeed the Dawning-Place of God's Books, the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Through Him God quenches the thirst of the believers with the Kawthar of life, and gives unto the sincere what cannot be mentioned in words.

He brings glad tidings to all in the world of the appearance of the Lord of Eternity and draws the peoples near to the Most Great Name, Who speaks at the heart of contingent being in such wise as to make the very backbone of religions tremble. How many a standing one has sat down at the might of the Cause, and how many a sleeping one has arisen at this Name whereby standards were hoisted upon hilltops and mountains! How many a learned one was prevented by vain imaginings from drawing nigh unto God, the Lord of Days, and how many a heedless one attained to the lights of the Countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of power! How many a philosopher claimed unity, but when the Manifestation of detachment appeared and the Dayspring of Revelation shed its radiance, denied God, the Lord of all men!

Say: The learned one is he who hath attained unto My knowledge, and the wise one he who hath turned unto My face and attained the mysteries of My wisdom, and the eloquent one he who hath become fluent in My Cause, and the one who speaketh is he who hath spoken forth with this Remembrance that God hath made the Dawning-Place of all remembrance. Say: By God! On this day the mention of notables will not profit you, nor form and matter. Behold this Reality from which all realities were made real and all things proclaimed: "There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing!" Among them is one who claimed he heard from every tree what the Interlocutor heard, yet when the appointed time came and the Tree called out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, We found him thunderstruck upon the dust—the decisive Word had come.

He distinguisheth between the servants, and with Him is the Mother of Tablets. Rend asunder, by My Name, the Self-Subsisting, all the veils of fancy. Beware lest the affairs of the world withhold thee from the Lord of Names. What thou possessest shall perish, and what hath been ordained for thee by My Most Exalted Pen shall endure in a Tablet that God hath made the Dayspring of inspiration. Dost thou choose silence after the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh among all creation? Dost thou fear the might of those in power after thou beholdest the Dawning-Place of the Cause standing among the servants with a sovereignty whose might hath seized all regions? Beware lest thou exchange the Kingdom of immortality for what thou seest in the realm of mortality. Turn with thy most luminous heart to the Most Great Vista, then hearken unto that which the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth in this Prison wherein the atoms cry out: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Revealer of verses!"

Hold fast to the glory of God, turning away from what thou seest as glory for thyself among men. Glory belongeth unto the Lord of creation and unto those who have turned with their hearts toward the direction of the Beloved and believed in God, the Lord of Lords. Beware lest wealth hold thee back from the final destination, or possessions occupy thee from God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Leave all else, then read what hath been sent down for thee in this Tablet. It will draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt see dominion behind thee. Then shalt thou say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to attain unto the most exalted station!"

Know that We make mention of thee for the sake of God, that We might fulfill some of what We have been commanded by Him. The Kingdom and the Dominion bear witness to this. Blessed are they who possess insight! We summon all unto the sealed wine whose seal hath been loosened by the finger of the Self-Subsisting, and We give the near ones to drink of that which draweth them closer to God, the Lord of all men.

Say: O concourse of divines! Beware lest ye muddy the pure water of this spring with what ye possess of conjecture and fancy. Arise from the couch of heedlessness, then speak forth among all creation with the remembrance of your Lord. This is better for you, if ye be of those possessed of understanding. Leave the pond, for behold, the Most Great Ocean hath surged when the breeze of the All-Merciful stirred in all existence. Thus have the rains of My bounty poured forth from the clouds of My utterance. Beware lest thou deprive thyself thereof. Draw nigh with thy whole being and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having remembered me while the Dawning-Place of Thy Cause was imprisoned among the servants."

BH01757: O My handmaid, O My handmaid! These are words…

In the name of Him Who is nigh, the All-Knowing

O My handmaid, O My handmaid! These are words at whose revelation the most distinguished among women and the most exalted among maidens would be consumed with longing. Behold the grace of God, that He should address thee with such blessed and goodly words from His Most Holy and Most Exalted Tongue. The attraction of illumined hearts and the enkindlement of sanctified souls have ever been and shall ever be from the Divine Word. This is that same Word which Moses, son of ʿImran, heard from the Divine Lote-Tree, and which the Beloved of the world hearkened unto in His night-journey, and now the Dawning-Place of utterance and the Dayspring of verses hath addressed thee in His own tongue and honored thee with these blessed words. Glory thou in the bounty and mercy of God, and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!

The letter thou didst send through Mihdi—upon him be the glory of God—reached the Most Holy Court, and the glance of favor was directed towards it. Blessed art thou, for thy letter hath attained unto this glorious Presence. That which was mentioned was observed before the Throne. God willing, thou shalt at all times be enkindled with the fire of His Word and be occupied with His remembrance. However, in these days the waters of divine favor must be bestowed with wisdom upon oneself and others. This is

among the divine counsels that have flowed from the Pen of Him Who causeth the dawn to break. Act thou accordingly and render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

This is a Day wherein all relationships are severed save for those who have turned unto the Truth and have partaken of the pure wine. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this Day, for his shall be a goodly end. Observe how many among the divines, the learned, the eloquent, and likewise among the women, remained deprived of the ocean of attainment which they sought with their very souls, while thou didst attain unto it and became vocal in the praise of the Truth. This is why it hath been revealed in the Tablets: "How many a servant hath been deprived of the Salsabil of life, and how many a handmaid hath drunk thereof and said: 'Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of all beings!'"

Consider the time of the Apostle of God: at the first dawning of the Sun of Batha, all the learned ones remained deprived, and the men of letters were forbidden, while some from among the craftsmen, including shepherds and others, attained unto the recognition of that Luminary of the All-Merciful. This is the station wherein it is said:

> "He maketh their highest to be their lowest, and their lowest to be their highest."

The cause of the deprivation of most of the servants hath been the embodiments of learning—that is, those who were known for their knowledge. Otherwise, that which such souls regarded as knowledge is, in the sight of the Hidden Name, but evident fancy and conjecture.

The essence of knowledge is the knowledge of God. Whosoever attaineth unto this is accounted among the learned in the presence of the Truth, and whosoever remaineth deprived thereof is reckoned among the most ignorant of people, even though he might be the repository of all knowledge. It hath been observed that a person who spent numbered years acquiring outward knowledge, upon hearing the Divine Word, fled as "asses fleeing from a lion," for it is indeed difficult for him to lay down his burden. However, God willing, this greatest veil hath been and shall be rent asunder by the finger of power.

Know thou the value of that which God hath bestowed upon thee, and be assured that it hath, in the presence of thy Lord, a station whereon We pronounce blessing from this glorious and mighty station. All those souls, both female and male, whom thou didst mention in thy letter, have attained unto the outpourings of the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance. Convey to each one of them, on behalf of the Truth, greetings and glad-tidings, for they were mentioned in the Most Holy Presence and have attained unto divine favors. God willing, may ye be confirmed through divine confirmations, be vocal in His praise, and remain steadfast in His Cause. And the glory be upon thee and upon them.

BH01815: God beareth witness to what We have inscribed upon…

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Glorious!

God beareth witness to what We have inscribed upon the Crimson Scroll with Our Most Exalted Pen. Were We to make mention of it, verily all who are in the heavens and on earth would be struck with thunderous awe. Therefore have We safeguarded it through Our protection and veiled it through Our

sovereignty. Verily, I am the Omnipotent over whatsoever I desire. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We have manifested the Cause and raised aloft the standards. The might of every oppressor hath not rendered Us powerless, nor hath the clamor of the heedless veiled Us. We act in the kingdom as We please and ordain whatsoever We desire through Our power that prevaileth over the worlds. This is not a lamp that can be extinguished by the winds, nor a fire that can be quenched by the gestures of the opposers. The former hath appeared with a light whereby the heavens and earth were illumined, and the latter with a flame that hath set ablaze the hearts of the sincere ones. This is not a ship that can be shaken by the winds, or drowned by the seas, or shattered by the rocks. By God! This is the Ark of God that traverseth both land and sea, whose captain is the Will of the All-Merciful, and whose passengers are the people of Baha in all creation. Exalted be God, its Maker and Creator, the All-Wise, the All-Informed.

Arise with the arising of thy Lord. Say: O people of the mortal realm! By God, the Lord of the Kingdom hath come, and the Realm of Might circleth round Him, if ye be of them that know. Say: O people of learning! The Sealed Wine hath been unsealed by the finger of the Self-Subsisting. Come ye unto Him and be not of them that tarry. O people of the Furqan! By God, that which ye were promised in the Book hath appeared. Fear ye God and deny not the Cause of God when it hath appeared with the truth, and dispute not the signs of God when they have been sent down from this heaven. Turn ye unto God, your Ancient Lord.

The breezes of grace have wafted, the carpet of justice hath been spread, the mountains have passed away, and the Beauty hath shone forth with a light that neither the veils of the wicked can conceal, nor the idle fancies of the hearts of the ungodly can obscure. Through it the Beauty of Divine Unity hath appeared and been established upon the throne of detachment. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, turning away from the people and what they possess of images and idols. Those who have turned away from this Manifestation are indeed idol-worshippers who have devoted themselves to the idols of their desires, yet they perceive it not.

I know not whether, when thou attainest this Tablet, thou wilt soar upon the wings of longing and attraction, or be thunderstruck with yearning, and whether thou wilt find thyself in utter effacement or in complete awareness. Nay, We know, We know, O My servant, through Our knowledge that encompasseth the worlds. If thou wert to taste the sweetness of what the Tongue of Eternity hath spoken in addressing thee with the word “My servant,” thou wouldst cry out and proclaim a thousand times: “Here am I, here am I, O Thou Goal of the mystics! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Beloved of the worlds! Here am I, here am I, O Thou Who art imprisoned by the hands of the oppressors!” And thou wouldst arise to make mention of thy Lord until thy spirit meeteth the Concourse on High and thou attainest unto the Most Glorious Companion. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, possessed of great bounty.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for this Tablet through which the Most Great Ocean hath surged upon all who are in the world, and the Spirit of Life hath been breathed into all who are in the heavens and earths. Work thou in My days that which beseemeth My mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet, and say: “Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.”

We send Our greetings from this remote and distant station upon thy father's countenance, and We make mention of him through Our grace. Verily, He is the Kind, the Generous. By My life! He standeth before the face of his Lord and is mentioned before My mighty throne. We make mention also of thy brother whom We mentioned before, and then the other, and We send Our greetings upon you and upon whoso hath attained unto this wondrous Cause. The glory be upon you and upon those who are with you, from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

BH01801: O My Most Exalted Pen! We behold thee coursing…

In the Name of Him Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance!

O My Most Exalted Pen! We behold thee coursing upon the Tablet, now inclining to the right, now to the left. Hath intoxication seized thee? It replieth:

> "Yea, by Thy Self, the Truth! The wine of reunion hath so inebriated me that I move without mine own volition. Thou art verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed."

How could it be otherwise, when the finger of Thy Will and Power moveth me as it pleaseth and desireth? Thou art verily the Ordainer, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Praised.

Thy Name, the Swift, hath made me swifter than lightning; Thy Name, the All-Seeing, hath made me more perceiving than all the worlds; Thy Name, the All-Knowing, hath taught me the knowledge of what was and what shall be; and Thy Name, the All-Informed, hath acquainted me with that which none knoweth save whom Thy knowledge willeth, the knowledge that dominateth all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Despite my inherent baseness, Thou hast made me to excel all standards, and notwithstanding my manifest weakness, Thou hast made me powerful through Thy Name, the Almighty, the Powerful. Through me is broken the back of every mighty one, and through me is exalted both the lowly and the high. Were Thou to loose my reins, I would brandish the spears of utterance, subdue the cities of the earth, and take possession of the hearts of those who wander in the wilderness of heedlessness, drawing them nigh unto the dawning-place of Thy Name, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

O Pen! Remember when We sent Our Tablet, named the Call, to the leader of mankind, and he sent it to those renowned for learning. When they read it, they were bewildered and spoke according to their desires. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Among them was one who said He seeketh sovereignty. Say: Woe unto thee, O heedless and remote one! We have commanded the kings to cast it behind them, turning unto God, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

We bear witness to the manifestation of reason among the nations when We behold absolute sovereignty cast upon the dust, with none approaching it. Thus hath the matter been decreed in a perspicuous Tablet. Say: It is the most abject of stations in My sight, though thou seest it as the most exalted station. Open thine eyes that thou mayest know Him Whose Pen ruleth over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

O concourse of divines! Pride not yourselves on your conjectures and idle fancies, nor on your riches and wealth. Choose for yourselves that which shall endure in the kingdom of your Lord, the Most High, the Mighty, the Great. This is a matter that your power and might cannot weaken, nor your imaginings affect. Fear God and be among the discerning ones. We call you for the sake of God—to this every atom beareth witness, would ye but hear. Draw nigh with attentive ears unto the Source of verses, that ye may hear from the shrill voice of His Pen that which the Son of Imran heard when he turned toward Paran. Fear God and invalidate not the truth through your conjectures and imaginings.

O thou who hast turned unto God! Hearken unto the call from this Lamp kindled between earth and heaven. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Invincible.

Thy mention hath been made in the presence of this Prisoner, and We have perceived thy joy at the breath of divine revelation. We have, therefore, revealed unto thee this Tablet and dispatched it to thee, that it may attract thee in such wise as to cause thee to arise for the triumph of thy Lord's Cause and to be numbered among them that remember Him. Beware lest the conditions of blind imitation prevent thee from the Dayspring of divine unity. Break asunder the chains of idle fancy through this Name whereby the horizon of certitude hath shone forth. Be thou diligent in the Cause of God, and give thou to drink of the Kawthar of thy Lord's knowledge unto them that are heedless, that they may turn towards the Most Sublime Horizon in this wondrous Revelation. We have desired for thee that which shall cause thy mention to endure through the eternity of Our most excellent names and most exalted attributes. Choose thou what God hath chosen for thee. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Soon shall all that is possessed by men perish, and that which hath been ordained in the preserved Tablet shall endure.

BH01906: Thy letter was present before the Lord, the All-Bountiful…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds, O Rahim!

Thy letter was present before the Lord, the All-Bountiful. Praise be to God that through divine grace thou didst attain the Most Holy Court and didst hearken repeatedly unto the divine call and didst drink of the Kawthar of utterance from the Hand of bounty of the Dawning-Place of bestowal. Well is it with thee and with whosoever hath attained unto this supreme bounty.

As to what thou didst mention regarding thy wife, that when she attained unto serving thee, We did absolve her of her misdeeds and clothed her in the robe of forgiveness. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Most great is the station of the friends of God. Whosoever attaineth unto serving such souls, even though outwardly they may not have attained unto the bounty of faith, yet in the presence of the All-Merciful their deed shall not be lost. The grace of thy Lord hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. We bid thee to show kindness and consideration unto her.

And as to what thou didst mention regarding him who is named Zaynu'l-'Abidin, We have accepted thy intercession on his behalf. We beseech God to aid him to turn wholly toward Him and to bestow upon him this most subtle, most holy and wondrous nectar.

And as to what thou didst mention regarding the wife of him who is named ʿAbdu'r-Rahim, convey My greetings unto her and give her the glad-tidings of My mention of her in this perspicuous Tablet. Praise be to God that she and her children are all honored by and have attained unto these days. They must be so enkindled with the fire of the love of God that they may become the cause of enkindling heedless souls. Convey My greetings unto all, both men and women.

From this station We make mention of Our servant who is named Ghulam-Rida. He is among those who attained Our presence when We were dawning from the horizon of Zawra' and We revealed for him in the Book that which shall immortalize his remembrance forever. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Kind. We counsel him to remember and praise God and to remain steadfast in the Cause of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

We make mention of him who is named Muhammad-Husayn who entered the Most Great Prison and attained repeatedly unto the presence of God, that he may rejoice in My remembrance and be of the thankful ones. O Rahim, convey My greetings unto him on behalf of God and say: The souls who have turned toward the court of the Divine Unity are remembered. The breezes of the All-Merciful are at all times directed toward such souls. Glory be unto him and unto his mother from the presence of God, the Knower of things unseen.

Make mention with wondrous praise of all the loved ones, both those who have attained unto Our presence and those who gaze toward the paradise of God's good-pleasure, and convey unto all of them greetings from God, that all may be set ablaze by the fire of divine remembrance with the warmth of love and may remain wholly steadfast in His Cause. All the names thou didst mention in thy letter have attained a great reward and have been honored by the glorious mention of God.

Finally, We counsel thee to prevent the loved ones from turning toward the Most Holy Court. All must gaze toward the horizon of His good-pleasure and act according to His command. This hath been and shall ever be among the most exalted stations. None is permitted to turn toward it save those whom the All-Merciful hath given leave. Blessed are they who are intoxicated with the wine of His good-pleasure and who are filled with eagerness and joy.

We beseech God to assist His male and female servants to remember and praise Him and to ordain for them the reward of those who have attained unto His presence on this Day which God hath made the sovereign of all days and the source of bounty for all people. Verily He is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH11102: O My loved ones in the world! Hearken unto…

In the Name of Him Who ruleth over the worlds!

O My loved ones in the world! Hearken unto the call of the Dayspring of Revelation from the precincts of His sanctified House, which God hath made the circling-point of the Concourse on High and the Dawning-places of His Command from time immemorial, that the call of God may gladden you and sanctify you from the world and its sorrows, and draw you nigh unto the Dayspring of grandeur and power. We have remembered those who have turned towards the Countenance, and have made it a treasure for them in Our worlds which none hath known save His Own Self, the All-Encompassing over all possibility.

Blessed are ye, O My loved ones, for having attained unto the Goal when the learned and princes turned away, and for having drunk from the Kawthar of life when every heedless doubter was debarred therefrom. Ye are they whom the veils of men hindered not, nor were ye kept back by the intimations of such as disbelieved in God, the Lord of all men. Ye have turned with radiant faces toward the Most Exalted Horizon and have heard the call of the Lord of Names when it was raised betwixt earth and heaven. Rejoice ye, then give thanks unto your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

How many a king desired to attain Our presence, and how many a scholar lamented for the days of attainment, yet when the appointed time was fulfilled and the Horizon of Revelation shone forth, they kept back from it and held fast unto their own opinions. The world was created for the Most Great Day. Verily He hath come with the truth, but the people are in doubt and dissension. The world hath been illumined through the revelation of Our Most Great Name: among men some have recognized while others have not. Blessed is he who hath heard and perceived and said: "Praise be unto Thee, O Dawning-place of the signs!"

Turn, O My loved ones, with radiant hearts toward the seat of the throne of your Lord, the Lord of Names. Then aid Him through remembrance and utterance. The doors have been barred and the doorkeeper standeth ready. Should God so will, He will open them through the key of His Most Great Name and drive them away through His sovereignty that hath encompassed all created things. When anyone desireth to enter into the presence of the Throne, they speak concerning him that which causeth the dwellers of Paradise and the Concourse on High to lament. He is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

We have forbidden the people from coming into Our presence, because of what the hands of such as were heedless of the Command have wrought and who followed every wicked deceiver. It behooveth everyone to act according to what hath been commanded by God, the One, the Chosen. Beware lest remoteness sadden you. Whoso hath today attained unto recognition and acted according to what was commanded, he is reckoned among those who are nigh in the Mother Book. Consider the favor and bounty of God—He remembereth you through grace in this Prison which was built of solid rock, and sendeth unto you that which will solace your eyes.

Follow ye the commandments and laws of God, and hold fast unto the hem of the mercy of your Lord, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Hold ye fast unto the cord of unity in the path of God, the Lord of creation. Through your unity the hearts of them that have disbelieved in the Beginning and the End shall be shaken. Teach your children to recite the verses of God at morn and at eventide. God hath prescribed for every father to educate his children, both male and female, in learning and letters, then crafts and professions. Thus have We taught you in Our Most Holy Book which We have sent down from Our hallowed Kingdom. Blessed is he who hath laid hold upon it through Our power. He is of the people of this station.

Strive ye that there may appear from you that which beseemeth the days of your Lord, the Lord of all men. The glory be upon you and upon those who have attained unto what ye have attained and have drunk the Kawthar of life from the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the Lord of Religions.

BH02062: O My loved ones in Ridvan! Hearken unto…

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

O My loved ones in Ridvan! Hearken unto the call of your Lord, the All-Merciful. He remembers you as a token of His grace, that He may draw you unto Paradise, the station whereon is established the throne of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. The Tree of Knowledge hath sprouted forth in the land of the Bayan, proclaiming: "There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise." Blessed is he who hath sought shelter beneath one of its leaves, for neither the concerns of the world shall grieve him, nor shall the doubts of the wayward trouble him. Whoso turneth today unto God, around him circle the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Eternity, then they who are established upon the Ark of Glory, then the realities of them that are nigh unto God.

O My loved ones therein! Soar upon the wings of detachment in this atmosphere wherein no atom moveth except that it proclaimeth that which the Luminous Tree proclaimed at the divine Sinai:

> "There is none other God but Me, the Sanctified, the Mighty, the Beauteous."

Purify your vision and turn unto My most exalted horizon. By God! That which had never appeared in the worlds hath been made manifest, and the Most Great Word hath spoken forth, by a single letter of which the suns have shone forth—a Word none hath known save My All-Knowing Self, and through which the Books of God have been revealed from time immemorial, and by which the hearts of them that have detached themselves from all else and turned unto His luminous and radiant countenance have been attracted.

Be ye united in the Cause of God and adorn your temples with the raiment of love and unity. Thus doth the Lord of creation command you from this remote Prison. Whoso hath today attained unto that which God hath ordained, by God, the contingent beings shall be attracted by his utterance and all created things shall be moved by his mention. This beseemeth him who hath turned today unto the One, the All-Informed. Be as the breezes of spring unto the cities and lands of God, that from the soils of hearts may grow the hyacinths of praise and remembrance. He, verily, is the Manifestation, the Confirmer, the Mighty, the Wise.

This is a Book around which circle the Books of creation, yet most of the people are heedless. We have sent down the laws and expounded whatsoever We desired in truth. Follow that which ye have been commanded with power from Us, and turn not unto those who turned away from the Countenance when it shone forth from this luminous horizon. O people! Hold fast unto God and His commandments. He, verily, will make you independent of those who have risen in opposition. He is with His servants who have turned unto Him. Beware lest the veils of humanity withhold you from the Most Great Scene, or the allusions of men debar you from My straight path. Can the name of faith be truly applied unto those who have denied today? Nay, by My Self, the True One! To this testifieth every discerning knower.

Guard yourselves against them who have denied God, rejected His proof, and disputed His signs. Verily, they are among the perishing ones. Grieve not at what the idolaters say. Soon shall they find themselves in the abyss of punishment, and ye shall behold your temples in an exalted station. We have illumined the

horizon of knowledge with the luminary of thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, and have sent it unto you as a grace from Our presence, for We are, in truth, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate. When ye perceive the fragrance of God from His verses, arise to make mention of God and His praise, that the slumbering may awaken and turn unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Glory be upon you, O My loved ones, and praise be upon you, O My cherished ones, from God, the Beloved of them that know. Rejoice in this Tablet, for it hath been sent down from the heaven of the favors of your Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the Mighty, the Great.

BH02113: In My Name, the Speaker in the Kingdom…

In My Name, the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance

Mim. ʿAyn. Hearken unto that which the Spirit imparteth unto thee of the verses of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, that the Call may draw thee to the Most Exalted Horizon and bring thee nigh unto a station wherein thou shalt behold within thyself the fire of the love of God in such wise that neither the might of kings nor the intimations of servants shall quench it, and thou shalt arise amidst the concourse of creation to praise thy Lord, the Possessor of Names. This beseemeth thee on this Day.

We make mention unto thee of that which hath come to pass aforetime, that thou mayest find the sweetness of remembrance and utterance and become aware of that which transpired in what hath been. Verily thy Lord is the Remembrancer, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Remember when Moses, having tended the sheep of Jethro, his father-in-law, in the wilderness, heard the call of the Lord of creation from the Tree raised up on the blessed spot:

> "O Moses! Verily I am God, thy Lord and the Lord of thy forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

The rapture of that Call so seized him that he became detached from all created things, turning toward Pharaoh and his concourse with a power from thy Lord, the Protector over what was and what shall be. The people hear what he heard, yet they comprehend not.

Say: By God! The glory of ministers and the might of princes and the palaces of kaisers and the pyramids of pharaohs shall pass away, while that which We have ordained for you in the Kingdom shall endure. Strive, O people, that your names may be mentioned before the Throne and there may appear from you that whereby your remembrance shall endure through the eternity of God, the Lord of existence.

Make mention of My loved ones who are there, and greet their faces, and gladden them with that which hath been sent down for them from this praiseworthy station. Say: Beware lest the might of any oppressor frighten you. Soon shall the banners and standards perish, and ye shall behold the sovereignty of your Lord prevailing over the seen and the unseen. Beware lest the veils debar you from the bounty of this Day. Cast away that which withholdeth you from God and hold fast unto this Extended Path. We desire naught for you save that which is better for you, as recorded in the Preserved Tablet.

We make mention of the loved ones most days, yet We find not from them that which beseemeth them in the precincts of the mercy of their Lord, the All-Merciful, the Forgiving, save as God willeth. He, verily,

is the Powerful over what He willeth. He giveth and withholdeth. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

Take ye, O loved ones of the All-Merciful, the cups of life eternal from the hands of the favors of your Lord, the Lord of all possibilities. Then drink ye therefrom. By God! They shall so attract you that ye shall arise to make mention and utterance amidst the peoples of the worlds, and shall take possession of the cities of hearts in the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the Praised.

We give glad tidings unto all of that which We have sent down in Our Most Holy Book, from whose horizon hath shone the sun of My commandments upon all who see and are seen. Hold fast unto it, then act according to that which hath been sent down therein. This is better for you than all that hath been created in the kingdom, did ye but know.

Beware lest the affairs of creation sadden you and turn you away from the Truth. Ponder upon the world and its vicissitudes and changes, that ye may know its station and those who have turned unto it, turning away from that which hath been sent down in Our Preserved Tablet.

Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee, that thou mayest arise to make mention of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Sealed Wine.

BH02181: We have desired to make mention of him who…

In the Name of Him Who has power over all who are in the world!

We have desired to make mention of him who has turned to Us and to impart unto him that which the Tree has spoken forth in My breast. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. May the rapture of verses seize him in such wise that he may arise wholly for the triumph of his Lord's Cause, the Mighty, the Loving.

We have recognized thy turning unto God, the Lord of eternity, when most of the peoples have turned away from Him, and We have sent down unto thee this Tablet whereby thy remembrance shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Behold those who laid claim to knowledge: when the door of heaven was opened and He Who originated it came, they denied Him and followed their own imaginings. Say: O concourse of divines! Fear ye God and be fair in His Cause. By what proof did ye believe in God's Messengers of old, and by what evidence did ye turn away from Him Who speaketh betwixt earth and heaven? Bring forth what ye possess, if ye be possessed of knowledge. Say: Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Abandon vain imaginings and turn ye towards the supreme horizon that ye may find the Sun of Certitude shining therefrom with this Name whereby the back of idle fancy was broken and the beauty of unity hath dawned from this praiseworthy station. Beware lest ye speak of what ye possess. Hearken unto the shrill of My Most Exalted Pen which hath been raised between earth and heaven, then follow that which the Spirit imparteth unto you, if ye be possessed of understanding.

Blessed art thou, O thou who hast turned, for having oriented thyself towards God and attained unto this sealed wine. Arise to promote the Cause by God's leave and permission, then aid it through

remembrance and utterance. This is what thou hast been commanded in this Hidden Tablet. Be as the morning breeze unto the cities and villages that their inhabitants may be awakened thereby, or as the spring winds unto both noble and lowly. Convey the Cause with wisdom that those seized by the stupor of heedlessness may be awakened thereby and turn unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Rise from the horizon of certitude with remembrance and utterance that the hearts of those who slumber may be attracted thereby.

We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love and turning unto Us, and We have turned toward thee from this remote prison and make mention of thee in truth that there may appear through thee that which befitteth this wondrous Day. Say: O peoples of the earth! Whither do ye flee this Day? None can find refuge save in him who hath laid hold on the Most Firm Handle and turned unto God, the Lord of Names, with an illumined heart. Beware lest the affairs of creation sadden thee. By My life! They shall pass away, and there shall endure for thee what hath been ordained in a preserved tablet. Stand firm in the Cause through God's power and might. He will assist thee through His sovereignty and aid thee in all conditions. He is verily the Almighty, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

When thou hast quaffed the Kawthar of life from thy Lord's utterance, the All-Merciful, arise and turn toward God's court and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of them that know Thee! I beseech Thee not to deprive me of the breezes of Thy days nor to keep me back from the ocean of Thy presence. Then strengthen me to aid Thy Cause in Thy realm. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the Almighty.

BH02258: All praise be to God that the heaven…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds

All praise be to God that the heaven of grace has been uplifted, and the cloud of generosity is bestowing gifts and bounties, and the sun of divine munificence has appeared and become manifest from the horizon of His favors. Blessed is the state of those souls who have turned with body and spirit toward the direction of the Friend and have attained to the wondrous favors. Ask of God that you may find the sweetness of the Kawthar of His utterance. I swear by the Most Great Name that any soul who today attains to this station—that is, who perceives the sweetness of the utterance and word of the Beloved of the Worlds—will pass beyond all who dwell within the realm of possibility and will become so steadfast in His love that all the world will be powerless to prevent it. This is the station of the most great steadfastness, the ultimate goal, and the highest summit. Blessed are they who drink thereof and blessed are they who attain unto this knowledge.

The whole world has been created from the Divine Word, and that Word has been and will continue to be sanctified above mention of all horizons and souls, and by it were created the horizons and souls, yet most people know it not. And that Word is an utterance that has appeared and risen from the dawning-place of the Kingdom of exposition and flows and courses from the mouth of the Divine Will. That which is revealed today from the direction of the Throne has been that Divine Word, and this is that same Word which the Interlocutor heard at Sinai and thereby gained victory. Now through His preceding mercy and

all-encompassing grace, the loved ones are privileged to hear it. Know the value of these days and be occupied at all times with the remembrance of God.

We counsel all the loved ones in that land to manifest spiritual qualities and praiseworthy deeds that are pleasing to God, in such wise that all people may inhale from those souls the fragrance of sanctity and detachment. O My loved ones in that place! We make mention of you from My Most Great Prison and summon you to God, the Single, the All-Informed, and We mention unto you that which shall profit you in all the worlds of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing. Be dawning-places of steadfastness amidst all creation, that the imaginings of every imaginer may not cause you to slip, nor may the conditions of the heedless occupy you. Leave the world behind, clinging fast to your Lord, the Ancient of Days.

He has appeared through His Most Great Name from this luminous horizon. Ask ye of the ocean of His grace and the heaven of His bestowal that He may aid you in that which shall cause your mention to endure in His Tablets, whose fragrances have wafted between the heavens and the earth. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and there shall endure for you what has been sent down from God, the Forgiving, the Generous. Cast away what the people possess and hold fast to that which is with Him. He is verily the Bestower, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We, from this spot, send Our glorification upon thee and upon thy sons, as a grace from Us, that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be of those who render praise. May the glory rest upon thee and upon them and upon My loved ones in that place who have turned toward God and have attained unto this wondrous Day.

BH02272: God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, mayest…

In the name of the All-Bountiful, the Most Compassionate

God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, mayest thou be engaged in His remembrance at all times and be steadfast and firm in His Cause, in such wise that all the people of the land may inhale the fragrance of thy steadfastness.

O Hasan! Don the armor of My counsels which We gave thee in Our presence. By My life! It will protect thee from the darts of allusions. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Give thanks unto God for having enabled thee to turn towards His Most Holy Court, and to hear His call, and to attain His mighty presence, and for having shed upon thee the light of His luminous and radiant countenance, and for having given thee to drink, from the hands of grace and favor, the wine of counsel and utterance. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Return thou to thy land, by leave of thy Lord, the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Then remind them of that which We counselled thee in Our presence, in such wise that no blame from any critic may grieve thee in the path of God, nor may the allusions of any heedless one veil thee, nor the doubts of the opposers prevent thee. Be as a fire in thy love for thy chosen Lord, that through it may be consumed the veils of idle fancies which have covered faces and enveloped the hearts of those who have turned towards Him.

God willing, may ye be occupied with remembrance and praise amongst the servants in such wise that the intoxication of the wine of remembrance may seize all people and draw them to the court of the Friend, that all may fix their gaze upon the Truth alone and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause. This is the wine of oneness and the pure water of detachment which hath flowed from the Pen of grace of the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Whatever hath appeared until now from certain souls We have forgiven. Praise be to God, the ocean of forgiveness hath encompassed all who have returned and turned towards Him. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Kind.

And We beseech God to assist thee to arise to serve His Cause with spirit and soul and essence and body, in such wise that its traces may become manifest in all cities and lands. This is among the great bounties of thy Lord.

Give thanks and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having honored me with Thy presence and caused me to hear Thy most sweet call, whereby the earth and heaven were set in motion, and for having given me to drink of the pure water of Thy gifts and bestowals, and for having taught me what is intended in Thy days and what is mentioned in Thy Book. I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy grace and the sea of Thy power and the sun of Thy Cause to assist me in serving Thee and in praising Thee amongst Thy servants, and to enable me to do that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Then I beseech Thee, O my God, not to withhold from me the outpourings of the clouds of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy generosity. Send down upon me at all times that which will draw me to the horizon of Thy grace and sanctify me from all else besides Thee and cause me to speak forth that which Thou didst command me in Thy presence when the lights of Thy beauty were revealed. Verily Thou art the Bestower, the Generous, the Mighty, the Compassionate.

BH02376: The Hidden Book in this visible Temple speaks: There…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Hidden Book in this visible Temple speaks: There is no God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it is a Book inscribed by a Pen that cannot be described by what exists in creation nor mentioned by the Most High. Blessed is the soul that has found the fragrance of God on a day wherein the Sun of Beauty has dawned from the horizon of God, the Mighty, the Wise—a day wherein was written what no one in all creation has known or will know except those whom We have permitted in truth.

Thus have We adorned the Tablet with the ornament of utterance when the All-Merciful was established upon a seat around which circle the denizens of the highest Paradise, then the inhabitants of the cities of names, then those whose faces are turned only to His shining, radiant Beauty. Blessed art thou, O Sadra, in that thou hast taken the foremost position in creation when thou didst turn to God, the Powerful, the Most High, the Great. This indeed is a glory in which honored servants take pride.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause of God and His love, then give glad tidings to the servants with wisdom and utterance to this Kawthar whose fragrant breezes have wafted among the worlds. Beware lest the affairs of creation veil thee from what thou hast been commanded by the True One. Trust in Him in all conditions—verily He is with His remembering servants. We counsel thee to wisdom in all matters—this is what God has ordained in the Tablets. He is indeed the Ruler, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

O Sadra! We have heard thy call from before and from thy letter afterwards when it was present before the Throne. Verily We were aware and We answered thee in truth and granted what thou didst desire from God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. He assists whom He wishes with authority from His presence and causes whom He wills to speak with His beautiful remembrance.

Thou didst say "Expand my breast" and so forth—We granted what thou desired before thy request. Were it not for this how couldst thou have turned to a Face from which most of the servants have turned away? Reflect and be of those who remember. We have expanded thy breast and assisted thee to draw near to this Great Sea and We will assist thee in truth and will loose thy tongue with a remembrance by which hearts will be attracted and the hearts of those who have turned will take flight.

We counsel thee to the Greater Steadfastness in such wise that the hearts of those who have taken the calf as their lord instead of God will be troubled. This is what the Most Exalted Pen commands thee on this wondrous day. And We have sent down for thy brother that by which the fragrances of My loving-kindness and the sweet perfumes of My favors have been diffused—to this testifies he who ponders what has been sent down in truth. Verily thy Lord is the True, the Trustworthy One.

Say: O people! Fear God and commit not that which would muddy the pure chalice of mystic knowledge in the days of the All-Merciful. Leave what ye possess, turning to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thus have We adorned thy head with the crown of remembrance and sent thee this Tablet from whose horizon has shone the sun of thy Lord's remembrance, the Most High, the Great.

BH02443: In My Name, the One manifest from this luminous…

In My Name, the One manifest from this luminous horizon.

We have desired to make mention of him who has turned towards Us and to give him to drink, time and again, from the Kawthar of loving-kindness, that it may draw him nigh unto My horizon, adorn him with My virtues, cause him to soar in My atmosphere, and aid him to manifest the sanctification of My Cause amidst My creatures, and to voice My praise in such wise that every hesitant one may hasten, every stationary one may take flight, every body may melt, every frozen thing may flow, and every extinguished flame may be rekindled. This befitteth him who hath turned his face towards My countenance, entered beneath the shadow of My loving-kindness, and attained unto My verses which hold sway over all the worlds.

O Ali! The Dayspring of the Cause addresseth thee in most wondrous utterance. By God! Wert thou to be present before the Throne and hear it from the Tongue of grandeur and power, thou wouldst sacrifice thy body, then thy spirit, then thy very self, for love of God, the Sovereign Lord, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The call would so transport thee to a station whereof all pens are powerless to

make mention and every eloquent speaker is confounded in its description. Reflect upon this Revelation and its sovereignty, then aid it as beseemeth thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Guide the people to the Most Exalted Horizon, which is His Temple established upon His mighty Throne. Through it hath the horizon of the Prison been illumined, and through it have all who are in the heavens and on earth been made radiant. We have made mention of thee before, and in this gracious Tablet, that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful time and again. This is of My grace upon thee. Render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the All-Seeing.

Grieve not at the heedlessness of the people. Soon shall ye behold them turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. We have encompassed the world through Our Most Exalted Word. God shall, through it, soon conquer the hearts of all who dwell on earth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

We make mention of thy brother from this spot, that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and be of them that remember. O beloved! The Best-Beloved calleth thee from His Most Great Prison. We counsel thee with that which hath been sent down from My Holy Pen in My Most Holy Book. Lay hold on it with the power granted thee by Us and the might bestowed by Us. I am, verily, the Commander, the All-Wise.

Blessed are ye, inasmuch as the grace hath encompassed you and aided you in this Cause whereby the heaven was folded up and every lofty and towering mountain was scattered in dust. We make mention, with supreme mercy, of your mother who hath attained unto the recognition of God, and We glorify her countenance from this exalted station. We make mention of you all, both female and male, and behold you as one soul from this wondrous outlook. We give you glad tidings of the mercy which hath preceded all created things, and of My remembrance which hath encompassed all, whether young or old. The glory of God be upon you, O people of Baha! Rejoice in My remembrance, for verily He is with you at all times.

BH02447: O ʿAli! Hearken with thy inner ear…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O ʿAli! Hearken with thy inner ear to the Voice of the All-Merciful and convey it to His friends, that all may attain to that which He desireth and drink from the choice wine of His good-pleasure. It is incumbent upon all in this Day to arise for the teaching of God’s Cause with such wisdom as hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will. This station hath been fully set forth in Our Tablet to Our Name Mihdi. God willing, thou shalt attain unto it and make the loved ones aware of its contents.

Strive thou that all may manifest spiritual qualities amongst mankind, for praiseworthy character hath ever been and shall ever remain a guide. Every deed hath its fragrance, and that fragrance guideth and directeth. Even as the fragrance of flowers leadeth people to the garden, the fragrance of goodly deeds and character guideth men to God and draweth them to the court of the Beloved. Well is it with those who adorn themselves with the crown of truthfulness, trustworthiness, steadfastness and dignity. Whoso adorneth himself with divine qualities, his words will influence the world. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise Teacher.

Thou shouldst at all times be engaged in serving the Cause, in such wise that neither the opposition of the opposers nor the clamor of the heedless may prevent thee from the remembrance of God. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the testimony of God in Our Tablet which We sent thee aforetime. By My life! Thou wilt find therein the fragrance of My favor unto thee, My care for thee, and My mercy which preceded thee. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Previously the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. God willing, thou hast attained unto it and perceived the sweet fragrance of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness. We beseech God to assist thee in all conditions to serve Him and to make thee a servant of His Cause, and to manifest through thee that which will raise high the standards of remembrance and utterance in that land. He is verily the Bestower, the Ordainer, the All-Hearing, the One Who Answereth Prayer.

Arise with supreme steadfastness amidst mankind and convey unto the people this Cause the like of which hath never appeared in creation, that they may awaken and arise to serve thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most Praised. We make mention of all who are on earth at all times and call them unto the One Who is All-Knowing. Follow thou thy Lord—nothing prevented Him from the remembrance and praise of God. He maketh mention of Him in prison, before it and after it. Reflect and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou in Whose hand is the dominion of might and power, and before the revelation of Whose power the power of all in the worlds hath vanished away. Then blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of revelation and for drinking it time after time, again and again. And the tongue of grandeur and majesty declareth: Well is it with thee and with those who have attained unto this firm, mighty and wondrous Cause.

BH02510: Today all must speak for the sake of God…

In the name of the All-Knowing Expositor.

Today all must speak for the sake of God and gaze toward God. Let them not deprive their eyes from the supreme horizon, nor prevent their ears from hearkening to the words of the Lord of Names, nor withhold their hearts from turning to Him, nor veil their minds from contemplating His mighty signs and manifest conditions. If thou wouldst reflect upon what hath come to pass, thou wouldst observe all the world and its peoples as non-existent, and wouldst hold fast to the firm cord of the Purpose of all worlds in such wise that none would have power to prevent thee. Whatsoever hath been other than God and mentioned without His leave is all vain and reckoned before the All-Merciful as satanic whisperings.

We seek justice: after the appearance of the Most Great Sea and the dawning of the Ancient Luminary and the raising up of the divine heavens of His Cause and the manifestation of the paradise of His all-merciful utterance, is it befitting that one should turn away from all this and cling to the vain imaginings of a soul who cannot distinguish right from left, and deprive himself of the bounty of this Day which shineth forth outwardly and inwardly from the horizon of the heaven of His Cause? Nay, by His own Self! This was not and is not befitting. Leave aside all else and hold fast to His firm cord and turn unto His straight path. He is the One through Whose manifestation all things have proclaimed that there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The fragrances of the merciful robe are wafting at all times, and the lights of the Sun of divine commandments are visible from the horizon of heaven. It behooveth thee and thy like to abandon all the doubts and idle fancies that exist in the world and to turn unto the Dawning-Place of the revelation of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Take thou the chalice of divine knowledge from the hands of thy Lord's favors, then drink therefrom, detached from all the worlds.

Verily, while thou art in thy home He remembereth thee in the Most Great Prison. Be thou thankful unto God for this manifest favor. Doth it beseem anyone to deny this certainty and turn unto every doubting impostor? By My life! If thou wouldst taste the sweetness of His utterance and recognize His love for thee, thou wouldst abandon all creation, turning unto the Single One, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. And among His gifts and favors is that He remembereth thee through His grace while imprisoned among His enemies. This indeed is a bounty that hath illumined the horizon of generosity. Reflect, that thou mayest find what hath been revealed for thee in this perspicuous Tablet.

We beseech God to assist thee in His remembrance and His Cause, and to make thee detached from every croaking, braying, deceitful remote one. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH02671: In My Name, shining above the dayspring of My…

In My Name, shining above the dayspring of My creation

O Ahmad! Verily We love to remember thee with a remembrance whereby the world will be illumined, and We desire to give thee to drink of the Water of Life from the Kawthar of thy Lord's mercy, the All-Giving, the All-Knowing. We had sent thee before the chalice of divine knowledge, and thou didst drink therefrom through this Name whereby those in all the worlds were subdued. And before that We sent thee a cup which thou didst take and drink from, and We said:

> "May it be pleasant unto thee, O thou whose heart hath been adorned with the knowledge of God and whose tongue hath been honored by My mention, the Mighty, the Wondrous!"

Were We to enumerate for thee what We have sent thee of chalices and cups, it would fill the Tablets. Verily thy Lord is He Who explaineth all things, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We have read thy letter before its arrival at the Throne and have revealed for thee this Tablet from which the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafteth throughout all possibility, that thou mayest find therein that which will gladden thy heart and strengthen thee in My mention, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Gather My loved ones in that place, then recite unto them what We have revealed for thee, that they may soar on the wings of knowledge in the atmosphere of the love of their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Say: Be not grieved, rather rejoice in the bounty that hath encompassed all regions. By My life! Nothing shall escape you if ye ponder on these words. Ye would see yourselves in such joy as cannot be affected by doubts nor touched by the limitations of contingent existence. Of this beareth witness every knower, thinker, perceiver and seer. Ye are beneath the canopies of grace and the pavilion of bounty, and that hath been ordained for you which will delight the eyes of the observers. Convey My greetings to each one of them and give them the glad-tidings of this beauteous remembrance.

We have made thee a star of guidance for all creation—illuminate them with the lights of thy Lord's countenance, the Dawning, the Manifest, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Then command the people to observe what We have sent down from Our holy dominion in Our Most Holy Book, that they may act according to what hath been revealed therein of the ordinances of thy Lord, the All-Knowing.

Say: Verily it is the Dayspring of bounty for you and the Spirit of Life for your preservation. Hold fast unto it with such power as cannot be hindered by the hints of the heedless. Whoso acteth in accordance with it hath attained unto God's command and His good-pleasure, and whoso is negligent is counted among the ignorant. Through it the fragrance of the garment wafteth among you and it draweth you nigh unto the Forgiving, the Merciful. Verily it is God's Ark among you and His Most Great Sign unto all creation. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it; he is of the people of this exalted station.

Glory be upon thee and upon those who follow thy command in this manifest Cause.

BH02777: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee…

In the name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy greatness whereby all things have been made great, and by the lights of Thy countenance whereby all things have been illumined, and by the wondrous signs of Thy names whereby all things have been distinguished one from another, and by Thy name which Thou hast made to stand over all things, and by Thy sovereignty whereby Thou hast prevailed over all things, and by Thy verses whereby the realities of all things have been attracted, and by Thy Word whereby all who are in earth and heaven were struck with fear, and by Thy call in the holy wilderness whereby the heart of the world was set ablaze and whereby Thou didst guide the sincere ones to the shore of the ocean of Thy oneness and caused the lovers to soar in the atmosphere of Thy nearness and meeting, and attracted the hearts of them that are nigh unto Thee to the right hand of the throne of Thy mercy—I beseech Thee to accept from us what we have wrought in Thy love and good-pleasure.

O my God, my Lord and my Beloved! They who have tasted the sweetness of Thy call and hastened to the shadow of Thy bounties and the proximity of Thy favors and followed what Thou didst command them out of love for Thyself and desire for Thy presence—these move not except by Thy leave and speak not save after Thy command.

O my God and my Lord! I am Thy servant and the son of Thy servant. I have risen from my bed at this dawn wherein the sun of Thy oneness hath shone forth from the horizon of the heaven of Thy will, illumining the regions through that which was ordained in the pages of Thy decree and the tablets of Thy destiny. Praise be unto Thee, O my God, that Thou hast caused us to awaken illumined by the light of Thy knowledge and to fast purely for Thy sake. O Lord! Send down upon us that which will make us independent of all else save Thee and detached from all except Thyself. Then write down for me and for my loved ones and my kindred, both male and female, the good of this world and the world to come. Then protect us, O Thou Who art the Beloved of creation and the Desire of invention, by Thy supreme greatness from those whom Thou hast made to be the manifestations of the slinking whisperer who

whisper in the breasts of men. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

O my God, send Thy blessings upon Him Whom Thou hast made the Self-Subsisting One over Thy most beautiful names, and through Whom Thou hast distinguished between the righteous and the wicked, that Thou mayest make us successful in that which Thou lovest and art pleased with. And, O my God, send Thy peace upon Thy Words and Thy Letters, and upon those who have turned toward Thee and have set their faces toward Thy countenance and have hearkened unto Thy call. Verily, Thou art the Lord of the servants and their Sovereign, and Thou art powerful over all things.

BH02751: O servants of God! Hearken unto the divine Call…

In the Name of the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful!

O servants of God! Hearken unto the divine Call which is raised from the direction of the exalted Throne. I speak the truth when I say that the eye was created to behold the Most Great Vision, and the ear came into being to hear the Call of the Lord of Power, and the heart was adorned with the robe of existence to know the Sovereign of contingent being. It is incumbent upon all today to observe with their own eyes and hear with their own ears. Consider the followers of religions: inasmuch as they have remained veiled from this station, they have been deprived of the outpouring grace of the True One.

In these days a letter arrived from him who beareth the Most Beautiful Name, wherein he made mention of you. Therefore, purely for the sake of God, this most exalted, most holy Tablet hath been revealed and sent. I swear by the Sun of glory and sanctity that if you approach it with a detached heart and sanctified vision, you will discover the fragrance of the divine Raiment and, wholly severed from all else, will turn toward the most exalted Horizon and quaff from the most glorious Wine. Deprive not yourselves of the rising Sun of bounty, and forbid not yourselves the surging Ocean of grace.

You have not been and are not aware of the essence of the Cause. Strive that through divine favor you may rend asunder the veils and become informed of the Dawning-Place of divine verses and the Rising-Point of His Revelation. In this dawning of days when the divine fragrance wafteth and the Call of Truth is raised amidst all beings, occupy not yourselves with the sayings of this one and that. Arise in the name of God amidst all beings, and take the chalices of recognition from the hands of the Countenance of the All-Merciful and drink therefrom in His remembrance.

Justice hath ever been and shall ever be beloved in every station. We pass over all that hath appeared in this Revelation; read but a single Tablet from among the wondrous Tablets, and likewise the writings of others, and judge for yourselves. Should anyone arise with fairness, he will undoubtedly, after hearing the divine verses, instantly turn toward the realm of oneness. Blessed are the just! Blessed are they who remember!

This Prisoner hath mentioned this Tablet for the sake of God, and you too should read it for the sake of God, that perchance ye may attain unto the Living Waters which flow at the heart of contingent being. Unto God belongeth all authority, both in the past and in the future. We are all, verily, His believers.

BH02948: In the name of the all-knowing Lord! O friends!…

In the name of the all-knowing Lord! O friends! In these days when the Sun of Manifestation is risen, the eternal Countenance is evident, the Most Great Sea of God is surging, and the rains of mercy are continuously flowing and spreading, strive that perchance ye may not remain deprived of the Goal and may become illumined with the lights of His face. That which is visible will soon vanish. Hold fast unto that which neither perisheth nor experienceth decline, and that is the recognition of the unity of His sanctified Being. Whoso attaineth unto this station is reckoned among the people of God.

O friends! Beseech ye from the all-encompassing power of God, glorified be His majesty, for strength, and arise to serve His Cause with the utmost steadfastness, and recite the Tablets revealed from the direction of His oneness by night and by day. I swear by the Most Great Name that the fragrances of the verses have ever been and shall remain the quickeners of bodies, frames and spirits. Be ye intimate with His words and hold fast unto them. This is the greatest counsel that hath flowed from the Pen of the Lord of destiny.

The divine gaze is directed toward all and beholdeth all; no matter hath been or shall be hidden from Him. Let your resolve be lofty, and soar ye in this pure atmosphere on the wings of detachment. Be ye united and in accord in the Cause of God. The strong must assist the weak with the utmost kindliness and forbearance, that all may act according to the goodly deeds which have been revealed in the divine Tablets, and may become purified and sanctified from selfish desires and vain imaginings.

Previously, holy and exalted Tablets in Persian and Arabic were sent to that region, that all might become assured through the grace of God and act according to that which they have been commanded. Observe how great is His favor, that from the Most Great Prison, despite countless afflictions, He summoneth you unto the infinite bounties of your Lord. He hath had and hath no purpose save the elevation of souls to the eternal and everlasting stations. Therefore unto the Lord belongeth praise, O people of Baha, and the praise of all who are in the heavens and on earth. From this exalted station and from this sublime horizon do We send Our greetings to Our loved ones and Our handmaidens.

BH02976: A mention from Us of him who turned…

In His name that speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

A mention from Us of him who turned to God and attained the lights of the Countenance when He appeared in truth with mighty sovereignty. He left his home, directing himself to the Intended One, and traversed land and sea until he reached the Sacred Precincts—the station wherein was raised the Call of God, the True King, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He attained the presence of the Throne and heard the Call from the Dawning-Place of grandeur and glory, and was honored to attain the presence of God, the Lord of the worlds. He remained beneath the shade of his Lord until the appointed time was fulfilled. We commanded him to return to the lands and regions of God, that he might remind the people of this Most Great Announcement.

Beware lest the world and its conditions sadden thee. Leave it behind, turning to that which thou hast been commanded by One All-Knowing, All-Informed. Remind the people in the days of thy Lord and give

them glad tidings of what thou hast heard and seen in this noble station. Say: O people! He remembers you at all times and calls you to your Lord, the All-Merciful, in such wise that His Most Exalted Pen has not paused nor has His sweetest Call been interrupted. Turn with your hearts and be not of the heedless. This is a Day wherein the Dawning-Place of divine knowledge has been illumined through this Name, whereby all who are in the heavens and earth were thunderstruck, save whom thy Lord willed, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Be gentler than the spring breezes, that through thee the trees of being may be stirred and yield the fruits of remembrance and utterance. This befits one who has laid hold of this luminous hem. Convey My Great Glory to My loved ones and be as wings for them, that they may soar in the atmosphere of My knowledge and speak forth My wondrous remembrance. Say: O My loved ones! Be steadfast in the Cause through My Name and My sovereignty, in such wise that the clamor of the heedless shall not keep you from My straight path. Trust in God in all matters. Verily He protects whom He wishes and aids whoever speaks His beauteous remembrance. Then give to drink, to whoever draws near to thee, the choice wine of thy Lord's favors, that he may turn wholly to this luminous horizon.

Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those who have turned to God and attained the mercy that has preceded the world and the grace that has encompassed all, whether small or great.

BH02943: O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who…

In His Name that overshadoweth all names

O Most Exalted Pen! Make mention of him who hath turned unto God and heard His call and attained unto His days and responded to his Lord, when the servants turned away from Him, that the attraction of the wine of verses may so seize him that he will arise to promote the Cause and aid his Lord, the All-Merciful, amidst all creation. We aid those who have been moved by the breezes of remembrance and have turned unto God, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Thy letter hath attained unto the Most Great Scene and the glance of the Wronged One hath been directed towards it while imprisoned among those who were heedless of the Cause and arose in opposition. We have read it and heard that which thou didst call out to God, thy Lord. By My life! We found from it the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, and We have sent down for thee this Tablet whereby the hearts of the righteous are attracted. Everything shall perish save what hath been sent down from the Pen of Command in this Book.

Hadst thou been present at the time of its revelation, the attraction of revelation would have seized thee in such wise that thou wouldst have found thyself soaring to a station at which eyes are dazzled. Let not the opposition of the deniers sadden thee. Arise to promote the Cause by My leave, then remind the servants of what We have sent down in the Books and Tablets. Give the people to drink from the cup of the bounty of thy Lord that they may turn unto the Straight Path.

Say: O people! The promise hath come to pass and the Promised One hath appeared with a light whereby the world hath been illumined, and before Him marcheth the Kingdom of proof and testimony. Beware lest vain imaginings withhold you from this most great bounty. Cast them behind your backs, turning unto

the Dawning-Place of lights. This is a Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur proclaimeth: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Chosen,” and the Dove calleth out upon the Ultimate Tree: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the One, the Mighty, the Forgiving.” Say: Were ye to turn with attentive ears, ye would hear from all things that which would attract you to the Self-Subsisting.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am he whom the breezes of Thy favors moved in Thy days until I heard Thy most sweet call and turned unto Thy most exalted horizon. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the world was illumined and the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne, to make me a servant of Thy Cause and one who speaketh Thy praise, and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have fulfilled Thy Covenant. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02975: In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names. This is a remembrance from Us to him who hath turned towards God when the ocean of bounty surged and the breezes of reunion blew, that he may find peace through his Lord’s grace and make mention of Him among Our servants who have drawn nigh.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of God, the Single, the All-Sustaining, that it may draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold none in all creation save God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: He was One in His Essence and One in His dominion. He hath taken unto Himself neither partner nor minister. He, verily, is the Single, the One, the All-Informed. All else besides Him was created by His command and lies within the grasp of His might, and He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth and the Speaker in the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

He hath created all contingent things for this Day wherein the Revealer of verses hath come with clear proofs that have encompassed the heavens and the earth, yet the people remain behind an evident veil. Arise thou firm in the Cause, then rend asunder the veils through the name of thy Lord, the Lord of the Return, that the servants may turn unto God, the Mighty, the Wise.

We address from this station God’s loved ones in that place and give them the glad-tidings of this boundless grace, and We send Our greetings to each one of them as a token from Us, for We are the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Say: Blessed are ye for having hearkened unto the call and turned towards God, the Creator of heaven, when the Lord of Names came with manifest sovereignty. Rejoice ye that the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory hath made mention of you and your names have appeared from this mighty, this firm Pen. Ye are mentioned before the Throne, and this sufficeth you, did ye but understand.

Unite ye in God’s Cause, then make mention of Him with such remembrance as may awaken the hearts of them that slumber. It behooveth you today to remain steadfast in God’s Cause, lest the intimations of the pretenders veil you or the cawing of the crows cause you to slip. This is My counsel unto you—hold fast unto it in the name of your Lord, the Strong, the Powerful.

O Muhammad! Remind them of what We have sent down in this Tablet, that they may inhale the fragrance of revelation and rejoice in what hath been sent down unto them from the presence of One mighty and praiseworthy. Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Qiblih of the world and been mentioned before God when He was seated upon His mighty throne. Glory be upon thee and upon them and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of all worlds.

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BH02941: He who dawns from the horizon of certitude. O…

He who dawns from the horizon of certitude. O servant! Hearken to the call of God, the Lord of eternity, from the direction of His Most Great Prison. By My life! Were those in the world to hearken to this call, they would detach themselves from all else and hasten to the Dawning-Place of inspiration.

We desired to give thee to drink, from the chalice of utterance, that which will draw thee to God, thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, that thou mayest appear in the kingdom with the fire of the Supreme Word in such wise that neither the allusions of the veiled ones nor the conditions of those in creation shall quench or extinguish thee.

Turn not unto those who have clung to vain imaginings and opposed Him Who hath appeared with the truth. They are deaf and blind, neither seeing the lights of the Countenance nor hearing that which the Tongue of Revelation uttereth from the most exalted station. Remember when the horizon of knowledge was illumined by the Day-Star of Batha, the divines and the learned ones opposed Him, uttering what We hear today from those who have hesitated in the Cause of thy Lord, the Lord of all men.

Say: O people! This is not the day of questioning. The Self-Sufficient, the Most High, hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all in the heavens and on earth. Turn unto Him with radiant hearts that ye may find from Him what the Beloved found in His ascension. This is the day whereon it behooveth every soul, upon hearing the call from the Ultimate Tree which hath grown in the white earth, to say: “Here am I, here am I, O Lord of all beings!” This is not the drinking-place of every bewildered one. This is the spring from which all springs have branched forth, and the ocean from which all seas have appeared.

Say: O people! Abandon your conjectures. By God! He Who was hidden in the Tablets, My concealed Name, hath come. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of this most pure wine whose seal hath been broken by the finger of might and power.

Praise thy Lord for that thy letter hath attained the presence of the Throne and this Tablet hath been revealed unto thee, from which the fragrance of the All-Merciful passeth over all creation. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, detached from all else. This is what the Cleaver of the dawn counseleth thee. Read thou this Tablet at all times. It will draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt hear from all things: “Verily, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.”

Thus have We adorned the heaven of certitude with the Day-Star of utterance and sent it unto thee as a grace from Us. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH03083: Say: How sweet is the Kawthar of steadfastness if…

In the Name of the Beloved of the World!

Say: How sweet is the Kawthar of steadfastness if you drink it from the hand of the Friend, and how excellent is its fragrance if you attain unto it!

Say: O friends! The Lord of all creation proclaims: The crown of all deeds is steadfastness—hold fast unto it! It is the most exalted of all stations—fix your gaze upon it! It is the most great gift that preserves its possessor from the allusions of the ungodly, the whisperings of Satan, and the cawing of the ravens. It is an armor woven by the hands of the True Creator—whosoever adorns himself therewith shall be protected from the darts of Satan. God willing, may the people of truth drink from this cup through the outpourings of the All-Bountiful and attain this most great bounty.

Strange it is that souls witness the dawning of the lights of the Sun of grandeur and power at its zenith, yet still veil themselves through the imaginings of their own illusory selves. Convey this spiritual remembrance—which is in truth the everlasting Kawthar flowing from the Dawning-Place of divine favors—to the friends of Truth, that all may discover its fragrance and become detached and free from all else. The gaze of His loving-kindness has ever been directed towards His friends, and He has desired for all whatsoever leads to the praiseworthy station. Blessed is he who hearkens unto that which the Desired One hath uttered in this perspicuous Tablet.

Hearken to the call of the Wronged One, raised from the direction of the Most Great Prison, and arise to serve the Cause with such arising that no sitting down shall seize it, and with such ardor that no cooling shall ever quench its flame. God willing, mayest thou soar on the wings of remembrance and utterance in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful, and through wondrous and sublime remembrances which have shone forth from the horizon of the Mouth of the Will of the All-Merciful, guide all to the straight path.

We beseech God to assist thee in His service, His remembrance and His praise, to draw thee nigh unto the Sea whereof whosoever drinketh shall become detached from all else save Him, and to ordain for thee good in the hereafter and in this world. Verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH03136: Thy letter attained the Most Great Horizon. Praise be…

In the name of the Desire of the world

Thy letter attained the Most Great Horizon. Praise be to God, the fragrance of divine love wafted from it. Verily, the grace of thy Lord is great, great indeed, and what thou desired of forgiveness—verily He is the All-Forgiving, the Oft-Returning, the Kind, the Generous. His ocean of mercy hath no end and the heaven of His grace hath had and will have no limit.

At all times one must take refuge in the Truth from evil, deceitful souls, for they have striven mightily to lead pure souls astray. Hold fast to the firm, strong handle in such wise that none can cause thee to deviate from it. The Truth is manifest and His Cause hath dawned from the horizon of might, and unto

Him have ended the heavenly Books and revealed Scriptures and precious Tablets. Whosoever claimeth for himself a station, he is a liar and calumniator in the Book of God, and will continue to be.

Through divine grace thou must be so firm and steadfast in the Cause that if thine eye were to oppose thee, thou wouldst pass it by—how much more rejected, deluded souls. Any soul who today maketh a claim or pretendeth to inner knowledge, he is Satan to the true party. Thus do some souls outwardly utter one word while inwardly speaking another word contrary to the outward—such a soul hath been and will be a hypocrite and liar. The people of truth are those who regard as false whatever they see contrary to the outward Cause of God. The inner, and inner of the inner of the inner, circleth round this outward. Blessed is the soul that hath found the fragrance of the divine utterance and is among the steadfast ones.

Hearken to the divine counsel which hath been sent down from the heaven of the merciful Will out of love for His creation in this blessed leaf, and praise the Beloved of the world Who hath adorned thee with the robe of forgiveness and pardoned what occurred and recorded thy name in the divine Tablets. Strive henceforth to be engaged in mentioning the Cause and serving it. Verily, He is the protector of whoever befriendeth Him. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH03175: In My Name that is manifest above the horizon…

In My Name that is manifest above the horizon of the invisible

God calls His loved ones thereunto and reminds them of the verses of God, the Strong, the Mighty, the Powerful, that they may be assured of God's grace and mercy and follow what hath been sent down from the presence of One knowing and wise.

O My loved ones! Hold fast unto My commandments. By My life, they are the impregnable fortress for all nations and through them God protecteth you from the insinuations of those who have denied the Day of Judgment. We have ordained the laws and made them the Kawthar of life for whoso hath turned unto the All-Merciful. Drink ye therefrom in My Name, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

Be ye as firm mountains in your Lord's Cause and hold fast unto this strong cord. Verily it is more enduring than the heaven and whatsoever hath been created therein. Blessed is he who holdeth fast thereunto, and woe unto them that turn away.

We counsel you to be trustworthy and truthful that God's trustworthiness may be manifest in all else and that those in the heavens and earth may glorify Him. Be ye emblems of fidelity, the essence of creation, and dawning-places of virtuous character for all the world. Act ye according to what We have sent down in Our Most Holy Book. Verily it is more resplendent than the light of the sun, were ye of them that know.

Beware lest anything prevent you from that which your Lord, the Mighty, the Great, hath desired. We have desired good for you in all worlds of Our worlds. Soon this world shall pass away and ye shall find yourselves in an exalted station. The Kingdom hath been created for your sakes and the Realm of Might calleth you unto this lofty seat. Give thanks unto God for having preferred you above most of creation and made you recognize the Dayspring of His Cause when every idolatrous transgressor turned away.

They who have borne hardships in this path are among the choicest of creation—to this doth My truthful, faithful tongue bear witness. They who are heedless this day shall return unto God and lament for their deeds in this radiant, resplendent Day.

Be ye so firm in the Cause that neither the malice of the malevolent nor the fabrications of the deniers shall frighten or deter you. He is with you under all conditions—He heareth and seeth. Verily He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Thus hath the sun of utterance shone forth from the horizon of wisdom as a grace from Us, and I am verily the Ancient Bestower. Glory be upon you and upon those who have followed God's command when it was sent down from His mighty, wondrous kingdom.

BH03241: In My Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

In My Name, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

O Ali! Hearken unto what the Spirit imparteth unto thee of the verses of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Tree hath spoken in My breast and the Treasure hath called out in My heart, saying: "There is none other God besides Me, the Mighty, the Great."

Thy letter hath been honored in the presence of God, the Lord of the worlds, and We have answered thee with truth through this clear Tablet. We had previously sent down a Tablet for thee and dispatched it by the hand of those who had migrated. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the verses of God and His wise remembrance, and there hath been sent down for thee that which cheereth the eyes of them that possess true knowledge.

God willing, through the bounty of the All-Merciful thou shalt at all times drink of the living waters and be the cupbearer of the wine of oneness among all people, that all may attain unto the divine outpourings and the rain of merciful bounty in this Day which is the sovereign of all days. Praise be to God that thou hast been and, God willing, shall continue to be engaged in serving the Cause, and this verily sufficeth thee in truth. He, verily, is the Ruler, the All-Knowing. At all times offer the cup of the knowledge of the Lord of the worlds unto the lifeless bones of the servants. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

As to what thou hast mentioned regarding thy wife and children, verily they have a station with thy Lord. Give them glad tidings from thy Lord, the Bearer of Glad-Tidings, the All-Wise. We ordain for them what We have desired in the Tablet, as a bounty from Our presence, and I am verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

In these days the Most Exalted Pen is occupied at all times, morning and evening, night and day, despite what hath befallen it of tribulations and trials. From the holy heaven the Most Holy Book is being sent down—verily it is God's balance for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Read it and ponder what hath been revealed therein. Verily it is a clear Book from God, the Lord of the worlds.

We beseech God to provide thee with what hath been treasured therein of the pearls of wisdom and knowledge. He, verily, is the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the Mighty, the All-Praised. And We beseech

Him to draw thy kindred nigh unto this mighty ocean. The Glory be upon thee and upon God's sincere servants.

BH03201: O Ali! God willing, through divine grace…

In the Name of the Peerless Lord

O Ali! God willing, through divine grace and the outpourings of the All-Merciful, mayest thou be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Lord of all possibilities. Hearken unto the voice of the Prisoner and arise to serve His mighty Cause. Speak forth that which hath streamed from the Most Exalted Pen in wondrous and sublime Tablets. Be thou enkindled with the fire of the love of God, that all differences may be removed and pure hearts may unite in proclaiming the Cause of the Lord of all created things, drinking the sealed wine in celebration of the Name of the Self-Subsisting.

The essence of the Cause hath been and shall ever be the good-pleasure of God. Should someone manifest all virtuous and praiseworthy deeds, yet God be not pleased with him, it hath yielded and shall yield no fruit whatsoever. And the good-pleasure of God is manifested through the Manifestation of His Cause, for He in His Essence hath never been and shall never be seen. The Dawning-Place, the Manifestation and the Day-Spring of that invisible Sun hath been and shall ever be the Temple of Unity, and His Will and Purpose appear and shine forth from Him. Therefore must all today fix their gaze upon the Dawning-Place of the Cause alone and strive to lead people to the enduring Law.

O Ali! From the beginning of the Cause thy services have been mentioned and known before the Divine Throne, and the breezes of the All-Merciful, in the form of Tablets, have descended upon thee each year. However, this spiritual outpouring was suspended for a time due to certain unpleasing events. Thou must arise to serve the Cause in such wise as shall be acceptable in the presence of God. O Ali! Hold fast to My good-pleasure, heedless of aught else. By God! This is My beloved command, and this is what shall profit thee in this world and the next, if thou be of them that hearken and act.

Had the loved ones until now acted according to what streamed forth from the Most Exalted Pen, assuredly most of the servants would now be turning toward the Lord of creation. God hath forgiven what is past. Be thou steadfast in the love of Him Who remembereth thee and desireth for thee that which shall profit thee. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH03342: A remembrance from Us unto one who hath soared…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us unto one who hath soared in the atmosphere of divine knowledge and drunk the choice wine of everlasting life in the days of his Lord, the All-Merciful, that the rapture of remembrance may draw him to a station wherein he shall arise amidst the servants with this Self-Subsisting One, through Whom the horizons have been illumined. Blessed art thou for having been stirred by the breeze of God and turned thy face toward His countenance, after those who went astray turned away therefrom.

We heard thy call aforetime and thy letter afterwards when it attained the presence of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and found it adorned with the mention of the Lord of Names and sanctified from all else—this beseemeth one who hath turned toward God, the Mighty, the Bestower. And We perceived from it the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, and have sent down unto thee this Tablet whereby souls take wing, and have ordained for thee therein that which shall profit thee in this world and the next and shall establish thy remembrance among Our chosen servants.

We counsel thee to remain steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord, the Creator of the heavens, in such wise that the intimations of every lying pretender shall not influence thee. This is indeed the most meritorious of all deeds in the sight of thy Lord. Hold thou fast unto it, detached from all else. Give thanks unto God for having drunk the choice wine in His days and for having attained unto the presence of the Lord of Days when God came with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the earth and the heavens. He singleth out whom He pleaseth through His grace and draweth nigh unto whom He willeth unto the Most Sublime Horizon. He is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

This is a Tablet which, shouldst thou recite it with the melody of the heart, thou wouldst soar on the wings of longing and summon the people with a call whereby all atoms shall be attracted. Say: O people! By God, the Ancient of Days hath come with His Most Great Name, and all things cry out "The Kingdom is God's, the Revealer of verses!" Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a token of His grace unto thee, that thou mayest arise to serve Him and make mention of Him at eventide and at dawn. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon whomsoever hath attained unto this Cause whereby bodies have trembled and lands have quaked.

BH03372: In the name of the one incomparable Friend!...

In the name of the one incomparable Friend! The fragrances of the verses have diffused and the sovereignty of the clear proofs has encompassed all who dwell on earth. Verily, he who attains today is accounted among the most exalted of creation, and he who is deprived is among the perishing ones. God willing, may all the loved ones of God attain to the fragrances of His days, be mindful of His remembrance, and remain firm and steadfast in His Cause.

Whosoever today has quaffed the choice wine of remembrance and utterance from the cup of the bounty of the All-Merciful is accounted before God; however, this station is not complete except through steadfastness in His Cause, such that the remembrances of all who dwell on earth would not prevent him from the Dawning-Place of revelation and the Dayspring of inspiration.

O friends! Fix your gaze upon God at all times and act according to that which He commands. Consider the imaginings of the people as non-existent and know the clamor of the servants to be null.

Praise be to God! The sun of utterance has risen from the horizon of will and the ocean of knowledge is surging. Strive that ye may drink of the everlasting Kawthar and attain unto the enduring choice wine.

The fragrances of forgiveness have wafted from the direction of the mercy of the All-Merciful upon all, and all are today, through the transcendent, sublime bounty of that Sovereign of existence, sanctified and

purified from all sins, for the forgiving, the kind One's pardon has encompassed all. However, ye must henceforth be so enkindled with the fire of the love of God that no one would be able to extinguish it.

Place thy trust in God in all matters. Verily, He loveth them that put their trust in Him. Then strive that there may appear from thee that whereby thy remembrance shall endure in My noble tablet. We beseech God to assist thee and His loved ones to act in accordance with what He loveth and is pleased with, to aid you to remain firm in the Most Great Steadfastness, and to draw you nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon. He is, verily, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Be not grieved at the world and whatsoever is therein. By God! He hath ordained for you that which nothing that hath been created in the heavens and earth can equal. Preserve ye this station lest obliteration overtake it. He is, verily, the Confirmer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH03440: The Tongue of God speaks and bears witness…

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

The Tongue of God speaks and bears witness to the Beauty of the Promised One Who has appeared with manifest sovereignty, and says: O people of the Bayan! Be fair in the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful. If you deny Him Who speaks the truth, to whom will you turn?

By My life! The Bayan was revealed for His wondrous remembrance and every lofty thing was realized through His exalted station. Were it not for Him, the Primal Point would not have spoken, the Dove would not have warbled, the Sperm-drop of Names would not have attained maturity, the gate of heaven would not have opened, the Book of Creation would not have been adorned, the Tablet of Eternity would not have been embellished, the Most Exalted Pen would not have moved, the hearts of the chosen ones would not have soared, the horizon of faithfulness would not have been illumined, the ocean of reunion would not have surged, the carpet of separation would not have been rolled up, and the star of meeting would not have shone forth.

Reflect, O people, and follow not him whom you know not. Fear God, then follow your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: This is He Whom the might of the Manifestations of power did not deter and Who was not veiled by the veils of those who arose in hypocrisy. He has appeared at the axis of all horizons and has called all to unity on the day of separation. By My life! He is I and I am He, and He is indeed the Essence of Power amidst creation and the Source of Authority for all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Blessed is the soul that has attained to fairness and turned to the Most Great Scene and beheld the Lord of Destiny with the purest vision. He is among those who have been accounted fair in the Book of the All-Merciful. Upon him be the mercy of God and His blessings and the grace of God and His favors. And whosoever is prevented from what We have sent down in truth is among the most lost in God's Tablet, the King, the Truth, the Just, the Trustworthy.

Blessed art thou, O thou who gazest upon God, for having won to the days of thy Lord and recognized the Dawning-Place of verses and turned to Him when every wicked deceiver turned away. Know thou the

worth of this bounty, then praise thy Lord in all conditions and say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of all seekers!

BH03540: The Tongue of Grandeur sends greetings to you…

In the Name of the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing!

The Tongue of Grandeur sends greetings to you from the prison and says:

> "Blessed art thou for what thou hast attained, and happy art thou for what thou hast drunk, and joy be unto thee for what thou hast turned towards. Rejoice thou in that which the All-Merciful hath testified, for nothing in the heavens or earth can equal it."

You must arise today to aid the Cause and forbid people from matters that are displeasing and deeds that are unseemly, that all may drink from the cup of sanctification and holiness. If they fix their gaze upon that which hath been and continues to be revealed from the Source of the Cause, this alone shall be and hath been the cause of the guidance of the people. Ask thou God that He may enable all to do what He loves and is pleased with.

Whosoever desires to teach the Cause of God must conduct himself with the utmost kindliness and forbearance, for the people are weak, and thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bountiful, the Merciful.

Thy letter was delivered by Ismi Mihdi to the Most Great Scene. We read it and heard what thou didst call unto God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. We beseech God to assist thee night and day to spread His Cause and to teach what hath been revealed from Him with the wisdom We have sent down in most of the Tablets. Previously the Manifest Tablet was sent specifically for thee by the hand of a trusted one. Ponder thou on what hath been revealed in truth, then read it with the melody of the heart—verily it attracts the servants to the straight path.

Exert the utmost effort and striving in sanctifying and purifying the servants, that strangers may inhale the fragrances of the All-Merciful from the chosen ones and turn toward the intended goal. We shall aid thee in manifesting the Cause of thy Lord. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who hearken to thy words concerning the Cause of thy Lord, and upon thy household who have attained this manifest grace. Convey My greetings to My loved ones, then mention them with this wise remembrance.

BH03450: In the Name of the One Who is Everlasting…

In the Name of the One Who is Everlasting, without decline! Hearken unto that which the Tongue of Holiness doth speak in the Most Exalted Paradise, that thou mayest discover the fragrance of the All-Merciful from the utterance of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Most High, the Great.

Whoso entereth this day beneath the shadow of God, the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of names shall circle round him. Blessed is he who hath attained unto this hallowed, mighty and impregnable station.

Soar upon the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of the love of thy Lord, the Creator of all things. Then make mention of Him with such remembrance as shall enthrall the hearts of all mankind. By My life! Whoso drinketh of this choice wine shall indeed gain ascendancy over all who dwell in the realm of being through this Name which God hath made sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

Say: O people! Purify your vision and turn towards the Dayspring of lights. The Day hath come whereof God's messengers and prophets gave you tidings. Read ye what hath been sent down in the Tablets from God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. That which was recorded in the Book hath appeared, for the All-Bestowing hath come with manifest sovereignty and hath uttered the Most Great Word, whereby souls were quickened, bodies were gathered together, and every mouldering bone was stirred.

Say: O people! Fear God and refute not the truth by what ye possess. Cast away idle fancies, then hearken unto that which the Dayspring of Revelation doth speak. This is what God hath chosen for you, if ye be of them that know. This is a Day wherein the Hidden hath been made manifest and the veils of them that disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, have been rent asunder. Beware lest ye be veiled by what ye possess from this Great Ocean.

Arise thou with supreme steadfastness in thy Lord's Cause, the Lord of all creation. Thus hath the matter been decreed in this Luminous Tablet. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle—verily it speaketh the truth and summoneth all unto this wondrous horizon. Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy. Verily He beholdeth whosoever turneth unto Him and heareth the sighing of them that yearn for Him. Verily the glory rest upon thee and upon them that have stood firm in the Cause and were of the steadfast ones.

BH11753: In My Name, the Subduer of all Names!

In My Name, the Subduer of all Names!

O My Leaves! Hearken unto My call from the direction of Akka. Verily, there is none other God but I, the Creator of heaven and the Lord of Names. We have created the world for My manifestation and the recognition of My Self, yet the people have turned away from Me save those whom We have delivered through a mercy from Our presence—and I am, verily, the Forgiving, the Generous.

This is a city that was once the most desolate of lands. God hath adorned it with this Name through which the Ancient Beauty was established upon the Most Great Throne and the mention of God was exalted between the heavens and the earth. Verily, He abases whomsoever He willeth through His command, and elevates whomsoever He desireth through His sovereignty that prevails over the worlds.

God hath made this city the mother of cities in these regions by virtue of the dawning of the Sun of Manifestation from its horizon with this perspicuous Name. Blessed art thou and blessed is she who hath ascended unto God. Verily, she is in the highest horizon. Thy Lord is, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in God. Soon shall pass away all that thou seest, and there shall endure that which hath been ordained for you in My glorious and exalted Kingdom.

From this most exalted station, We make mention of him who is named Hasan and give him glad tidings through this wise remembrance. Blessed is he inasmuch as he hath drunk the choice wine of revelation

and hath attained unto the days of God and the lights of His luminous and radiant countenance. And We make mention of him who is named Husayn, who believed in God when the servants who followed their desires turned away from Him and were among the distracted ones. We have, in truth, made mention of him that he may rejoice in My remembrance of him and be among the thankful ones.

Ye are among the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, and God maketh mention of you through His grace. He is, verily, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing. Beware lest the clamor of those who have disbelieved should veil you, or the conditions of the heedless should cause you grief. Hold fast unto the sure handle, then do that which ye have been commanded in the Tablets of your Lord. He hath detailed in the Book that which shall profit you. He is, verily, the Almighty, the Exalted, the All-Praised.

The Glory be upon you and upon those who have loved you for the sake of God, the Almighty, the Exalted, the Peerless.

BH03625: In the Name of the One Friend—O…

In the Name of the One Friend—O Sadiq! May you, God willing, attain to the Dawning-Place of truthfulness and be enabled to make mention of Him.

The acceptance or rejection of all things hath ever been within the grasp of God's power. Whatsoever He hath accepted hath been and shall ever be accepted by all, and whatsoever He hath rejected hath been and shall remain rejected. Today the truthful one is he who recognizeth the Dawning-Place of truth and cleaveth fast unto Him.

Should someone perform all good and praiseworthy deeds, yet remain heedless of the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Day-Spring of inspiration, he would be accounted among the heedless before the Divine Throne. Likewise, should someone discourse upon all the divine Books and remind people of all the counsels sent down, yet fail to acknowledge the truth, he was not and is not truthful.

God willing, mayest thou remain steadfast and firm in the Cause of the Lord of all beings with complete truthfulness. Strive thou to ignite those who are as extinguished lamps with the fire of divine ardor, and to give drink to those who thirst from this most pure wine which floweth from the direction of the Most Great Scene of Vision.

Should anyone possessed of insight be found today who would read but one Tablet from among the divine Tablets and discover its warmth, he would arise with his whole being to serve the All-Merciful, closing his eyes to the world and all who dwell therein and opening them unto Him alone.

O Sadiq! The Most Great Ocean is surging, the heaven of bounty is upraised, and the Sun of loving-kindness is shining. Say: O servants! While time remaineth, deprive not yourselves of the Most Glorious Wine, nor remain heedless, through vain imaginings, of the Dawning-Place of certitude. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless.

God willing, mayest thou be so enkindled by the fire of the utterance of the All-Merciful that its warmth shall influence those who are with thee, that all may attain to the most great bounty and turn their faces toward the Countenance of the Ancient of Days.

BH03889: In the name of the peerless Lord! The Pen…

In the name of the peerless Lord! The Pen of the All-Merciful reminds those who seek the Yemen of divine knowledge through Its wondrous remembrances, that perchance all may pass beyond their own desires and fix their gaze upon His Cause and move according to His will. This is the supreme bounty for all, should they discover and attain unto it. There is no doubt that whatsoever God commands is the Water of Life and the quickener of bodies, for He hath ever gazed with loving kindness upon His loved ones and commanded all that which leadeth to salvation, rest and attainment unto truth.

Today it behooveth all to adorn themselves with the raiment of holiness and detachment, for souls that are turned to carnal desires are neither worthy of the Most Holy Court nor befitting the Most Great Scene. God hath ever been established upon the throne of oneness and hath had no peer or likeness. God willing, may all attain through His grace unto this station and become detached and freed from aught else but Him.

[Today] it is incumbent upon you to arise to serve the Cause and manifest complete steadfastness, in such wise that the words of the deluded may not hold you back from the Lord of all worlds. Know all but Him to be transient and remain firm in His love.

How excellent is the state of those souls who have today quaffed the choice wine of divine knowledge from the hand of the bounty of the Lord [of Mercy]. These are the most excellent of people, the most distinguished among them, and the nearest unto God. Praise ye the Beloved of the world that ye have attained unto His love and are voicing His remembrance. Beseech Him to make you so steadfast that none shall have the power to prevent you. Glory be upon you, O My loved ones.

BH03794: In His name, Who remains after the passing…

In His name, Who remains after the passing of all things! O Most Exalted Pen! Sing forth in the white thicket in the kingdom of creation, then make mention of him whom the breezes of the days of reunion seized until he turned to God, the Lord of Names, that the fragrances of revelation may attract him once again and bring him to a station wherein he hears the call of the stones in remembrance of his Lord, the Chosen One. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

By God! Whoso hears the Call with true hearing, the veils of the world shall not prevent him, nor shall the mists of the nations withhold him. He shall arise to promote the Cause with wisdom and utterance, to aid his Lord, the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed art thou for having attained to the pure chalice of recognition in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and for having taken it with the hand of certitude. Drink thou again and again, by this Name that overshadoweth the worlds.

Thy letter hath come before the Countenance and hath won the lights of the Throne. We found it adorned with the mention of God and sanctified from the mention of all who are on earth. This beseemeth all who have turned to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. When thy letter was read, the

breezes of forgiveness wafted from the right hand of the All-Merciful. Be thou assured through thy Master's grace and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the mystics!

We heard thy call before, and saw thy burning with the fire of God in His days, and We have sent down for thee this Tablet from which the sincere shall inhale the fragrance of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Generous. Soar thou at all times on the wings of mystic knowledge in the atmosphere of thy Lord's love, detached from the contingent world and the idle fancies therein which have prevented people from this straight path.

Thank God for having strengthened thee and drawn thee nigh and sent down for thee this wondrous Tablet. Read it in thy days. Verily it shall strengthen thee to make mention and praise amidst the concourse of creation and shall draw thee to an exalted station.

BH03793: In His Name, He Who is established upon…

In His Name, He Who is established upon the Throne! O servant who gazeth upon the Countenance! Hearken unto the Call from the Dawning-Place of grandeur and glory—verily there is no God but Me, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. Power hath been manifested, for the Chosen One hath come with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all created things, yet most people understand not.

When the Hour appeared, all creatures were shaken—among them are those who see but recognize not, those who hear but believe not, and those who have attained the lights of Beauty and found the fragrance of reunion—these indeed are among the God-fearing ones amidst humanity, to which the Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Beloved, doth testify.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto God and for not being hindered by the vain imaginings of those who disputed the signs and proof of God, until they imprisoned the Dawning-Place of verses in this forbidden fortress. Soon shall they find their deeds when the hand of thy Lord's power shall seize them—this is a promise that shall not prove false.

Thy mention hath been made before the One Who is Mentioned, and this Tablet hath been sent down unto thee, wherewith nothing that was or will be can compare. When the Supreme Pen moved to thy remembrance, the ocean of thy Lord's forgiveness surged as a favor from Him unto thee. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and unseen! Thou hast purified me from all sins and ordained for me and my descendants what Thou hast willed in a preserved Tablet. Grieve not at anything, but trust in Him in all conditions.

Say: O people! By God, the Most Great Luminary hath appeared and through Him the heavens and earth have been illumined. Beware lest veils prevent you from your ultimate goal and the words of those who have followed every heedless rejected one disturb you.

Thus have We illumined thy heart with the lights of remembrance and utterance, and offered unto thy heart from Our sealed wine. Drink thou in My Name and through My sovereignty, and glorify before the faces of My loved ones who are with thee—these indeed are they who have attained.

BH03837: A remembrance from Us to him who hath won…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

A remembrance from Us to him who hath won the lights of faith when the All-Merciful came with His kingdom, the inaccessible, the mighty, and who was not prevented by the veils of the people when the Self-Subsisting appeared with His sovereignty, the All-Encompassing over the worlds.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of God, the Single, the One. He calleth thee in truth as a grace from Him—verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Thou didst attain unto the presence when the Lord of Eternity entered into the Most Great Prison, and this yet another time. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Thou didst enter the garden of Paradise and didst hear the call of God when thou didst present thyself before the Throne with evident humility. This is a bounty that nothing on earth can equal, and none can comprehend save those endowed with insight from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Thou didst dwell beneath the shade of thy Lord's mercy until the appointed time was fulfilled.

Then did We grant thee leave to return, that thou mayest remind the people of this Announcement, whereby the Concourse on High rejoiced and the hearts of them that know took flight. Return thou by God's leave and permission, then remind the people with the wisdom We have commanded thee. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

Let nothing grieve thee in the Cause of thy Lord. He will assist whomsoever aideth His firm and mighty Remembrance. We have mentioned thee before—verily He remembereth him that remembereth Him, and loveth him that turneth toward Him with a luminous countenance. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and firm in the Faith, such that the imaginings of the idolaters disturb thee not.

Convey My greetings unto the servants of God, then gladden them with the mention of My Most Sweet Name, that the Call may attract them and draw them nigh unto a station ordained in Our Preserved Tablet. Say: Adorn yourselves with My virtues and hold fast to My laws and ordinances. These have been sent down from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. The glory from God, the Single, the All-Informed, be upon thee and upon them.

BH03804: O mother! Grieve not over the loss of thy…

In the Name of the Loving Friend!

O mother! Grieve not over the loss of thy son; rather pride thyself therein. Indeed this is an occasion for gladness and rejoicing, not for despondency and sorrow.

I swear by the Day-Star of the morn of Truth that thy son hath attained a station such as no pen can depict, nor words adequately describe. His habitation is the realm on high, his associates and companions are sanctified and detached souls, and his sustenance the imperishable and hidden blessings of the Lord. In truth were that lofty and glorious station to be revealed to an extent smaller than a needle's eye before the eyes of them that dwell on earth, they would, one and all, be so filled with joy and ecstasy as

to be consumed thereby. Therefore think not that he hath perished. Indeed he will endure in the heavenly kingdom as long as God Himself endureth. And this calleth for gratitude, not grieving. When he findeth that thou art happy he becometh more cheerful, but when he perceiveth that thou art disconsolate, this provoketh anguish in his heart.

Busy thyself in the remembrance of God and unloose thy tongue in celebrating His praise with utmost joy and radiance. God, the Exalted, the True, is with thee. He is kinder than a father and more compassionate than a son.

Call thou to mind the episode of the land of Taf, when a mother sent forth her son who laid down his life in the path of the Beloved. This Day is the king of days. It behoveth thee to show forth such deeds as will distinguish thee from the women of a bygone age. Such beseemeth the servants and maid-servants of God. Be thou resigned to His good pleasure and seek communion with Him.

At this moment the entire company of the Concourse on high are engaged in extolling the virtues of thy son and in acclaiming his attributes. If thou couldst hear, thou wouldst, in thy longing, wing thy flight unto God, the Incomparable, the All-Informed. The day is not far distant when all the dwellers of the earth will magnify his praise and seek blessings from his dust. Verily incalculable is the bounty of thy Lord. Seize thy chance and be of them that endure with patience.

BH03798: God willing, may you at all times drink…

In the Name of the Ever-Seeing One!

God willing, may you at all times drink from the choice wine of the love of the All-Merciful and be sustained by the Kawthar of divine knowledge, and strive according to your capacity that perchance you may guide those who have lost their way in the wilderness of fancy and idle imaginings to the dawning-place of certitude, and lead those who thirst in the desert of bewilderment and remoteness to the sweet-flowing waters of nearness.

This is a Day wherein the Word sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful Will hath encompassed all things. Some, upon hearing the Word, have turned to the Most Great Horizon more swiftly than the twinkling of an eye, while others, through their vain desires and imaginary veils, have remained deprived of the court of oneness. Therefore must the sincere servants rend asunder these veils with the finger of certitude, that all may attain to the outpourings of the True Bestower.

Some servants who have been debarred from the Most Great Ocean and deprived of the effulgences of the Sun of Bounty and the heaven of generosity—this is because they have had and continue to have no knowledge of the Cause. The loved ones of God must in this spiritual dawn be occupied with guiding souls—that is, they must, through the Kawthar of wisdom and utterance, quicken the dead and revive the withered ones.

By the Sun of Truth! This eternal Kawthar bestoweth light upon the corrupted sense, granteth the spirit of bounty to the lifeless frame; through it, the hesitant one hasteneth forward and the sluggish one taketh

wing. We beseech God to aid, through His special grace, the servants of His Cause, that they may arise with complete dedication to serve Him and be occupied with His remembrance.

Previously, through the intermediary of Jinab-i-Amin, a clear Tablet was sent especially for you, and now also sacred and glorious Tablets have been revealed and sent for certain men and women. Deliver them. The glory be upon you.

BH03921: This is a Book from Us to one among…

He is the One manifest and speaking in the Kingdom of Utterance

This is a Book from Us to one among the servants, that it may draw him to the station of nearness and holiness and meeting, and give him to drink of the choice sealed wine, whose seal was broken by the name of God, the Protector, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting, that he may forsake the world and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon, the station wherein the Lord of all beings proclaims:

> "Verily, there is no God but Him, the One with power over what was and what shall be."

Take heed lest the imaginings of the servants veil thee from the Lord of creation. Leave them and what they possess and turn with an illumined heart to the Most Sublime Vision. This is better for thee than what thou hast and what thou seest. To this testify honored servants. Cast aside vain imaginings, then take hold of the Book of Certitude in the name of thy Lord, the Possessor of existence. By My life! What the people possess will profit thee not today. Seek in thy heart the Ultimate Goal, for it is the Dawning-place of thy Lord's verses, the Mighty, the Loving.

Today is the Master of Days, and the Hidden Mystery is manifest and speaking through the Manifestation of His Cause. Whosoever hath heard His call and turned toward His direction is accounted among those who have drawn nigh in the Book of the Exalted Ones, and other than this was and shall be rejected. The Most Great Balance is manifest and the Greatest Proof is resplendent. All have been and shall be measured by this Balance.

God willing, may you receive your portion from the divine fragrances of His days and become the cause of exalting the Word of God, that all may attain unto the Most Great Ocean and be freed from the veils of imitation and vain imaginings.

Say: O God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the horizons to make me know the Dawning-place of Thy Cause and the Manifestation of Thy signs. Then aid me to help Thy Cause among Thy creatures. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH03973: This is a day wherein all the loved ones…

He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful

This is a day wherein all the loved ones should turn their gaze toward the All-Bestowing Lord and arise to serve the Cause of God. Ponder with keen vision and a sensitive heart upon the Cause of this Prisoner. By

God! Were anyone to reflect upon Him and what hath been manifested from Him of the evidences of His sovereignty and power, and the signs of His wisdom and His commandments, he would surely rise up amidst all created things and cry out:

> "I testify that nothing like unto Thee hath appeared in creation, nor any resemblance to Thee in invention. Thou art He Who hath manifested God's sovereignty and power, and through Thee were raised the banners of guidance among all creatures. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

Observe how, despite being afflicted with countless tribulations in the Most Great Prison, the Supreme Pen is at all times engaged in the remembrance of the Lord of all names and moving in accordance with His will. In like manner must accepted souls arise with their whole being to serve the Cause and bestow upon God's servants the flowing waters of divine knowledge which stream from the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance, that all may attain unto eternal life and be freed from the garments of the old creation, turning without veil or hindrance toward the countenance of Truth. This is the duty of all.

O My servant Husayn! Hearken with thine inner ear unto the divine call, and cause thy will and desire to be extinguished in His will and desire—that is, desire naught save that which He hath desired. God hath forgiven what is past. Thou must henceforth, God willing, act in accordance with that which thou hast been commanded and be the cup-bearer of this immortal wine. This is the most great bounty which hath flowed forth from the ancient ocean. Drink thou therefrom and be of the thankful ones.

BH04172: O servants! The ocean of generosity, mercy and forgiveness…

In the name of the Kind Friend!

O servants! The ocean of generosity, mercy and forgiveness has been and will ever be in motion, and the grace of God, glorified be His majesty, has encompassed all. Before any request, He has answered, and prior to any appeal, He has bestowed. The breezes of forgiveness from the direction of the All-Merciful have embraced those who repent. To Him belong all praise and glory and bounty, and His are generosity, grace and grandeur.

However, henceforth you must remain so firm and steadfast in the Cause of God that all who are on earth will be unable to deceive or veil you. Steadfastness in the Cause has been and is greater and more glorious than all other stations in the sight of God. God willing, through His all-encompassing grace, you will drink from this cup and, detached from all else, will gaze upon His countenance and act according to His command.

There have been and will be many godless souls—take refuge in God from the evil of such souls. Whosoever makes a claim to any cause is accounted as a liar and calumniator before the Divine Throne.

Praise the Beloved of the world Who has pardoned and forgiven that which occurred, and this Tablet has been revealed in your name from the Supreme Pen. Know thou its worth and preserve it as the apple of thine eye. Convey greetings from the Wronged One to all the loved ones, especially to the two persons who were mentioned in thy letter.

God will ordain for you what He willeth and will send down from the heaven of His bounty that which is best for you. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

BH04173: O ʿAli! God willing, through the blessings…

In the Name of the Desire of the world

O ʿAli! God willing, through the blessings of the Most Great Name thou shalt be detached from the world and turned toward the Eternal Sovereign.

Some among the servants have been so seized by vain imaginings that they have turned away from the Speaking, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing One, and have fixed their gaze upon the croaking of the calumniators. Were one to observe carefully, thou wouldst find such souls to be worshippers of fancy and idle thoughts. Their tongues move and speak at the prompting of self and desire. They act according to their passions yet attribute it to the Truth. Strange it is that they have taken words contaminated by self and passion as proof, while remaining heedless and turning away from the divine verses through a single word of which the world and all within it were created.

Today it is binding and obligatory upon all the loved ones to arise to serve the Cause and to forbid the servants and handmaidens from reprehensible and displeasing deeds and from vain and unworthy words. I swear by the Most Great Name that today the garment of the Cause hath been sullied by the acts and deeds of some. The fragrance of truth must waft from all. Nothing but pure deeds and goodly words have ever been or shall ever be worthy of God's threshold.

O friends! Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One and ponder that which He hath commanded and which hath flowed from His Pen, that ye may attain unto that which God hath purposed. Ere long all shall return to dust. At that time nothing shall profit save pure deeds. And peace be upon him who followeth the command of thy Lord.

BH04136: Praise be to God that thou hast drunk…

In the Name of the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing!

Praise be to God that thou hast drunk the wine of divine knowledge from the hands of the bounties of the Lord of all being, and hast attained unto the sublime and wondrous Tablets, each of which was as the water of life unto the peoples of the world. Thou must strive, God willing, to awaken the heedless ones from their slumber of negligence and draw them to the most exalted horizon. Observe the grace of God—how, despite countless tribulations and His imprisonment in the prison of ʿAkka, He ceaselessly calleth out to all beings and summoneth them unto the truth. Follow thou thy Lord and be of them that remember Him. At all times thou must, with the utmost wisdom and in a spirit of delight, offer unto them that are ready the most pure wine that floweth from the direction of the Most Great Scene.

Regarding the stations of teaching and exposition, a Tablet was sent in the name of ʿAllah-u-Mihdi' and We commanded that it be conveyed to all. God willing, you will attain unto it and inform the people of its contents.

The letter thou didst send to the servant who is present before the Throne was presented before the Countenance and We heard that which thou didst commune with God. We beseech Him to assist thee in His service and to grant thee that which is ordained in the kingdom of His grace. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. We have remembered thee time and again and given thee to drink from cups through which whoso attaineth, attaineth unto that which is ordained by One All-Knowing, All-Wise. We shall hereafter make mention of a command from Our presence. Thy Lord is indeed the Manifest, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

The glory be upon thee and upon them that are with thee among those who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

BH04273: A letter from Us unto him who hath migrated…

In His Name, Who ruleth over all who are in the kingdom of names!

A letter from Us unto him who hath migrated unto God and attained the lights of His Lord's countenance, the Most High, the Most Great, that his heart may rejoice thereby and the eyes of the sincere ones be gladdened.

O servant! Hearken unto that which the Dayspring of Names calleth thee from the precincts of ʿAkka: Verily, there is none other God but I, the Wronged One, the Stranger. Arise to serve thy Lord and remind the people of this wise Remembrance.

Say: By God! The Treasure hath appeared and the Desired One hath come with a Cause before which all who are in the heavens and earth shall not stand. Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of God's mercy and grace. Turn ye toward the Most Sublime Horizon with illumined hearts and follow not the deluded ones. He around Whom circle the dwellers of Paradise hath appeared—He Who is the Promised One in the Mother Book, if ye be of them that know.

Make manifest with such fervor as shall kindle the hearts of the heedless ones, and hold fast under all conditions unto wisdom. We have enjoined this upon all. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We make mention in this place of thy brother who hath been named Zaynu'l-ʿAbidin, that My remembrance may draw him to the kingdom of My loving-kindness and cause him to speak My praise amongst the worlds. We have ordained for him the reward of them that have attained Our presence. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

Say: Let nothing grieve thee nor any matter prevent thee from making mention of this Straight Path. We send greetings from this place to the loved ones of God who have turned unto the Face and have attained this choice sealed Wine. Blessed are they and those who have followed God when He appeared [in truth] with a wondrous Cause.

BH04185: In My Name, the One Manifest in the Kingdom

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Blessed is He Who hath revealed the hidden Mystery and thereby summoned all who are in the world to a station whereof the tongues of all created things are powerless to make mention. He, verily, is the Omnipotent, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath commanded all to do that which shall profit them in this world and the next. Well is it with him who hath attained unto the good-pleasure of God. Woe betide them that have turned aside!

The Divine Will hath appeared through His sovereignty and His Purpose through His command that overruleth the worlds. He hath desired for His servants to attain the ultimate goal and the supreme summit, yet most of the people remain heedless. When the proof came, they turned away from it, and when the path appeared, they held back from it. They are indeed the bewildered ones.

They have cast behind their backs that which they were bidden by the All-Bestowing and have followed the wolves. They are assuredly among the most lost. When the Object of all desire appeared, they denied Him, and when the door was opened, they turned away from it. Thus did their evil selves seduce them, and they were of the idolaters. They follow their vain desires and attribute them to God. Say: He is quit of you and of your deeds. He, verily, is the Ruler, the All-Knowing.

The deed of no one is accepted save by His leave, nor doth the cry of any soul ascend except through His love. Thus hath the matter been decreed in the Tablets of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

Blessed are ye, O people of Baha! By God, ye are the stars of this heaven. Be thankful unto God and recite what hath been revealed for you at morn and eventide. Let not the ascendancy of those who have turned away from the Countenance grieve you. Soon shall ye witness their weakness. He, verily, is the All-Evident, the All-Informed. Rejoice in the days of God and aid Him through remembrance and praise amidst the concourse of creation, with the wisdom that hath been sent down in the Tablets of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH11630: O Most Holy and Most Great!

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This is a mention from Us to him who has drawn nigh unto the ocean of divine knowledge and drunk therefrom in My Name, the All-Merciful, that the remembrance of the Worshipped One may attract him to the Praiseworthy Station. Bear thou witness, O servant, to that which God did testify before imprisonment and after imprisonment and when His throne was established in the prison, that there is none other God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Reflect upon God’s power and dominion. When We entered into prison, We summoned the kings with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, and commanded them to abandon what they possessed, turning unto God, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Best-Beloved. The tribulations hindered Us not from that which We purposed in the kingdom of creation. We manifested

the proof through a power from Us and sent forth the wondrous One with a sovereignty that subdued all existence, and with Him that which We named the Cry, whereat hearts and minds were sorely shaken.

Can the turning of Pharaohs or the fleeing of Caesars prevent Us? Nay, by the Lord of all creation! Verily He hath manifested His Cause and will manifest it as He pleaseth. Neither thousands can veil it nor swords impede it.

Blessed art thou for having followed thy father in the Cause of thy Lord and for having drunk of My choice-sealed wine. Soon will he who denieth it today drink thereof. Tomorrow thou shalt behold him taking the cup of utterance in My Name, the All-Merciful. Verily thy Lord is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. None hath any escape, nor hath any soul a resting place. The Day of God hath appeared and He Who encompasseth all existence shall judge therein.

Be thou thankful unto God for having heard, turned unto Him and recognized thy wronged Lord. Arise to serve thy father, for this is among the most meritorious deeds in the preserved Book. Verily he hath a station with God. We send Our greetings upon his face from this forbidden spot.

BH04523: By My Sovereignty, which is manifest in the prison

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A Book sent down in truth for him that hath turned unto God and hearkened unto His call, when it was raised from His radiant, luminous Dawning-Place.

Verily We address at all times them that are in the realm of creation, and summon them to the One, the All-Informed. Some among them have followed their desires and turned away from the Dawning-Place of utterance when it shone forth with this brilliant, resplendent Light. The people have become heedless of their abiding-place, in that they have followed every wicked and ignoble one, casting the blessing of God behind their backs and turning unto that which is putrid. They are assuredly among the lost.

Blessed is the stranger who hath sought his most exalted homeland, and the poor one who hath clung to the hem of riches, and the distant one who hath drawn nigh unto this mighty ocean. Had the people known, they would have hastened with their hearts toward the court of the Beloved. Heedlessness hath so seized them as to debar them from this straight path.

O My loved ones! Gather ye together in the love of God. Beware lest ye differ in any matter. He desireth for you love and unity. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Hold fast unto that which ye have been commanded. It will profit you in the Hereafter and in this world, and will draw you nigh unto His resplendent horizon.

Thy name hath attained unto the presence of thy Lord, and this wondrous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Know thou the value of this station. By My life! It is truly an exalted station. Grieve not that thou didst not reach the place which thou didst desire. He hath accepted thy deed in His path and hath witnessed thy arrival at the court of His throne. Thus hath He Who is the Desire of the worlds decreed. Rejoice thou and be of them that are thankful.

BH04369: All praise be to God!

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Through the outpourings of the True Bestower thou hast attained, and turned thy face toward the Friend. It hath been evident to all that in every Revelation certain vain and idolatrous souls have clung to various schemes to lead astray pure and receptive souls, striving with utmost effort to mislead and prevent them. All these matters have been revealed in the divine Tablets in Persian, that all may understand and none be deprived in His days of the light of His countenance, nor be barred by people's vain imaginings from the river of mercy. We have likewise informed all that the cawing of the crows shall be raised in every city. God forgiveth what is past.

However, thou must remain so steadfast in the Cause of God that nothing shall prevent thee. Drink the pure water from the hand of Him Who is the Manifestation of the Revelation, and be thou free and detached from all else. By My life! All else will not suffice thee. That which will suffice thee is this Ocean, every drop of which proclaimeth "I am the Enricher of the worlds, the Subduer of the worlds, and the Quickener of the worlds."

Give thanks for having attained unto this Tablet and been mentioned when thy letter was present before thy Lord, the Most High, the Great. We have accepted thy repentance and forgiven thee through Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Ever-Forgiving, the Merciful.

Convey My greetings to thy brethren and family and give them the glad-tidings of this glorious Remembrance. He ordaineth for them what is best. He is verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH04459: In the Name of Him Who hath power over…

In the Name of Him Who hath power over all who dwell in the kingdom of names! Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am he who hath acknowledged Thy oneness before the existence of created things, and Thy unity before the appearance of contingent beings, and who hath entered the school of divine unity at the time which Thou hadst sanctified from all times and seasons. Were I to mention, O my God, what I witnessed in that most subtle, most delicate, most glorious station, Thy servants and the people of Thy realm would be thunderstruck.

I beseech Thee, O God of names and Creator of earth and heaven, to grant Thy servants attentive ears and observant eyes that they may hear Thy verses and behold Thy Beauty shining forth from Thy most exalted horizon. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Thou knowest, O my God, that there hath come before me a letter from one of Thy loved ones who hath believed in Thee and in Thy signs, and who seeketh Thy grace and favors and nearness and reunion with Thee. O Lord! Ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have attained the river of reunion in Thy days and who heard with their own ears Thy call when they were present before the Throne by Thy leave and command. Then forgive him, O my God, through Thy bounty and bestowals, and grant him what he desires. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious, the All-Wise.

Then forgive, O my God, him who was named Muhammad-ʿAli, who attained unto Thy recognition and acknowledged what Thou didst command him in Thy Tablets, and ordain for him from the wonders of Thy favors what Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily, Thou art the Protector of all things. Everything testifieth that Thou art the Lord of all beings and the God of all creation. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH04672: The heaven is manifest with evident smoke…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and the Grandeur

The heaven is manifest with evident smoke, and the earth is vocal with the mention of events, and the mountains pass like clouds, yet most people remain veiled and lifeless.

O friends! The seal of the Water of Life has been opened in the name of the Lord of all creation, and the Sun of Guidance has appeared from the horizon of loving-kindness. Turn with heart and soul and recognize the Purpose. Today the power of the Hour has encompassed all, and trembling has seized all tribes save whom God willeth. We beseech God to assist His loved ones that they may, in this spiritual day, drink of the wine of divine favors from the true Beloved and turn with their hearts to the Countenance that endureth after the passing of all things.

Thy letter was present before the Face, and the glance of divine favors was directed towards it. God willing, may thou ever be mindful of the Purpose in all thy days, detached and severed from all else.

In the divine Tablets from the Pen of His Cause, in the Land of Secret and other lands, the cawing of the ravens hath been recorded in most cities. All the friends must guard themselves and at all times take refuge in God, that He may keep them firm and steadfast in His Cause, in such wise that they may regard all else as non-existent and count it as nothing.

We beseech God to attract thee through the breezes of His days and make thee one who speaketh His praise and remembrance and who acteth according to what He loveth and is pleased with.

BH04623: Praise be to God that through the loving-kindness…

In the Name of the All-Bountiful, the All-Powerful

Praise be to God that through the loving-kindness of the Best-Beloved of all creation thou hast entered into the stronghold of the love of the All-Merciful and been blessed with the boundless outpourings of divine grace. This station hath no likeness, nor will it ever have peer or equal.

Those souls who are this day deprived of the Most Great Ocean and occupied with their own desires shall ere long descend from the highest heaven to the lowest depths, and that wherein they now rejoice shall bring joy to others, and that which they now possess shall be possessed by their enemies. Blessed is he who hath not exchanged the everlasting bounty for fleeting vanities, who hath hearkened with the ear of the spirit to the call of the Friend, and who hath attained unto the purpose of all worlds. This is of the grace of God which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth of His creation. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Thy letter reached the Most Holy Court and was brought to the attention of this Prisoner. We have made it a treasure for thee—render thou thanks and be of the grateful. God willing, thou wilt rise from the horizon of steadfastness and in all times gaze toward the All-Merciful, drinking successively from the cups of divine words the spiritual and purifying water. This is the most great bounty which hath been recorded by the Pen of the Lord of Power.

Blessed art thou, for We have found in thy letter the sweet savors of the love of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bestowing. We have sent down for thee that whereby thy mention shall endure in the kingdom of thy Lord, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among the loved ones of God, the Lord of all religions.

BH04819: In My Name, the All-Subduing over all names!

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This is a Book sent down in truth from God, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it is the Greatest Proof among all creatures and the Most Great Sign for all who dwell in the invisible and visible realms. Blessed is he who hath clung to the hem of God and attained the lights of His countenance when it shone forth from this forbidden horizon.

O Ali! Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to attain the presence at this praiseworthy station, and for causing thee to hear His call when thou didst present thyself before the Throne, and for His revelation unto thee in this exalted station, and for His giving thee to drink of the pure nectar through the hands of grace and bounty. Verily thy Lord is powerful over what hath been and what shall be.

Be thou articulate in His remembrance and steadfast in His service in such wise that neither the veils of the world nor the allusions of them who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Loving, shall hold thee back. Follow that which hath been sent down from the heaven of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful. By God! This is verily the Water of Life for all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and the breezes of the All-Glorious, yet most people do not understand.

Say: My commandments are the lamps of My guidance amidst My creatures. Blessed is he who hath turned unto them—he is assuredly of the people of Baha, inscribed in a preserved Tablet.

Thus have We sent down unto thee the verses as a grace from Our presence, that they may draw thee unto God, the Mighty, the All-Subduing, the Beloved. We beseech God to assist thee in His service and to strengthen thee in His Cause. Verily He is powerful over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Subduing, the Self-Subsisting.

BH04999: O Abdullah! Praise be to God, thou hast turned…

In the name of the Ever-Abiding Friend

O Abdullah! Praise be to God, thou hast turned thyself to the ocean of divine bounty and attained unto His Most Great Name. His grace is endless and His generosity infinite. Among His bounties is that He confirmed thee in traversing vast distances and arriving at the court of His oneness. This hath been and

shall ever remain one of the great blessings of God. How many souls today are occupied with their selfish desires, to such extent that they are wholly veiled from the Truth and deprived of the wine of reunion. Through His grace thou didst attain His presence and drink from the life-giving waters. God willing, thou must in all thy days be occupied with His remembrance and engaged in His praise. Turn thy gaze away from the peoples of the world and fix it upon His horizon. This is the counsel of Truth that hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Glory be upon thee.

We make mention of thee once again in eloquent Arabic, that thou mayest thank thy Lord and arise to remember Him amongst all peoples. Blessed art thou for having attained His presence, and heard and witnessed that which most of mankind hath failed to attain. This is through thy Lord's bounty, if thou be of them that know. Give thanks unto God by night and by day, nay rather in all conditions, for having enabled thee to draw nigh unto the Most Great Ocean and made thee to be among the successful ones. Remember My loved ones in thy land and glorify their faces on behalf of this wronged Exile.

BH05042: In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient

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A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath been stirred by the breezes of his Lord's days and hath turned unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation, that He may make him steadfast in the Cause in such wise that he may speak forth this Name, detached from all the worlds.

Know thou that We have rolled up the heaven of idle fancies and spread forth another carpet. Verily thy Lord is the All-Powerful, the All-Wise.

Say: O people! Cast aside vain imaginings and take fast hold of that which this Hidden Name, Who hath appeared with manifest sovereignty, doth bid you. Say: Beware lest the intimations of those who walk in the wilderness of self-desire debar you. Leave behind all creation, turning unto Him Who speaketh the truth in this noble station.

Thy name hath been mentioned at the Divine Throne and there hath been sent down for thee that whereby the horizon of existence hath been illumined, yet most of the people are heedless. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and firm in the Faith in such wise that the veils of the doubtful ones shall not withhold thee. Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God hath testified concerning the unity of His Being and the singleness of His Self, the One Who ruleth over the worlds.

Then make mention of the servants in that place on behalf of this Wronged One, that the mention may draw them unto God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Be thou assured through God's grace and mercy, then make mention unto the people that perchance they may arise and turn unto this resplendent horizon. Be thou a servant unto My Cause, speaking forth My remembrance and uttering My beauteous praise.

The glory be upon thee and upon the handmaidens who are with thee, from One mighty and wise.

BH05466: Say: O my God! Thou seest me amidst…

In the Name of Him Who is the Preserver, the Helper, the Confirming One, the All-Knowing

Say: O my God! Thou seest me amidst the disobedient among Thy creation and the rebellious among Thy servants. The matter hath become severe for me in Thy love, to such extent that I behold on my right a serpent with jaws agape, seeking my life because I have believed in Thee and in Thy signs; and on my left a snake that crawleth and hisseth, turning toward me because I have answered Thee when Thy call was raised and Thy clear tokens were manifested; and behind me I hear the cry of a rabid bitch and a black calamity. All this is only because I have turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and set my face toward Thy countenance that endureth after the passing of all things.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of heaven, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the kingdom of earth and heaven, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in all the worlds of Thy worlds, and inspire me with that which shall kindle the hearts of Thy servants, and preserve me through the sovereignty of Thy power that I may arise to aid Thy Cause in Thy realm and be a servant of Thy Command in Thy lands. By Thy might! I love to sacrifice myself in Thy love and good-pleasure, and to be protected for the manifestation of Thy Cause and the exaltation of Thy Word.

O Lord! Preserve me through the shield of Thy power which hath encompassed all contingent things, then aid me through the hosts of revelation and inspiration that I may speak Thy praise and utter that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Tablets. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH05322: O Javad! The fragrance of the garment…

In the Name of the Beloved of the world

O Javad! The fragrance of the garment of the revelation of the Ancient King are wafting throughout the realm of being, and the lights of His countenance are shining and manifest from the horizon of creation. Whosoever has turned to Him and become detached from aught else is reckoned among the people of divine unity in the Most Sublime Vision, and whosoever remains distant from this station is accounted among the people of passion by the Supreme Pen.

You had asked that He protect you from the mischief of the evil ones. Yea, verily He is the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This station has been and ever shall be dependent upon steadfastness. And steadfastness is to know God alone as the One who prevails over all things, watches over all things, knows all things and encompasses all things, and to consider all else as non-existent and evanescent in His court. He has had no partner in the past nor will He have any in the future.

Most of those who imagine vain things have not, until now, comprehended the station of this Revelation as it deserves. This is why they wander in the wilderness of heedlessness and forgetfulness. By My life! Had they known, they would have cried out and lamented, saying:

> “We have been remiss in our duty to Thee, O Lord of the worlds!”

Make this counsel the focus of thine eyes and be of those who act accordingly.

BH05323: O Husayn! Thy letter hath attained unto the Most…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Husayn! Thy letter hath attained unto the Most Great Horizon and hath been illumined by the light of His countenance. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy letter. Some time ago, through the hands of emigrants, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent. God willing, thou shalt attain unto the suns of divine utterances which shine forth from its horizons. Therefore, at this time We shall be brief.

Know thou this much: in these days the Pen of the All-Powerful is constantly occupied, inasmuch as countless petitions from all directions are present before the Throne. By My life! I am indeed engaged in a mighty task and manifest tribulation. Yet no thing hath ever prevented or will prevent the Pen of God's Will—by the sovereignty of might and power it is occupied with whatsoever God hath willed. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

That which thy daughter composed in remembrance of the Best-Beloved of the worlds reached the Most Holy Court and was heard. Blessed is she, then blessed is she! A Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for her as well. Convey My glory unto her face on My behalf and give her the glad-tidings of My great bounty.

At all times be thou occupied with the promotion of God's Cause through divine wisdom, that perchance the dead in the valley of self and passion may be quickened by the outpourings of the ocean of the Merciful's utterance and turn unto the Friend.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among the loved ones of God.

BH05458: In the Name of Him Who is sanctified…

In the Name of Him Who is sanctified from all names! We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this Tablet whereby the Books of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, have been adorned. Verily it turneth toward him who hath turned toward Him, and speaketh in remembrance of him who hath spoken in His praise. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. He giveth to whom He willeth whatsoever He willeth, and enricheth whomsoever He desireth through His all-compelling sovereignty over all existence. The tyranny of the oppressors hindereth Him not, nor do the imaginings of those who follow vain fancies conceal Him. He doeth in His kingdom whatsoever He willeth and chastiseth those who have denied the signs and proof of God and followed every rejected idolater.

When thou hast attained unto the Tablet and quaffed the choice wine of life from the verses of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, arise to serve thy Lord, and then remind the people of that which We have imparted unto thee, that perchance they may turn unto God, the Mighty, the Loving.

The clear proofs have appeared and the verses have been sent down, yet most of the people perceive not. The Tree uttereth in the midst of the Kingdom a call that encompasseth all who are in the world, yet most of the people are asleep. Whoso hath not been awakened by this call is accounted among the dead

in the preserved Tablet. Neither that which he possesseth shall profit him nor that which the people possess shall enrich him. Thus hath the matter been decreed from before God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Be thou thankful unto God for having aided thee to turn toward Him and for having sent down unto thee that which shall make thy remembrance endure in the preserved Tablet.

BH05310: In My Name that is sanctified above the kingdom…

In My Name that is sanctified above the kingdom of utterance

Verily, We reveal the verses from Our Preserved Tablet unto those who have inhaled the fragrance of God and have turned towards Him with hearts illumined by the lights of their Lord's countenance, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

My generosity hath encompassed the world, and My mercy hath preceded all who dwell in the unseen and visible realms. Say: O people! If ye desire verses, they have been sent down in truth, and if ye seek clear proofs, they have appeared from this visible horizon. We have informed you of that which lay hidden in the knowledge of your Lord, the All-Merciful.

Read ye the Tablets, that breasts may be illumined thereby and hearts may find tranquility. Say: Rend ye the veils and turn ye towards the Lord of Return, Who hath appeared from this hidden Treasury. Say: O people! Deny not the favor of God, for it hath descended from the heaven of grace and bounty. Draw ye nigh unto it through this Name whereby every hidden secret hath been revealed.

We have sent down in every matter that which cannot be equaled by aught revealed in creation, and I am verily the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Be thou grateful unto God for having inhaled the fragrance of the Divine Raiment and attained unto the recognition of God, when every idolatrous transgressor was debarred therefrom. Then make mention of Him amongst the servants with the wisdom We have distinctly set forth in truth and sent down in every preserved scroll.

BH05529: In tribulations and afflictions follow the example…

In the Name of God, the Knower, the All-Seeing! Your call was heard and your lamentation was heeded.

In tribulations and afflictions follow the example of the Truth, that is, be patient and content, nay rather, be thankful, that thou mayest be numbered among those souls who declare with perfect certitude: "Verily He is the One praised in His deeds." Blessed are those servants who have recognized all the deeds of God as praiseworthy, for whatsoever proceedeth from the Absolute Wise One hath been and shall ever be for the good of all. Verily He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing.

And beseech God that He may enable thee to act according to His good-pleasure. The heart was created especially for His knowledge; sanctify it from all else besides Him, and be so steadfast in His path of love that none shall have power to deter thee.

Today the Sun of Divine Unity is shining, and whosoever turneth unto Him and beholdeth Him as the One dominating, prevailing over, and encompassing all things, he shall be reckoned before the Divine Throne

as one of the people of unity, while for others there hath been and shall be no portion. Blessed are they that possess understanding.

Hearken unto the Word of Truth with the ear of the soul, and be thou free and detached from all else besides Him. The Glory be upon thee.

BH05436: The Nightingale of Eternity, perched upon the branches…

In the name of the one incomparable Friend

The Nightingale of Eternity, perched upon the branches of the Divine Lote Tree, is at all times voicing these words: O friends! Recognize the value of these days of the All-Merciful and hasten with heart and soul to His presence. These are days the like of which have never been nor shall ever be seen. Its breezes give life to souls and its fragrances bring joy to hearts. Pass beyond all else save Him and turn your faces toward the Friend.

This is the Day when the Ancient Beauty hath appeared without veil or covering, and the Most Great Name is manifest without any concealment. The door of His grace hath been opened before the faces of His loved ones, and His favors have encompassed all.

O friends! Turn to Him with complete detachment, that ye may drink from the ocean of His presence and partake of His choice sealed wine. Then, intoxicated, arise to make mention of Him and speak forth His Name, that perchance dead souls may be quickened by this immortal wine and hasten to the path of the Friend.

Blessed is the face that hath turned toward Him, and the heart that hath drunk the Kawthar of His love, and the eye that hath beheld the lights of His countenance, and the hand that hath been raised to the heaven of His bounty, and the ear that hath heard His sweetest call from this noble and glorious Horizon.

The glory be upon thee and upon thy kindred who have turned unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05528: Your call was heard and your letter attained…

In the Name of the One True Friend

Your call was heard and your letter attained the Most Pure Presence. Every soul that rises up for the sake of God in that very moment enters the presence of the Intended One and finds the Beloved through the fragrance of hearts. And even if outwardly detached souls are not mentioned, in God's Book the names of all have been inscribed by the Most Ancient Pen. Exalted is this mighty station!

God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, may you be free at all times from idle fancies and imaginings, and be attentive and turned toward the direction of certitude. This is the most exalted station and the most glorious habitation—hold fast to it and be of the thankful ones.

Say: O servants! The Sun of certitude has risen—bind not your hearts to vain imaginings. The Dawning-Place of utterance is speaking and voicing forth—turn not to idle fancies. The pure water of knowledge

and the crystal stream of certitude are flowing and coursing from the cup of the All-Merciful's utterance—render them not turbid with unseemly sayings nor pollute them with rejected mentions. Fix your gaze upon My direction and speak forth My hallowed words. These are the divine counsels to His servants. Whoso heareth, it shall be for his own sake, and whoso turneth away, verily thy Lord is Self-Sufficient, independent of all worlds.

As for thee, praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that through His grace thou hast attained and partaken of the choice wine of His favors. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist thee to remember Him and to arise to serve His Cause. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05272: In the Name of the Goal of the World!...

In the Name of the Goal of the World! This is the Day whereon all must gaze with pure vision upon the Supreme Horizon and drink the Sealed Wine in the name of the Self-Subsisting. For should they transgress this station, they shall never attain. This is why He saith in the Bayan:

> "Behold Him through His own eyes, for He cannot be known through the eyes of any other."

The entire Bayan was revealed in praise of the Beloved of the worlds, and yet some, through their selfish desires, have been debarred from the realm of oneness and deprived of the Most Exalted Horizon.

The name of God Mihdi hath expressed satisfaction with thee in his letter. I beseech God to assist thee to rend asunder the veils of such as have been hindered from this Living Water and this manifest Horizon. God willing, thou shalt drink from the Kawthar of steadfastness and soar on the wings of knowledge in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful, in such wise that the birds of darkness shall be powerless to prevent thee from reaching thy true goal and spiritual homeland.

Take thou the chalice of certitude in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink thereof time and again in defiance of such as dwell within the realm of creation who have denied the proof when it appeared with manifest sovereignty. We make mention of the people purely for the sake of God, as do bear witness the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names, as well as they who have turned towards the Countenance of the Ancient of Days in this Most Great Revelation. These, verily, are among the triumphant.

BH05335: He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! This...

He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! This is a letter from this Wronged One, the Prisoner, to one of the loved ones of God who is named Ali, that he may become intoxicated with the ocean of divine meanings and utterance, and occupy himself with the remembrance of the Friend, and become the cause of enkindling extinguished souls.

O Ali! The dawn of guidance hath appeared and the Sun of loving-kindness is manifest and evident. Strive thou to illumine the heedless souls with its lights and draw them to the ultimate goal. The Word of God is like unto fire for extinguished souls and like unto water for withered spirits. Therefore, thou must at all

times make the people of the contingent world fresh and alive through the waters of divine knowledge and the kindled fire of the Lord.

All people have ever yearned for attainment unto the presence of God and still do yearn for it, but when the Sun of Meeting dawned and the ocean of attainment surged, most remained deprived. This is naught but due to the veils that have come between God and His creation. Blessed is the soul that ariseth today in the name of God and rendeth asunder those veils with the finger of certitude.

We beseech God to assist thee in serving His Cause and to grant thee what He hath ordained for His chosen ones, and to decree for thee what shall profit thee in all the worlds of His worlds. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH05810: In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient!

In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient!

We have desired to make mention of him who hath inclined his ear to the Voice of God, that haply he may arise in a manner worthy of this wondrous Day and proclaim his Lord amidst all men, admonishing them to observe that which the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath bidden them.

O servant! Conduct thyself with justice and act in such wise that thy deeds may reveal the sanctity of the Cause. Adorn thyself with so praiseworthy a character, that by it the fragrance of purity may be wafted over all men. Quaff thou the wine that is life indeed from the living fountain of Mine utterance, and let thy sustenance be My remembrance and My praise. Thus biddeth you He Who holdeth the knowledge of all things in the unerring Book.

We have heard the praise thou hast uttered and revealed unto thee that which will enable thee to soar in the atmosphere of love and reunion, and to partake of that which thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised hath desired. Rejoice in My mention of thee and continually render thanks unto thy Lord, for His remembrance is, in truth, exalted above all that is on the earth. Do thou appreciate its value, then, persevere in serving this sublime Cause. He, verily, watcheth over His servants and giveth ear to their words. He, in truth, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thus have We sent down the showers of utterance from the clouds of divine knowledge. Shouldst thou attain unto it, lift up thy voice and say:

> “Praise be to Thee, O Thou the Beloved of every understanding heart, and glory be to Thee, O Thou the Desire of the World!”

BH05740: A remembrance from Us to one of the servants…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

A remembrance from Us to one of the servants, that he might draw nigh unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O servant! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of My Most Great Prison. Verily, there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. By My life! If thou wouldst hear My call and find its sweetness, thou wouldst forsake all creation, turning thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon, and remember thy Lord with a tongue whereby the hearts of the heedless would be attracted. Deprive not thyself of this most great bounty. Draw nigh unto the Kawthar of divine knowledge, then drink therefrom in the name of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. They who are heedless this Day, these have no portion of this mighty ocean.

Say: O my God! Leave me not to myself and my desires. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which spirits were attracted and bodies took flight, to aid me in recognizing the Manifestation of Thy Self. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the August, the All-Praised.

God willing, through divine grace in this spiritual dawn thou shalt become one who partakes of the wine of inner meanings. The world hath never had, nor will it ever have, any permanence. Strive thou to drink of the everlasting wine and enter the divine Kingdom. Know ye the value of these days and beseech God that He may cause to appear from you that which would ensure the perpetuation of your spirit and your goodly remembrance. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH06089: O Husayn! Thy mention hath been made…

In the name of the One Friend.

O Husayn! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Countenance and thy letter, purified from all save God, hath been presented before the Most Holy Court. Praise be to God that in the early days thou wert blessed with the bounties of the Lord of all beings and didst drink from the ocean of His knowledge. Consider this favor a great one, for most of the divines who count themselves possessed of knowledge and learning have remained deprived of the Lord of Causes and the Ordainer of Nations, while thou in thy early youth wert confirmed in recognizing the Sovereign Lord.

The Most Exalted Pen declareth: O Nasru'llah! Thy call was heard and thy mention flowed from the tongue of the All-Merciful's loving-kindness. Beseech God that He may assist thee to aid His Cause. He is the Powerful, He is the Mighty.

God willing, mayest thou abide beneath the shade of the Divine Lote-Tree and remember Him at all times. Give thanks unto God for having given thee to drink of the Pure Wine in days wherein the Dawning-Place of Revelation was established upon the throne of His Great Name. Verily, the glory from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, be upon thee and upon thy father and thy brother and thy mother.

BH06284: Thy letter was presented before the Throne and attained…

In the name of the One Peerless Lord!

Thy letter was presented before the Throne and attained the light of His countenance. Praise be to God that thou hast drunk from the chalice of divine good-pleasure and hast been enabled to praise His Being and teach His Cause. By My life! His grace hath encompassed thee. What grace could be greater than

this—that He caused a Sun to appear from that horizon and through it made manifest the teaching of His Cause in a manner clear and evident? Exalted, exalted be this grace through which the power of thy Lord was revealed! Exalted, exalted be this grace through which the heaven of thy Lord's might was adorned! Exalted, exalted be this grace through which the faces of the righteous were illumined and the faces of the wicked were darkened! God willing, thou shalt continue forever to drink from the wine of His favors and circle round His will.

Thou didst write in thy letter: "I love naught but what Thou lovest and approvest." I praise God for having confirmed thee in this and made thee recognize this station which He hath made the most exalted of stations. God willing, at all times ye shall remain engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds and occupied with teaching His Cause.

The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee.

BH06223: In My Name, the Most Glorious

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The springtime of divine grace hath come, wherein the breezes of the mercy of the All-Merciful waft. Blessed is he who hath turned unto them and found that whereby spirits are quickened. We hear at all times the call of all things in remembrance of their Lord, the Lord of Names, yet the people remain heedless and veiled.

O people of Baha! Aid ye your Lord, the Creator of the heavens. He remembereth you in the Most Great Prison and summoneth you unto God, the Lord of all men. Cast aside that which keepeth you from His path which hath appeared in truth, and renounce the idle fancies ye possess.

By God! There hath appeared a Pen whereby all pens were shattered and standards were rent asunder. Were He to voice that which the Tree uttereth within His breast, the world would be drawn in longing unto God, the Lord of eternity, Who standeth amidst the wicked. Thus have We revealed that which hath caused the kingdom of utterance to tremble.

Blessed are they who are endued with true understanding, who have forsaken all created things, turning unto the countenance of Him Who speaketh betwixt earth and heaven. Even thus have We sent down the everlasting grace from the heaven of this bounty which hath encompassed all horizons. Verily, the glory rest upon thee and upon thy brethren who inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful from this Book.

BH06243: In My Name, the Mighty, the Helper! While We…

In My Name, the Mighty, the Helper! While We were established upon the Throne, there came a bird and circled round the Face with wings whereon had been inscribed by the Pen of Creation this Name through which lovers have forsaken all horizons, turning toward God, the Mighty, the Generous. And with it was a Book wherein was written that which all on earth are powerless to comprehend.

We said:

> “Blessed art thou in that thou hast taken the Book of God with power from Him, while most of the servants turned away from it, following every deluded doubter.”

It was as though commanded to convey the Cause of its Lord to the east and west of the earth, and We heard from its cooing that which causes the hearts of the sincere to soar. By My life! Were ears to turn to its melodies, the rapture of longing would seize them to a station wherein mention of contingent things would be cut off.

Thus have We related what We saw and sent it to thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Thou art in the House while He is in the Most Great Prison, remembering thee and sending thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of the musk of utterance between the heavens and the earth. For such a Beloved praise is befitting, and for such a Generous One the mention of every knowing rememberer is befitting.

BH06739: Thy letter hath been illumined by the lights…

In the Name of the One God!

Thy letter hath been illumined by the lights of the Divine Throne and hath attained the honor of being beheld by the Lord of Names.

That which is beloved in this day is steadfastness in the love of God, for the manifestations of Satan have appeared with the utmost craftiness—at times preventing people from their Source in the name of the inner meaning, and at times holding back weak souls from the path of divine oneness in the name of the outer meaning.

O friends! Through the power of the Most Great Name, remain firm and steadfast on the Most Straight Path, and in all conditions take refuge in the Truth. He is the Protector, He is the Helper, and He is the Succourer of the inner and the outer, and the outer of the outer and the inner of the inner unto whatsoever God willeth.

Know ye that in this day He hath appeared at the center of the world as the One circumambulating the Most Great Throne, and account all else as non-existent, extinct and forgotten.

This is the counsel of the Most Exalted Pen and the testament of the Lord of Names. Hearken unto it with the ear of the soul and preserve it as thou wouldst thine eye. God forgiveth what is past. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH06740: Thy letter hath reached the presence of Him Who…

In the name of the Beloved of the world!

Thy letter hath reached the presence of Him Who is the Lord of Names, and thy call hath been heard. May thou be illumined at all times with the lights of the dawn of guidance and be turned in contemplation toward the everlasting Countenance.

Two matters are today considered among the most mighty affairs in the eyes of Him Who hath appeared: first, the recognition of God, and second, steadfastness in His Cause. We beseech God to aid His loved ones to achieve the second even as He hath aided them to achieve the first.

Praise be to the Beloved of the worlds that thou hast attained unto His recognition and been assisted to remember Him. Now art thou remembered before the Throne. Didst thou know the station of this rank, thou wouldst soar upon the wings of longing. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee in that which He loveth and is pleased with, to ordain for thee the good of this world and the next, and to give thee to drink, at all times, from the Kawthar of life, that thou mayest arise to make mention of Him and to praise Him amongst His creatures. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Convey My greetings unto thy wife and give her the glad-tidings of Our mercy which hath preceded all worlds. Blessed is she in that she hath been mentioned before the Throne and attained unto this mighty grace.

BH06584: Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Beloved…

In His Name, the Bestower, the Life-Giver, the Mighty, the Generous

Glorified art Thou, O my God, my Beloved, the Ultimate Goal of my hope and my Purpose! I beseech Thee, by the fire of Thy Word through which the sincere ones were drawn to the horizon of Thy Revelation and the near ones hastened to the Dayspring of Thy Inspiration, to ordain for Thy loved ones that which shall profit them in this world and the next. Thou art, verily, the Lord of all creation. The tongues of all created things and the realities of all possible beings testify to Thy generosity. Thou art, in truth, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O my God! There hath come before the Prisoner a letter from Thy servant who hath clung to the cord of Thy bounty and held fast to the hem of Thy generosity and favors, and who hath sought the ocean of Thy gifts and forgiveness. O Lord! Forgive him through Thy grace and beneficence, then ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones. Make him, O my God, steadfast in Thy Cause and firm in Thy love that he may mention Thee amongst Thy servants. Then clothe him with the robes of Thy pardon and generosity. Thou art He Who hath ever been mighty to do as He pleaseth and shall ever remain as He was in the eternity of eternities. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH06455: God willing, may you be blessed through divine grace…

In the name of the Best-Beloved of the worlds!

God willing, may you be blessed through divine grace with the outpourings of the True Bestower.

Your letter has reached the Most Great Horizon and its contents were observed. Your call was heard and this sublime Tablet is sent in reply, that you may discover from its pen the fragrance of divine favors and soar at all times on the twin wings of love and fellowship, in such wise that newly-arisen matters displeasing to God may not prevent you from the remembrance of the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness.

Give thanks to God for having remembered you before His presence and revealed for you that whereby your mention shall endure throughout creation. Strive and endeavor to serve the Cause with utmost joy and delight, that perchance the deniers may become aware through the fragrance of the days of the All-Merciful and attain unto consciousness, and may not deprive themselves of everlasting good and eternal grace.

We beseech God to open upon your heart a door of knowledge, to ordain for you the good of this world and the next, and to reward you with the most excellent of rewards. Verily He is worthy of bestowing grace and is aware of what lies within hearts.

BH06638: The Ancient Beauty hath ascended the throne of His…

In the name of God, the Most Sanctified, the Most Holy

The Ancient Beauty hath ascended the throne of His Most Great Name, and the bird of the throne is warbling in the sweetest of tones and the most wondrous of melodies in His presence, proclaiming, “O concourse of earth and heaven! Rejoice, for the veil hath been rent asunder and the covering torn away, and the face of the Beloved hath shone forth above the horizon of power with a sovereignty that neither the ascendancy of the wicked nor the clamour of the boastful can thwart. Bestir yourselves and hasten with all your hearts to the presence of your Beloved. He, verily, is the One Whose mention hath enraptured the inmates of heaven and the Concourse on High, and Whose remembrance hath been extolled by all created things and hath prompted them to proclaim:”No God is there but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!”

Great is thy blessedness, for thy letter hath been presented before His throne and We have made reply through these words that are now being revealed. God hath verily forgiven thee and them that have been mentioned in thy letter. Verily thy Lord is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. Convey to thy son the greetings of thy Lord: We, verily, have ordained that which is best for him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Convey to him and to thy daughters the glad tidings of thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the All-Praised.

BH06991: O ʿAziz! God willing, through the bounty…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

O ʿAziz! God willing, through the bounty of the All-Bountiful, may you become sanctified and purified from human limitations and remain focused on the realm of divine oneness. May you be so enkindled with the love of God that no veil will prevent you from His path and no matter will hold you back from His remembrance and praise. Be occupied at all times with the remembrance of God and hold fast to the hem of His mercy.

Beseech and implore the True One, glorified and exalted be He, to keep you steadfast in the path of His love and to protect you from the insinuations and promptings of the ungodly and deniers. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

How excellent is the state of the tongue that today speaks in remembrance of God, the heart that attains His love, and the countenance that detaches itself from the faces of the people of the world and turns toward His face.

We beseech God to assist you in His remembrance and in the victory of His Cause among His servants. Verily, He is the Protector, the Powerful, the Transcendent, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH06946: O Dhakir! He Who is remembered remembereth thee…

In the Name of Him Who is established upon the throne of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth"

O Dhakir! He Who is remembered remembereth thee with a remembrance whereby the hearts of the Concourse on High and the dwellers in the realms of names have been attracted. Thy Lord is verily the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Thy letter hath ascended on the twin wings of lowliness and supplication unto the horizon wherein hath shone forth the Sun of the countenance of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. We have sent down unto thee this most noble Tablet, and We found therein thy turning unto God alone. This is what the Intended One hath desired in this most wondrous and glorious Revelation.

Be thou steadfast in this station in such wise that neither the doubts of men nor the allusions of the heedless shall cause thee to slip. Beware lest anything prevent thee from this most exalted station or any matter debar thee from this resplendent horizon.

Rejoice thou that thy letter hath been honored and thou hast attained unto this wondrous Tablet.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy hidden Beauty and the Dayspring of Thy concealed Cause. I beseech Thee to make me steadfast upon this firm and straight Path.

BH06921: In the name of the peerless Lord. Today…

In the name of the peerless Lord. Today is a day when the dawning Sun of Revelation hath encompassed all, and the Lord of Names hath summoned all to the most exalted horizon. Blessed is the soul that hath not been deprived of the Lord, the Source and Return, by the buzzing of a fly, nor been prevented from the realm of oneness by the vain imaginings of deluded souls. Such a one hath drunk of the most pure wine and beheld the most great vision.

Observe the Cause of God with your own eyes and hear His verses with your own ears. By the Most Great Name! Should any soul today find and comprehend the sweetness of but a single verse of the revealed verses, he would surpass all who dwell in the heavens and earth and turn toward the Friend.

At all times take refuge in God that ye may be protected from the evil of the thieves. Most of the thieves today are the turbaned ones who have prevented people from the most exalted horizon and who call them to their own vain imaginings. Hold fast to the Sure Handle, turning away from those who have denied God, the One, the All-Informed.

BH06981: O handmaid of God! Praise thou the Best-Beloved…

In the Name of the compassionate Friend

O handmaid of God! Praise thou the Best-Beloved of the world, Who, in the Most Great Prison, calleth unto His male and female servants. This is naught but from His infinite bounty. Sublime Tablets especially for that handmaid have been sent down from the heaven of the All-Merciful Will. Beseech thou God that thou mayest discover the sweetness of His utterance and drink from the choice wine of His mention.

For had the handmaidens of the earth perceived His fragrance, they all would have turned with heart and soul toward the All-Merciful and would have acted in accordance with that which they were bidden. The true friend of God is one who, should He command "drink not," would never drink. From their not having attained to this station, it is evident and manifest that they have not perceived the sweetness of His utterance nor tasted the delight of the Kawthar of His knowledge.

Strive ye that ye may attain unto the good-pleasure of God and arise to perform such deeds as will diffuse the fragrances of holiness. This is the counsel of the Most Exalted Pen unto His handmaidens.

BH07064: A mention from Us to one who turned…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us to one who turned to God and attained the presence when the Dayspring of the Cause appeared with a sovereignty that encompassed all created things, and who drank the choice wine of reunion when the Sun of the Beauty of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, dawned from the horizon of grace.

Give thanks to God for this bounty. By My life! If thou wouldst comprehend what We have mentioned for thee, thou wouldst soar on wings of longing to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Thy letter hath been presented and attained the Most Great View, the station wherein the call of God is raised morning and evening. We have answered thee with an epistle from Us which We have detailed from this Most Great Book, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Helper.

From this station We send greetings upon thy face and upon thy mother and thy sisters who have believed in God, the Lord of Lords. Be steadfast in the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that the cawing of those who have denied God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End, shall not cause thee to slip.

BH07141: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared in truth hath caused the ocean of utterance to surge…

…Blessed are My Afnan who have drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hands of the mercy of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and have attained unto that kinship of which the Tongue of Grandeur spoke when He was established upon the throne in Zawra and in the Land of Mystery and in this station which

hath been named the heaven of this heaven in the Book of Names and by the Most Beautiful Names in the Crimson Tablet….

BH07772: The Most Exalted Pen consoleth thee and the Lord…

In His Name, Who abideth after the passing of all things!

The Most Exalted Pen consoleth thee and the Lord of Names comforteth thee. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Grieve not for thy father. He hath quaffed the choice wine of reunion and found intimacy with Him when he was in the land of Ta. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou assured that he hath ascended unto God and attained what was ordained for him in My most exalted Kingdom. Exalted is that noble station!

Reflect upon the world and its changes. When thou beholdest it thus, hold fast unto the Sure Handle which changeth not. Then choose for thyself a station which neither the rains can alter nor the winds destroy. Thy Lord is verily the Faithful Counsellor.

Blessed art thou and thy father. We were observant of him most times and make mention of him in truth in this Clear Tablet. Rejoice thou in this Most Great Remembrance and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned by the hands of the deniers.

BH07527: May the loved ones of God be detached…

In the name of the True Friend!

May the loved ones of God be detached from all else save Him and turn their gaze unto Him. Great indeed is this Day! Blessed are they who have not been debarred by the vain imaginings of the heedless from the shore of oneness and have quaffed the living waters of true understanding from the hand of the All-Merciful. The Truth doth manifestly and brilliantly call out to all peoples and summon them to everlasting and eternal stations.

Nevertheless, some among the servants remain veiled from the Truth through utterly worthless imaginings. His verses have ever been manifest and His evidences resplendent. How excellent is the state of one who, throughout the nights and days, finds intimate fellowship with His verses and recites them. He is the Quickener of existence and the Educator of the seen and the unseen. O Reza! Hold fast unto the Truth and be detached and free from all else save Him. We convey Our greetings to all the friends in that land, both men and women. God willing, may they all drink from the chalice of love and remain steadfast upon His straight path.

BH07607: In the Name of the Everlasting Beloved! In successive…

In the Name of the Everlasting Beloved! In successive years, wondrous and sublime Tablets were sent down and dispatched from the heaven of the Divine Will, especially revealed verses—this is from His bounty unto thee, verily He is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

And in this year, praise be to God, thou wert confirmed and didst turn thy face toward God and didst arrive at the seat of the Throne and didst hearken unto the Divine Call—all this is from His bounty, verily He is the All-Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Strive thou to be blessed at all times with His bestowals and to be engaged in His service.

God willing, thou shalt pass through the lands of God with a spiritual breeze from the true, original homeland which is the seat of the Throne, and convey to all the handmaidens the greetings from God, and call all to sanctification and holiness, that all may gaze toward God's direction with illumined breasts, penetrating vision, pure hearts and sanctified souls. This is the counsel of the Wronged One to all the handmaidens of God.

BH07532: God willing, in this Lord of Days thou wilt…

He is God, exalted be His glory and might!

God willing, in this Lord of Days thou wilt detect the fragrance of His garment, turn toward the sanctuary of holiness, and attain unto that which God hath purposed. This is the Day which the Seal of the Prophets—may the life of all else be sacrificed for His sake—gave unto all as a glad-tiding. God willing, thou wilt not be deprived of this most great bounty, this supreme gift, and wilt take up and drink from the Kawthar of divine knowledge with the hand of submission.

In truth I say: that which is witnessed is non-existent and ephemeral. Ere long thou shalt see no trace thereof. And that which hath ever been and shall endure existeth and is manifest in the presence of God—exalted be His glory. Beseech thou God that thou mayest not be deprived of the Euphrates of His mercy nor be forbidden the choice wine of His bestowals. Shouldst thou recognize this, thou wouldst take hold of this Tablet with the hand of certitude, and wouldst not exchange it for all that is on earth, and wouldst thank God and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH07459: Praise be to God that through divine grace thou…

In the name of the Beloved of the world

Praise be to God that through divine grace thou hast attained His presence and drunk from the Kawthar of reunion, and in His path thou didst bear hardships and witness countless tribulations in His love. Now I counsel thee to patience; nay rather, with utmost joy thou shouldst occupy thyself with the mention of the Lord of all beings, in such wise that the traces of thy happiness may influence the inner realities of the handmaidens of God, that all may arise to praise the Lord of Eternity with supreme joy. Be not sorrowful, for the ocean of gladness is with you. God willing, may you remain so firm and steadfast in the love of God that worldly conditions shall not prevent you from the Most Glorious Horizon.

O my handmaiden, O my handmaiden! Be thou gladdened by My remembrance. By God! Through His remembrance souls take flight, spirits are stirred, and those in the graves arise.

Verily, the glory be upon you, O people of Glory, from this Glory which hath been the point of adoration of the Concourse on High. Thy Lord is, verily, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH08226: Glorified be He Who hath manifested the Dayspring…

Glorified be He Who hath manifested the Dayspring of His Cause, and exalted be He Who remembereth His loved ones with His Tongue through which He hath quickened all worlds….

They who have believed in this Day and acted in accordance with His bidding—these are God's chosen ones on earth and His sincere servants among all people. God will surely reward them with the most excellent of rewards. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful….

BH08363: In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient…

In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous

O God, Who art the Author of all Manifestations, the Source of all Sources, the Fountain-Head of all Revelations, and the Well-Spring of all Lights! I testify that by Thy Name the heaven of understanding hath been adorned, and the ocean of utterance hath surged, and the dispensations of Thy providence have been promulgated unto the followers of all religions.

I beseech Thee so to enrich me as to dispense with all save Thee, and be made independent of any one except Thyself. Rain down, then, upon me out of the clouds of Thy bounty that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Assist me, then, through Thy strengthening grace, so to serve Thy Cause amidst Thy servants that I may show forth what will cause me to be remembered as long as Thine own kingdom endureth and Thy dominion will last.

This is Thy servant, O my Lord, who with his whole being hath turned unto the horizon of Thy bounty, and the ocean of Thy grace, and the heaven of Thy gifts. Do with me then as becometh Thy majesty, and Thy glory, and Thy bounteousness, and Thy grace.

Thou, in truth, art the God of strength and power, Who art meet to answer them that pray Thee. There is no God save Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08353: In thy letter was mentioned the inability to transcend…

…In thy letter was mentioned the inability to transcend limitations. Abandon this thought and hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving, from this noble station. It behooveth thee today to break the chains of the world's imitation and the limitations by which every deceiver hath been veiled. Hold fast unto God's bounds and His commandments. We have sent down the Most Holy Book from the heaven of Our hallowed and exalted Cause, wherein We have laid down God's laws and ordinances. By it, verily, the sincere shall find the fragrance of the All-Merciful and hasten unto His holy and resplendent court.

Reflect by what means the people of Moses were prevented when We manifested the Spirit with evident sovereignty, and by what thing the followers of the Son were held back when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came with sovereignty that conquered the worlds, and by what proof the people of the Furqan were barred from the Water of Life after He appeared at the heart of possibility with this Name through which God hath subdued all in the kingdoms. Cast aside doubts and idle fancies and hold fast unto the cord of certitude…

BH08441: The Beloved of the worlds declares: O servants!...

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

The Beloved of the worlds declares: O servants! The first matter that leads to faith, certitude, sanctification and detachment is My oneness, free from all peer and equal. Whosoever attains to this station is accounted among the sincere believers before the Divine Throne and their name is recorded in the divine tablets. God willing, through divine grace you shall attain to this station and partake of this choice wine.

And when the heart and soul are purified from attachment to all else but God, you must act according to what has been revealed in the tablets, so that the temples of the servants may also become outwardly pure and sanctified. This is the station where the outer is identical with the inner, and the inner identical with the outer. This station is beloved, and anything less is rejected. Convey My greetings to the people of that place, from the One Who was imprisoned aforetime.

BH08508: In My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great

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O My handmaiden! Mention of thee hath been made in My presence, and the tongue of My loving-kindness doth mention thee in the kingdom of My manifestation, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having brought forth from thee one who turned toward the Seat of the Throne and entered the pavilion of grandeur and heard the call of his Lord, the Most Glorious. He, verily, is the Ancient Bestower.

What bounty is greater than My remembrance of thee? Hold fast to the cord of the favors of thy Lord and follow thou My straight path. Beware lest the veils of those who follow every vain imagining prevent thee. Rejoice thou in having attained unto the Most Great Joy that draweth people unto the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Blessed art thou, and blessed is thy son who attained the presence of the Prison, and blessed are they who have turned unto God, the Peerless, the All-Informed. We beseech God to aid all to serve His Cause and to do that which He loveth and is pleased with. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH08325: Thy letter was presented before the Throne, and We...

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Ancient

Thy letter was presented before the Throne, and We have read it and answered thee through this clear Book. Verily thy Lord seeth thee and heareth what thou mentionest, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then rejoice in My beauteous remembrance. Thou hast borne hardships in the path of God. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

The glory of every glorious one shall not endure, nor the power of any powerful one, nor the might of any stubborn oppressor. What endureth is that which hath been sent down for thee from My holy and exalted dominion.

Blessed art thou for having heard and turned to God when most men turned away from Him. This sufficeth thee, by the Lord of all worlds. Be thou assured through the grace of thy Lord, then remember Him throughout thy days. Verily He loveth His handmaidens who remember Him and His servants who remember Him.

BH08126: O Abdullah! That which flowed from your tongue…

In the name of the one incomparable Friend!

O Abdullah! That which flowed from your tongue in praise of the Lord of creation—Ism-i-Mihdi forwarded it to the Most Holy Court. It was mentioned in the Most Great Presence. Behold the divine bounty which has not been and will never be confined within limits. How many eloquent ones, men of letters and literary figures who considered themselves as stars in the heaven of eloquence have never attained to that which you have attained.

Most poets today unknowingly occupy themselves with praising the manifestations of pride, while you, in your early youth, are engaged in praising the Lord of Lords. God guides whomsoever He willeth and bestows from His all-encompassing bounty upon whomsoever He desireth. God willing, may you remain firm in His Cause and steadfast in His love in such wise that no matter may prevent you from the Lord of Command. The glory be upon you.

BH08448: Thy letter hath been received in the Most Holy…

In the name of the Beloved of the world

Thy letter hath been received in the Most Holy Presence and thy supplications were heard. Praise be to God that in these spiritual days thou hast been attracted by the fragrance of the merciful Robe unto the direction of the Friend and hast attained unto His recognition. This is among the great bounties of thy Lord, and whosoever hath attained unto this most great bounty must needs stand with complete steadfastness among the people in the Cause of the Lord of Days, in such wise that no matter may withhold him from the direction of the Most Great Oneness and the divine path.

Say: O my God and my Beloved! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the signs and reveal the clear evidences, to aid me to act according to Thy good-pleasure and to avoid that which Thou hast forbidden in Thy Book. Then ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next, for verily I know not anything and Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH08135: O Muhammad! Thy letter was seen and mention…

In the name of the Lord of all names

O Muhammad! Thy letter was seen and mention of thee was heard. God willing, through the outpourings of the Lord of Lords thou shalt be focused on decisive utterance and hold fast unto it in such wise that the people of the earth shall have no power to prevent thee or deprive thee from the Most Holy Court. Turn thy face toward the Truth and be independent and detached from creation. The grace of God hath been with you and, God willing, shall continue to be. At all times be occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of all creation and attain unto the perfumed breezes of the days of God.

Blessed is thy father, for he drank the wine of reunion when the horizon of Iraq was illumined by the Light of the horizons. Convey to all thy relatives—mother, brother, siblings and others, female and male, young and old—the Most Great, Most Holy greetings from the True One.

BH08215: Your mention has been made before the Throne…

In the Name of the One True Friend

Your mention has been made before the Throne, and this exalted Tablet has been revealed in Persian that thou mayest inhale the fragrance of the Robe time and again. His favor has been and will continue to be with you.

Be not grieved by the vicissitudes of affairs. Verily He will set them right through His grace. Assuredly, whatsoever is good and conducive to the welfare of the loved ones has been and will be made manifest.

With the utmost joy and fragrance, occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Goal of all the worlds. Excellent is that whereunto thou hast been engaged through the command of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God that in the early days thou didst quaff from the cup of recognition and attain the presence of the Desired One, and became free and detached from the idle fancies of the deluded ones. This hath been among the great divine bounties.

And the Glory rest upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

BH08176: In most years the fragrances of the favors…

In the Name of the Kind Friend

In most years the fragrances of the favors of the Lord of the Worlds have wafted over that region, and most of the men and women have been blessed with the outpourings of the Divine Pen of Command. We have enjoined upon all to observe sanctity and detachment. Blessed are they who have hearkened to the call of Truth and acted according to that which they were commanded. We beseech God not to withhold anyone from the Most Great Ocean and to aid them in that which is pleasing unto Him.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then act according to that which thou hast been commanded in the Tablets. Verily He aideth whomsoever turneth unto Him, preserveth him from that which He detesteth, and bestoweth upon him in this world and the next that which beseemeth His sovereignty. He,

verily, is the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous. The Glory be upon thee and upon thy son from before One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

BH08418: That which was submitted in remembrance of the Beloved…

In the name of the Desire of the world

That which was submitted in remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds was heard. May thou ever gaze toward the most exalted horizon and hold fast to the cord of His favors. Today no glory can be conceived greater than for one to be mentioned in the Most Holy Court and attain the recognition of God and His remembrance. Praise be to God that through divine benevolence thou hast attained this most great bounty. Strive to act according to His good-pleasure. Know all save Him to be non-existent and consider it non-being. At all times be engaged in His remembrance. Verily He is with His remembering handmaidens.

Two persons were mentioned in thy letter and both were mentioned before His Countenance. God willing, may all not be deprived of the outpourings of the divine days and act according to His love and good pleasure.

BH08006: Praise be to God that through the infinite outpourings…

In the name of the one Friend!

Praise be to God that through the infinite outpourings of divine grace, thou hast turned toward the realm of oneness and attained the waters of reunion. This, verily, is the goal set forth in the Books of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

Thou must, God willing, remain engaged in the remembrance of Truth in all conditions. This is a Day the like of which hath never been and shall never be. Blessed is the soul that hath been quickened by its breezes and hath arisen to serve His Cause.

Give thanks unto thy Lord for having attained His presence at the Throne, for having circumambulated the sanctuary of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, for having dwelt in the pavilion of holiness, for having heard repeatedly the call of thy Lord, and for having drunk the choice wine of revelation from the chalice of His hallowed bounty, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

At the end, We counsel thee to remain steadfast in His Cause, lest the affairs of earth prevent thee. He, verily, is the All-Wise Counselor.

BH08419: Thy letter hath been received before the Throne…

In the name of the One Beloved Friend

Thy letter hath been received before the Throne and hath attained unto the lights of His countenance. God willing, in all conditions occupy thyself with the remembrance of God and be detached from all else besides Him. The foundation of all deeds is the good-pleasure of God, and His good-pleasure is not attained except through acting according to what He hath commanded in His Book.

O handmaiden of God! Hearken unto the divine call and act according to that which is His good-pleasure—and that is to purify thyself from all else save Him and to sanctify thy being from the mention of aught besides Him. Praise be to the Ancient Lord that thou hast attained unto His recognition in His days, and thy mention hath been recorded before the Throne, and thou hast been provided with this exalted Tablet which hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful.

And the glory be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH08364: Say: O my God! I have committed my affairs…

He is God. He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Say: O my God! I have committed my affairs unto Thee and have entrusted the reins of all matters into the grasp of Thy Will and the right hand of Thy Purpose. Thou knowest, O my God, that I have turned to Thee, detached from all else but Thee, until I attained Thy presence and beheld Thy Beauty and partook of the cup of reunion through Thy grace and favors. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me this bounty, and to ordain for me in my physical separation from Thy presence that which Thou didst ordain for me when I stood before Thee and appeared before the throne of Thy grandeur. O my God! I am he who hath taken Thee as his Guardian by Thy leave and Thy will, and verily Thou art the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O Samandar! We have forgiven thy sister as a token of Our grace, and in this hour the favors of thy Lord and those outpourings of which none is aware save His All-Knowing Self have encompassed her.

BH08804: Your mention hath been made in the presence…

In the Name of the One True Friend

Your mention hath been made in the presence of the Manifestation of Revelation, and the Most Exalted Pen, turning toward thee, declareth: O servant! Know thou the value of these days and in all times fix thy gaze upon the direction of the All-Merciful. He is the true Friend—cleave thou unto Him. He is the real Beloved—turn thou unto Him. Stand thou firm in the Cause of God with such steadfastness that the doubts of the deniers may not hold thee back from the path of the Lord of the worlds. Arise to perform such deeds as will cause the remembrance of thee to endure in God's celestial Kingdom. And render thanks unto the Ancient Lord that thou hast been mentioned by Him and hast been honored with this most mighty, most holy Tablet. Remember thou, on behalf of the Wronged One, all thy paternal cousins and the loved ones of God, and convey unto them greetings.

BH08972: The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: O My loved ones!…

In the name of the Desire of the world

The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: O My loved ones! In these days when the Sun of bounty hath dawned from the horizon of the world and the Water of Life hath flowed forth through My Name, praise be to

God that ye have attained thereunto through His grace and have not remained deprived of the days of God. Now must ye, at all times, beseech the Countenance of the All-Merciful that ye may remain steadfast in His Cause and drink from the chalice of the Most Great Steadfastness. The enemies of the Faith have been and are lying in wait—preserve yourselves through the blessing of the Most Great Name.

From this station We send Our greetings upon thy face and upon the faces of thy brothers and sisters. With this greeting cannot compare whatsoever hath been created on earth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH09044: Your call has been heard in the name…

In the Name of the Desire of the worlds

Your call has been heard in the name of the Goal of all the worlds, and your letter has been illumined with the lights of the Most Great Countenance and was presented before His face. He is the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing. His knowledge has encompassed and will forever encompass all things, and His Command has surrounded and will surround all times. The Kingdom of Utterance speaks forth from the horizon of the All-Merciful with these words: O friends! Defile not the light of divine unity with the contamination of vain imaginings, and veil it not with the dark veils of similitudes and analogies.

The people of certitude are those souls who today stand firm and steadfast in the divine Cause, who regard all else as non-existent and count all other things as nothing. God willing, may you soar with this wing in the atmosphere of the love of the Most Great Countenance, and may you ever abide beneath the shadow of His mercy, successful and at rest.

BH08776: In these days when the Kingdom of knowledge…

In the name of the Peerless Knower

In these days when the Kingdom of knowledge and utterance is illumined and radiant with the Luminary of possibility, all must arise to serve the Cause in such wise that souls caught in vain imaginings—namely those who speak contrary to God's good-pleasure—may not be barred from the straight path nor remain deprived of the countenance of the Ancient One. Praise be to the Beloved of the world that thy letter was presented before the Throne and thou didst attain unto that which God desired. Hold fast to two commands: first is turning unto God, which thou hast already attained, and second is steadfastness in the Cause of God, and this matter hath been and will ever be the foundation of the Cause. We beseech God to assist thee and ordain for thee that which is best for thee. Verily He is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH09238: In My Name that is established upon the Throne

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O My handmaiden! Thy letter hath come before the Throne, and We have heard from it thy call and beheld the fire of thy love for God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds. The gaze of God hath turned toward it as a grace from His presence. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of God and turned toward Him when most men turned away. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Grieve thou not over anything, for He is with His devoted handmaidens and His remembering servants. Remember Him by night and by day. Verily, He heareth the call of those who have turned toward Him. He is, in truth, the One Who prevaileth over all worlds.

BH09504: Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I…

In the Name of Him Who heareth and seeth!

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I testify unto that whereunto Thou hast testified for Thine own Self before the creation of all things, that verily Thou art God, no God is there but Thee. Thou hast ever been mighty over all things and supreme over all who are in earth and heaven. Every thing beareth witness to Thy sovereignty and power and bounty and gifts. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise, and ordain for me, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones who have immersed themselves in the ocean of Thy good-pleasure and have cast aside their own wills, clinging fast unto Thy Will. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful over what Thou willest, and verily Thou art the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

BH09497: In My Name that is sanctified above all names

In My Name that is sanctified above all names

We have perceived from thy letter the fragrance of sincerity and have responded to thee through this epistle. It behooveth thee today to arise with supreme steadfastness in the Cause of God, the Lord of all names, in such wise that neither the croaking of them that have disbelieved nor the braying of the evil-doers may cause thee to stumble. Verily the satans lie in wait, and when they find an opportunity they will cause you to slip from the path of God, the Lord of the beginning and the end.

Hold ye fast to the hem of the bounty of your Lord, the All-Merciful. He will verily protect you in truth. He is indeed the All-Powerful, the Unconstrained. Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the fragrance of Thy mercy was wafted throughout all lands, to protect me beneath the shadow of Thy grace and bounty and to ordain for me that which is best in Thy Book. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH09508: In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient

In My Name, the Most Great, the Most Ancient

Glorified art Thou, O my God! I yield Thee thanks that Thou hast made known unto me Him Who is the Day-Spring of Thy mercy, and the Dawning-Place of Thy grace, and the Repository of Thy Cause. I beseech

Thee by Thy Name, through which the faces of them that are nigh unto Thee have turned white, and the hearts of such as are devoted to Thee have winged their flight towards Thee, to grant that I may, at all times and under all conditions, lay hold on Thy cord, and be rid of all attachment to any one except Thee, and may keep mine eyes directed towards the horizon of Thy Revelation, and may carry out what Thou hast prescribed unto me in Thy Tablets.

Attire, O my Lord, both my inner and outer being with the raiment of Thy favors and Thy loving-kindness. Keep me safe, then, from whatsoever may be abhorrent unto Thee, and graciously assist me and my kindred to obey Thee, and to shun whatsoever may stir up any evil or corrupt desire within me.

Thou, truly, art the Lord of all mankind, and the Possessor of this world and of the next. No God is there save Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09198: Praise be to God that through divine bounty…

In the name of the Beloved of the world

Praise be to God that through divine bounty and the infinite mercy of the Lord thou hast attained unto the recognition of the Sovereign of Days and the Lord of all names, and hast drunk from the Kawthar of remembrance and utterance. Beseech thou God that throughout all days thou mayest be engaged in His remembrance and occupied with His praise. Adorn the gatherings and assemblies with the mention of the name of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Know thou the value of this bounty, for it hath been and ever shall be among the most great divine favors. Convey on behalf of the Beloved of the worlds a wondrous and glorious greeting to all thy kinsmen. Verily He seeth whosoever turneth unto Him, and heareth whosoever calleth upon Him, and calleth unto him. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

BH09498: In My Name that is sanctified above all creation

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O God, and the God of all Names, and Maker of the heavens! I entreat Thee by Thy Name through which He Who is the Day-Spring of Thy might and the Dawning-Place of Thy power hath been manifested, through which every solid thing hath been made to flow, and every dead corpse hath been quickened, and every moving spirit confirmed—I entreat Thee to enable me to rid myself of all attachment to any one but Thee, and to serve Thy Cause, and to wish what Thou didst wish through the power of Thy sovereignty, and to perform what is the good pleasure of Thy will.

I beseech Thee, moreover, O my God, to ordain for me what will make me rich enough to dispense with any one save Thee. Thou seest me, O my God, with my face turned towards Thee, and my hands clinging to the cord of Thy grace. Send down upon me Thy mercy, and write down for me what Thou hast written down for Thy chosen ones. Powerful art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. No God is there but Thee, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH09961: Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God…

In His Name, the Eternal, the Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Ancient!

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God and the God of all who are in the heavens and on earth! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the standards of Thy triumph were raised above the ensigns of Thy dominion, and through which the Sun of Thy Revelation shone forth and the heaven of Thy bounty was upraised and the ocean of Thy generosity surged, to make me one of those who have aided Thy Cause and arose to serve Thee. Then write down for me, O my God, that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have cast the world behind them and turned toward the Dawning-Place of bounty and grace, when Thy Most Great Name was established upon the throne of Thy bounty and generosity. Verily, Thou art powerful over what Thou willest, and Thou art the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

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BH09928: In My Most Holy, Most Great Name

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Thy letter hath come and attained the presence of thy Lord, and We have heard what was therein and have answered thee as a mercy from Us, for verily I am the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. We have known what passed through thy mind, for thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. What behooveth thee this day is steadfastness in the Cause of thy Lord. By My life! This is indeed a mighty matter. Be thou steadfast in such wise that the vain imaginings of men shall not cause thee to slip. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise Teacher.

Say: O my God! Aid me in Thy remembrance and praise, and ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the world to come. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH09903: Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, in that thy…

He is the Most Exalted, the All-High, the Most Great

Blessed art thou, O My handmaiden, in that thy letter hath been honored to attain the presence of the Prisoner in this manifest Prison, and there hath been revealed for thee that which nothing in creation can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Bear thou witness to that which the Ancient King hath testified in His Most Great Tablet: that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is verily the Dayspring of the Unseen—no doubt is there about it. He, verily, is the Most High, the Most Great. Praise thy Lord in all conditions, inasmuch as He hath made mention of thee from this glorious horizon. Praise be to God, the Goal of all worlds.

BH09988: In My Name, the Rememberer and the Remembered

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A Book We have revealed unto one of Our handmaidens who heard My call and attained unto My days and discovered the fragrance of My manifestation from the paradise of My utterance and turned unto the ocean of My grace and favors, that she might find tranquility through the bounty of her Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily We draw nigh unto whosoever desireth to draw nigh unto the Sun of Our grace, whose lights have encompassed the worlds, and We cast upon creation that which the Tree uttereth from this gleaming, elevated Breast. Verily it is the treasury of God's verses and the repository of His all-encompassing knowledge. He who attaineth today unto the recognition thereof is given glad tidings by the Concourse on High. He shall soon behold and witness that which hath been ordained for him in My glorious and wondrous Kingdom.

BH09946: Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy…

He is God, the Most Great, the Most Ancient, the Most Generous

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the fragrance of Thy presence was stirred up and the ocean of Thy reunion surged in Thy days, to ordain for me that which shall profit me in the Kingdom of Thy Cause and the realm of Thy creation. Then make me rich through Thy riches and mighty through Thy might. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Thy letter hath come before the Throne and We have read it as a token of grace from Us, and We have honored thee with a name from Us, and named thee Splendor in the Kingdom of creation. This is better for thee than all that is on earth. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

BH10125: The Tongue of Grandeur speaks in the tongue…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

The Tongue of Grandeur speaks in the tongue of the Dawning-Place of Names, Who is remembered by the Most Great Name:

> "He is, verily, none other than I, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. And He Who has rent asunder the veil is the Manifestation of Mine Own Self and the Revealer of My Cause. Through Him the Hour has come to pass, and the Event has occurred, and the Inevitable has appeared, and thereby have all who are in the heavens and on earth swooned away. Through Him have shone forth the faces of those who have turned towards My luminous Countenance which gleams above all who are in earth and heaven. Blessed is he who has drawn nigh unto Him, and has attained unto His days, and has heard His verses, and has arisen to serve and assist Him. He is of those whom God has made sanctified from all that has been created in the realm of creation."

BH09888: God testifies that there is no God but Him…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Ancient

God testifies that there is no God but Him, and He Who has appeared in truth is indeed the Treasury of My power and the Repository of My might and the Manifestation of My mystery to My servants and the Ocean of My knowledge to My creatures and the Heaven of My will which encompasses the worlds.

Whosoever attains unto Him has attained unto all good, and he who turns away is not of Me and has been heedless of Me and has denied My verses which have been sent down from the horizon of My firm, mighty and luminous Cause.

Blessed is he who has attained in this Day to the lights of My countenance and has sought shelter beneath the shadow of My loving-kindness and has dwelt in the precincts of My mercy and has heard My most wondrous and most exalted Call which is mighty and impregnable.

BH09942: The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great!

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great!

The Dove hath warbled that there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. And the Cock of the Throne hath crowed that there is none other God but Him, Who bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He desireth. He, verily, is the Munificent, the Mighty, the Loving. No hindrance of any hinderer can stop Him, nor can the rejection of any veiled denier obstruct Him. He hath shone forth from the horizon of the world with His Most Great Name, the Hidden, and thereby have all things cried out, and all in the kingdom of names have raised their voices, proclaiming: “God hath come with manifest sovereignty!” Thou hast indeed laid hold on the Most Great Handle in the days of thy Lord, the Creator of the heavens. Therefore, remember Him at eventide and at dawn.

BH10353: The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken amidst all creation…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Glorious

The Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken amidst all creation: Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And He Who hath come from the horizon of eternity is indeed the cloud of My mercy and the heaven of My grace and the Dawning-Place of My verses and the Source of My sovereign commands to all the worlds. Whoso holdeth fast unto Him hath surely held fast unto the cord of My loving-kindness and clung to the hem of My generosity. And whoso turneth away, he is of them that have attributed partners unto God’s verses from time immemorial, and for him there is no portion of this mighty ocean.

BH10217: O Muhammad-Yar! God hath been thy Helper…

In the Name of the Beloved of the World

O Muhammad-Yar! God hath been thy Helper, in that thou hast attained to the recognition of the True Friend and hast been freed from all else. God willing, thou shalt be set ablaze by the fire of the countenance of the Friend—such a blazing that all the world shall prove powerless to extinguish it. In this state thou shalt be accounted among the people of Baha.

God willing, through divine grace thou shalt remain steadfast upon the straight path, detached and severed from aught else, manifesting among people such conduct as befitteth the days of God. This hath been and ever shall be sanctification from deeds that are not pleasing unto Him.

BH10216: O Gawhar! The Ancient Beauty gazeth upon thee…

In the name of the Beloved of the world

O Gawhar! The Ancient Beauty gazeth upon thee from the Most Great Scene and saith: The heart hath been the dawning-place of the lights of My countenance and the treasury of the pearls of My love. Thou must needs cleanse it with the water of certitude that it may be purified and sanctified from the mention of aught else but Me, and become worthy of this most great bounty and supreme gift.

Beseech thou God that He may aid thee to accomplish that which He hath commanded and may free thee from all else besides Him. He, verily, is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Bestower. Blessed be the women of understanding!

BH10430: In My Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

In My Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

O My handmaiden! Thy letter hath arrived and We have read it through Our grace, and We answer thee with this exalted Tablet. Rejoice thou in that God hath aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His verses, when most of mankind have turned away from Him. Verily thy Lord is the Protector of the righteous women and the Lord of the righteous men. Grieve thou not over anything, but remember thy Ancient Lord. He remembereth every handmaiden who hath turned unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. He hath ordained for His loved ones that which shall profit them in this world and in the world to come. He, verily, is the All-Giving, the All-Bountiful.

BH10598: The Glory bears witness, between earth and heaven…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious.

The Glory bears witness, between earth and heaven, to the Lord of Names, even as the Lord of Eternity has borne witness to the Self of Glory, that verily He is my sovereignty in my realms, and the dominion of my power in my kingdom, and the heaven of my bounties to my creation, and my call unto all who are endowed with ears, and my beauty unto all who are endowed with sight, and my essence unto all who are possessed of understanding.

By my life! Through Him were opened the roses of inner meanings in the paradise of true knowledge, and the Utterance spoke forth throughout all creation: Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Omnipotent, the Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10631: Say: O my God! I beseech Thee…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Mighty

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, Who hath been imprisoned in the most desolate of lands, inasmuch as He summoned all mankind unto the horizon of Thy Cause and the heaven of Thy bounty, to draw me and those who have believed near unto Thy most exalted horizon and the manifestation of Thy most resplendent Beauty. Then cause us, O my God, to drink the wine of Thy reunion and the Kawthar of Thy presence. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth, and Whom the might of the Pharaohs and the power of tyrants cannot frustrate. No God is there but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH10657: Blessed is the state of one who in this…

In the Name of the One True Friend

Blessed is the state of one who in this Day has inhaled the fragrance of sanctification and the sweet-scented savor of holiness from the roses of the paradise of utterance of the All-Merciful, and has attained unto that which God has willed.

O handmaiden of God! Strive thou to act in accordance with the conditions of faith and to attain thereunto. Faith in God consisteth not in words alone—deeds are required. Make an effort to act according to that which is the good-pleasure of the Beloved. All must drink from the heavenly chalice of divine counsel and fix their gaze upon His countenance. And the glory be upon thee.

BH10601: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who hath appeared is verily the Dayspring of My Cause amidst My servants and the Orient of My Revelation unto all who are in the heavens and on the earth. Whoso hath believed in Him hath believed in Mine own Self and hath arisen to mention Me and to aid My Cause. And whoso hath turned away from Him hath been among them that turned away from Me in the eternity of eternities. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the Pen of My decree in a Tablet whereof none hath been apprised save My knowledge which hath encompassed both worlds.

BH10857: Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! All…

In His name, the Everlasting, the Eternal

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! All praise be to Thee for having caused me to turn towards the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace, and for having illumined me with the lights of the Sun of Thy knowledge in Thy days. I beseech Thee, O God of the worlds and the Goal of them that have recognized Thee, to assist me in serving Thee, that there may appear from me that which will endure in its traces in Thy kingdom. Thou art He in Whose grasp is the dominion of the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth. There is no God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10834: The Most Holy, The Most Glorious, The Most Great

The Most Holy, The Most Glorious, The Most Great

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him and that He Who hath come from the heaven of revelation is the Source of My Beauty and the Dawning-Place of My Cause and the Manifestation of My verses and the Revealer of My clear tokens. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto My Face and beheld My Beauty and drunk the choice wine of My favor and the living waters of My loving-kindness. And whoso thereafter turneth away, he is of them that have denied My proof and gainsaid My testimony and been heedless of My sovereignty that hath encompassed the worlds.

BH11576: the Gulf that hath branched out of this Ocean…

…the Gulf that hath branched out of this Ocean that hath encompassed all created things

BH01770: May my spirit be a sacrifice for thy steadfastness!…

He is God, exalted is His glory, the Greatness and the Grandeur!

May my spirit be a sacrifice for thy steadfastness! This evanescent servant hath been honored to receive thy noble letter and distinguished missive, and hath taken note of what was mentioned therein concerning our Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. I then presented myself before the Throne and submitted its contents before the face of our Lord, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We beseech God to assist thee at all times and to confirm thee with the hosts of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest aid His Cause among all created things and that He may cause thee to speak that which will attract the hearts of the learned, the literary, the wise, and the distinguished, and which will ignite the hearts of those that slumber. I beseech Him to grant me the blessing of hearkening unto thy sublime and wondrous words at every moment and instant. Verily, He is the Answerer of prayers and the Fulfiller of hopes.

When I was blessed to read thy letter, I came upon the mention of Mirza Maqsud and his deceit. The servant recognized him, as his letter which he sent from Hadba had been presented before the Throne, and that which indicated his true nature was revealed for him. After some days had passed, I was present one night before the Throne when God's Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Wondrous, and Most Glorious Tablet was revealed in his name. The Tongue of Grandeur and Majesty addressed me, saying that this Tablet was outwardly revealed in his name but inwardly for My loved ones who have attained steadfastness in My firm and wise Cause. I was forbidden from sending the Tablet until thy noble letter arrived mentioning him. I was then commanded to send it to thee that thou mayest read it to the loved ones and chosen ones of God. By thy life! Most people are heedless, ignorant, and deceitful, as if they were among the dead.

I learned from thy letter what was mentioned regarding liberty. Therefore, I write what was revealed concerning it in the Most Holy Book, that every heedless and doubtful one may be awakened thereby. His glory be exalted! He saith:

“Consider the pettiness of men’s minds. They ask for that which injureth them, and cast away the thing that profiteth them. They are, indeed, of those that are far astray. We find some men desiring liberty, and priding themselves therein. Such men are in the depths of ignorance.

“Liberty must, in the end, lead to sedition, whose flames none can quench. Thus warneth you He Who is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. Know ye that the embodiment of liberty and its symbol is the animal. That which beseemeth man is submission unto such restraints as will protect him from his own ignorance, and guard him against the harm of the mischief maker. Liberty causeth man to overstep the bounds of propriety, and to infringe on the dignity of his station. It debaseth him to the level of extreme depravity and wickedness.

“Regard men as a flock of sheep that need a shepherd for their protection. This, verily, is the truth, the certain truth. We approve of liberty in certain circumstances, and refuse to sanction it in others. We, verily, are the All-Knowing.

“Say: True liberty consisteth in man’s submission unto My commandments, little as ye know it. Were men to observe that which We have sent down unto them from the Heaven of Revelation, they would, of a certainty, attain unto perfect liberty. Happy is the man that hath apprehended the Purpose of God in whatever He hath revealed from the Heaven of His Will that pervadeth all created things. Say: The liberty that profiteth you is to be found nowhere except in complete servitude unto God, the Eternal Truth. Whoso hath tasted of its sweetness will refuse to barter it for all the dominion of earth and heaven.” End.

By thy life, poor Maqsud hath not understood the purpose of the liberty of which the people of Europe speak. He should come into My presence that I may teach him and acquaint him with what they say. He hath heard a statement and followed it without comprehending its reality and the intent of its speaker. Everyone who uttereth the freedom mentioned by that man is called a manifestation of the beasts in creation. I marvel not at him, but rather at those who have attained the Water of Life, yet turn to hearken unto his croaking and the bleating of his like.

Say: O people of Baha! By the True One! The essential liberty hath submitted to that servitude which hath appeared through the love of God and His Cause. It behooveth you to see yourselves above the world and all therein of creation, and what they possess of conjectures, idle fancies, and statements arising from darkened and heedless hearts. By the life of God! Grievous is it unto Me that the word of every ignorant one and the utterance of every liar should affect those who ought each to educate the world, having turned unto the Most Great Ocean. I beseech God to assist them to such steadfastness as would cause every lofty and impregnable mountain to tremble. It behooveth them today, should anyone on earth present himself before any of them with their books and what they possess of insinuations and allusions, to leave these behind and speak that which will draw them nigh unto God, the Unique, the All-Informed.

Verily, he who hath recognized this Cause and hearkened unto the Call as it ought to be hearkened unto, would not exchange it for anything, and seeth himself above every distant croaker. Would that the people knew what hath appeared in creation and what hath been concealed in the sea of His knowledge, the Mighty, the Impregnable. I beseech God to assist His servants to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause, and to enable His loved ones to achieve the supreme steadfastness, making them guides to this

station in such wise that the croaking of the deniers and the braying of the heedless shall not affect them….

BH11739: This is a Book sent down in truth, wherein…

In the Name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, the All-Informed

This is a Book sent down in truth, wherein is that which draweth the world nigh unto the Most Great Name and causeth them to hear the Call of God, the King, the Almighty, the Powerful, the All-Wise. All awaited the days of nearness and meeting, but when the gate of reunion was opened they turned away, following the desires of the doubtful ones. They cast the ocean of certitude behind their backs, turning instead to the streams of fancy and vain imaginings—these are among the bewildered ones. They denied God and His evidence, hastening in the wilderness of passion while supposing themselves to be among the guided ones. Nay, by His Command which overshadoweth the worlds! The world hath been stirred by the breezes of Revelation, yet they remain behind an evident veil. Say: He hath appeared according to His Will, not your desires. Verily He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

When the Proof came, they denied Him, and when the Way appeared, they turned from it and spoke that which caused the hearts of them that are nigh to burn. Behold and remember when Muhammad, the Apostle of God, came—the people turned away from Him, following every remote idolater. No Luminary appeared to them but they denied Him and spoke concerning Him that which caused the Faithful Spirit to lament.

Blessed art thou for having discovered the fragrance of the Garment and turned toward God, the Lord of all worlds. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to rend the greatest veil, and for causing thee to hear His Call from the direction of His most luminous manifestation, and for having brought thee nigh unto this Sea which none have attained save whom God, the Almighty, the Powerful, hath willed.

Be thou a herald amongst the servants in the name of thy Lord, the Creator of all things. Then remind them with this wondrous Remembrance. Say: O people! Abandon your desires and turn toward the Most Exalted Horizon. This is what ye have been commanded in a Preserved Tablet. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the breezes of the days of God or follow every dubious caviller. Say: By God! Did ye but know what hath appeared in creation, ye would sacrifice yourselves in this Straight Path. Say: This is a Day wherein nothing shall profit you, even if ye should cling to all the Books. The Tongue of Grandeur and Majesty beareth witness to this, were ye of them that perceive.

Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto thee as a grace from Our presence, that thou mayest remind the people of this Announcement whereby the faces of the sincere ones have been illumined. We beseech God to assist thee in the service of His Cause and to ordain for thee that which He hath ordained for them that have soared in the atmosphere of nearness and reunion. Verily, He is the Beneficent, the Generous.

BH03520: The verses have been sent down and the evidences…

In the Name of the Self-Subsisting Over All Names

The verses have been sent down and the evidences have appeared, and the sealed wine has been unsealed by the finger of God, the Omnipotent, the Supreme, the Self-Subsisting. Verily, he who has attained unto it has attained unto that which God desired in His days, and he who has been deprived is reckoned among the people of error in a preserved tablet. The fragrance of the All-Merciful has wafted and the ocean of knowledge has surged, yet most among the people do not understand.

How many a mystic has claimed knowledge of the Known One, and how many a learned one has desired the appearance of the Object of Knowledge. Yet when the Intended One came with His name the Self-Subsisting, they turned away from Him and pronounced judgment against Him. Soon shall the breezes of chastisement seize them from all directions—this is a promise that shall not prove false.

We have perceived the fragrance of thy turning to God, and have therefore sent down this Tablet unto thee and dispatched it to thee, that thou mayest glory among the servants through this evident grace. All that thou seest today shall perish, but that which hath been sent down for thee in this conclusive Book shall endure. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through God's might and power, then remind the people of that wherewith thou hast been reminded by the Supreme Pen, that they may forsake what they possess and turn unto God, the Mighty, the Loving.

Say: This is a Day wherein the books of the world shall profit you not, nor shall the treasures of the nations suffice you. Fear ye God, and follow not every deluded man. Turn ye, in the name of the All-Merciful, to the fountain of life—this shall profit you in this world and the next, did ye but perceive it.

Say: O my God! Praise be to Thee for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy evidences, and for having caused me to hear His call when the people of Thy realm turned away from Him. I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which the back of all names did tremble, to assist me to remember Thee and to aid Thy Cause amidst the concourse of creation. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Supreme over what was and what shall be.

BH04966: O Ibrahim! Hearken to the call of thy Lord…

In His Name, the Mighty, the Generous

O Ibrahim! Hearken to the call of thy Lord, the Generous, from the Kingdom of His utterance, the Impregnable, the Ancient. There is no God but Me, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate. Arise amidst the servants, then make mention of thy Lord with such remembrance as will set ablaze the hearts of the world and attract the spirits of the sincere ones.

Behold, then remember when he whom We named the Beloved of Martyrs turned toward the place of sacrifice and offered up his spirit in love for God, the King, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By God! When his spirit ascended, the Concourse on High welcomed him and found from him the fragrance of the

garment of thy Most Glorious Lord, and they ascended with him to the Supreme Companion. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Were We to mention his station and what he beheld of the wondrous favors of thy Lord, longing and yearning would so overcome those on earth that they would sacrifice their souls upon this Straight Path. But since We have commanded the servants to observe wisdom, We have concealed mention of that station. Verily thy Lord is the All-Wise Director. Thus have We singled him out as a bounty from Us and preferred him above most of creation. Verily We are powerful over all things.

It behooveth thee and those who have believed in God to make mention of him in the manner God hath mentioned him in a Preserved Tablet. Convey My greetings unto his believing kinsmen, then convey greetings unto the faces of My loved ones in that place and give them the glad-tidings of My gracious remembrance.

BH05371: A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath…

In His name, the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the Mighty, the All-Wise!

A remembrance from Our presence unto him who hath turned to the Most Great Remembrance, when He came from the heaven of eternity with a sovereignty that conquered all who are in the realm of possibilities, that the fragrance of remembrance might draw him to the One remembered and cause him to speak His praise amongst the servants.

Say: O people! The Hidden Book hath appeared and the Countenance that was inscribed in the Scriptures and Tablets hath shone forth. Every sect was promised the meeting with God and His appearance, yet when He appeared in truth they disbelieved in God, the One, the Chosen. Among them are those who cling to vain imaginings and those who grasp at mentions, who claim knowledge without clear proof or evidence.

Say: O people! By God, the gate of heaven hath been opened and the Lord of Names hath come with a Cause before which none in the world can stand. Know ye this and follow not every heedless doubter. When We arrived at the Most Great Prison, We summoned the nations unto God, the Lord of all men. Neither the swords of enemies nor the clamor of all in creation deterred Us. Thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, beareth witness unto this.

Give thanks unto God for having attained unto this Most Great Remembrance and for that which hath been revealed unto thee, whereby thy name shall endure throughout the eternity of God, the Lord of lords. Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation and the Dayspring of Thy inspiration. I beseech Thee to assist me to serve Him at all times. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Mighty, the Help in Peril.

BH10199: O handmaiden of God! This is the Day…

In the Name of the peerless Lord!

O handmaiden of God! This is the Day of service and the Day of remembrance. This is a Day that hath had and shall have no peer or likeness. Blessed are they who have attained unto the Day of God and recognized the Dawning-Place of His Cause. All must, God willing, gaze with utmost sanctity and detachment toward the most exalted horizon and give voice to the praise and glorification of the Lord of Names. Praise the Best-Beloved of the world, that thou hast attained unto His love and been mentioned by His remembrance. Know thou this bounty, then render thanks for it in thy days.

BH01098: May my spirit be a sacrifice for Thy love!...

In the name of God, exalted be His glory, His is the majesty and grandeur!

May my spirit be a sacrifice for Thy love! The blessed, sublime and lofty letter which was the dawning-place of eternal joy and boundless gladness reached this evanescent servant. And as it conveyed news of thy arrival and the well-being of thy radiant self, it brought forth joy beyond all measure and count. Praise be to God that through the assistance of the divine protecting hands thou hast arrived in that known land in utmost comfort, protection and health. We praise God for this great and glorious blessing and this mighty gift, for which it behooveth that the spirit of this poor, evanescent servant be sacrificed. But what can I say? After separation from that Beloved One, how the burning fire of separation hath been kindled in the heart and soul of this evanescent one in such wise that no pen can reckon it nor tablet bear it. It is a fire that, no matter how much the waters of remembrance are poured upon it, they but increase its heat, blaze and intensity, and it shall not be quenched save by the water of reunion. We beseech God to grant it what it desireth and to let it witness what it seeketh and hopeth for, for verily He answereth him who calleth upon Him.

I implore the True One, exalted be His glory, to ordain perpetual union and nearness. May ye continually take and drink from the hands of grace and bounty the never-ending chalice of reunion with the everlasting Beauty—drink ye! drink ye! And this servant sayeth: May it be pleasing unto you! May it be pleasing unto you! May I be a sacrifice unto thee—there is no end to this sea of longing that could be reached by the vessels of mention and utterance, especially at this pressing time when there is no opportunity for presentation and temerity, as at this moment [name] hath arrived and urgently requesteth a petition. Now this servant is perplexed whether to present himself in the Most Holy Presence and submit the written matters, that perchance from the ocean of the All-Merciful's utterance that which causeth the water of life to flow may be bestowed, or to defer it to another time and trouble thy noble mind with these unworthy words, for time is short and there is no opportunity for what [I desire]. The former is preferable, and He is the Lord of the hereafter and the former times.

Concerning Jinab-i-Aqa Siyyid Muhammad, the matter was laid before His sacred presence. Verses, wondrous, impregnable, and steadfast, streamed forth from the Source of the irrevocable Command; and, as time allowed not, the very text as originally revealed was dispatched. Likewise, the two Tablets addressed to the two names, together with other choice and beloved passages, were, in their entirety, submitted on behalf of that dearly loved one—Ward-i-Ridvan of Samandar. In response, these verses, most wondrous and most sweet, descended from the heaven of bounty and bestowal. He, exalted be His glory, saith:

> "O thou who art young in years and yet mighty in faith! Hearken unto the call of thy Lord, the All-Merciful; verily He is the Speaking, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Thy magnification hath reached Us, and We have sent unto thee, from this luminous station, Our magnification. Upon thee, O Ward-i-Ridvan Samandari, be My greeting and My glory at all times. That which thou hast written hath been presented before the Throne; We have read it and accepted it. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. The glory be upon thee, and upon thy father and thine uncle, and then upon those who dwell within that house wherein the mention of My Beauteous Name hath been exalted—he who is named Akh-i-Ahmad. Upon them be the glory of God, the Single, the Incomparable, before the Throne, the All-Luminous."

To that most revered and honored companion, namely [his] eminence Haji, upon him be Baha'u'llah's blessings—I present this expression of pure devotion and most sublime, exalted and glorious praise. Though outwardly separation has occurred and they have taken leave, yet most times they are remembered in the presence of the Truth and are the object of the gaze of the Most Great Scene and the glances of favor from the Lord of Destiny, and continue to be so. The Branches of the Divine Lote Tree and the Twigs of the Sacred Tree of Glory specifically instructed this servant to convey their mention and praise. Similarly, all the beloved of God, collectively and individually, send their praise and glorification to that loved one and [his] eminence Haji—upon you both be Baha'u'llah's blessings and favors.

To my spiritual friend, [his] eminence my brother, upon him be Baha'u'llah's eternal blessings, I present sacred, transcendent and sublime praise. Its conveyance depends on that loved one's favors—whether to deliver it personally or to send and convey it through correspondence. Furthermore, a letter arrived from [his] eminence Haji and [his] eminence Haji Aqa Baba, upon them be Baha'u'llah's blessings, written from Aleppo. Praise be to God, they arrived safely and in good health in that land with the people of Baha'u'llah, upon them be His blessings. This too was cause for complete joy. Blessed are they for having migrated unto God and traveled by His leave and command. We beseech God to assist them in serving Him and promoting His Cause as befits them in the days of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Another request: in every city where you meet the friends of God, convey wondrous and sublime praise on behalf of this evanescent servant. May the Glory be upon you and upon all the beloved of God.

The servant of God, 19 Jamadiyu'l-Avval 1291

May I be your sacrifice. The two Tablets specifically for [his] eminence Aqa Mirza Hasan and Aqa Mirza Siyyid Rida were not sent, as it was observed they would break within the envelope. God willing, they will be sent soon with anyone who sets out. That loved one may give this glad tidings and be assured.

BH08466: This is a Book from Us to her whom…

In the Name of Him Who is supreme over all names

This is a Book from Us to her whom God hath related unto Our servant Muhammad, who hath attained unto the light of the Countenance and who hath been present at this noble Scene, and unto whom We caused to hear that which the Interlocutor heard, and showed him from among the greatest signs of his Lord, and made him to be of them that have prospered.

O My handmaiden! Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. By God! Naught on earth can equal it. Blessed is the one who hath turned unto God on this wondrous Day. We make mention of every servant who hath turned, and every handmaiden who hath turned unto God, the One, the All-Informed, that the utterance of the All-Merciful may draw them to a station wherein they shall behold themselves in the most exalted station. He, verily, is the Munificent Giver.

Grieve thou not over anything. Place thy trust in God, the One, the All-Informed. He is with those handmaidens who have believed in God and who make mention of Him at morn and eventide.

BH00721: Your letter was received and its fragrance brought…

He is God, exalted be His glory and power!

Your letter was received and its fragrance brought the utmost joy and delight. God willing, may there flow from the pen of the loved ones of the All-Merciful that which shall be the cause of spirit, life and joy to all creation. Since a question was asked, this servant deemed it necessary to write and send an immediate response so that the truth of the matter might become clear and evident to you and other loved ones.

Although the sanctity and purity of the Cause is manifest and radiant like the sun at its meridian, yet in view of your request, this is submitted: You wrote that you were perplexed by certain behaviors of some of the women. One such as yourself should never be perplexed by these matters, for you have spent much time in the Holy Presence and have directly heard most of the divine utterances which have been the cause and means of educating the servants and advancing the peoples of all lands. Whoever acts contrary to these is indeed among the disappointed and the lost, as He has said, “even if they be among the kindred.”

Some practices were early customs among the people of the Bayan which were prevalent among them and which they followed without right, as you and other loved ones know that before this Most Great Manifestation, most of the people of the Bayan practiced that which accorded with no religion or law, and which no person of intellect or insight would accept. Then the Sun of Manifestation dawned forth. From the years of His sojourn in Iraq until now, which is the seventeenth day of the month of Jumadi in the year 1291, wondrous tablets have been successively and continuously revealed from the heaven of divine Will, forbidding all rejected and unpleasing matters, and commanding the divine ordinances which have been the cause of salvation for all.

Indeed, from the horizon of every tablet the Sun of utterance has risen, shining and manifest in this regard. Today it is incumbent upon all to hold fast to the cord of sanctity and to grasp the hem of purity. O brother! The pearl of the Cause has remained hidden due to unseemly deeds, and this is the universal cause that has led to the hesitation of humanity. Otherwise, from all regions and lands you would hear the cry “I have turned toward Thee and hastened unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the world!”

In Iraq, after the dawning of the Daystar of the horizons, He forbade all from certain matters. Some, in accordance with the command, abandoned them, while others, though under the shadow of the Truth, continued to practice what they practiced, but it was concealed. Likewise in this land there is no outward government to enforce the divine laws. The Truth has been and will be wronged. None hear from Him

save those who are brought near. This is why the deeds of those who act purely for the sake of God cannot be equated with the deeds of others, for such a person has no fear of outward punishment. Therefore if a good deed appears from someone, it is for God's sake and thus is counted among the most excellent deeds.

By God—besides Whom there is none other God—those souls who have entered this land, whether women or men, whenever they have appeared before the Throne, have all been commanded to perform pure deeds, to manifest spiritual qualities, to show praiseworthy attributes, and to shun selfish desires. Blessed is he who heareth, and woe betide him who is heedless.

These are His words, exalted be His glory:

> "Say: Forbidden unto you are fornication, sodomy, and infidelity. Abstain therefrom, O concourse of those who advance! By God! Ye have been created to purify the world from the defilement of evil passions. This is what the Lord of all men enjoineth you, if ye be of them that comprehend. Whoso claimeth to be of the All-Merciful and committeth what the Evil One hath done—he, verily, is not of Me. To this testifieth every kernel and stone, and beyond them this truthful and trustworthy Tongue."

These exalted words have issued from the mouth of Him Who revealeth the verses, and this servant hath presented them exactly as they were revealed. Whoso acteth, acteth for his own self; and whoso turneth away, turneth away to his own loss. Verily our Lord, the All-Knowing, is the Self-Sufficient, the All-Praised. If people knew how much sorrow, grief and anguish these matters have caused the Ancient Beauty, they would all engage in lamentation and weeping. In the early days, certain actions appeared from the leaders of the Bayan that caused the people to become veiled and to hesitate. Were this servant to mention the deeds of some which he himself witnessed, it would cause all to be astonished. Had this Most Great Revelation not appeared, the matter would have remained obscure to most people. Through divine favors and exalted Tablets, many of the loved ones dwelling in various cities and villages attained the robe of sanctification, and in some lands they strove with utmost effort to act according to divine commandments which benefit humanity, and they became sanctified from rejected deeds. However, some have remained fixed in their old habits. We beseech God to assist all to do what befits His days and is worthy of His beauty, and through which His firm and mighty Cause may be exalted.

O my master! Most souls are weak—at the mere sight of lightning they melt like snow before fire. Where are those steadfast, firm and tranquil souls who say that if all the women of the world should appear in full beauty and adornment, and all the treasures of the earth be displayed before them, they would never turn towards them, for such souls are intoxicated with the wine of the beauty of the All-Glorious. Their intoxication is the sovereign of sobriety, and their sobriety the source of effacement. Indeed, Moses appeared from the house of Pharaoh, while Abu Lahab was from the household of the Messenger. God willing, may you ever gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and strive with all effort to shatter the idols of self, so that perhaps through your efforts and those of the friends of God, unworthy deeds that have caused the people to become veiled may be eliminated from among mankind. In these days this exalted verse was revealed from the Supreme Pen—these are His words, exalted be His glory:

> “It behooveth whosoever hath believed in God to proclaim the truth and strive to remove falsehood from amongst the people.”

All must arise to render this service which is the cause of sanctifying souls and advancing those who dwell in all lands. Consider the days of the Apostle of God [Muhammad]. On the day of His ascension, nearly one hundred thousand souls or more from surrounding regions were present in Medina and its environs. Most of these individuals were considered companions in custom, for they had associated with Him. Nevertheless, those who acted upon His teachings and were God-fearing were found to be few in number. Verily, grace is in God’s hands—He singles out whom He pleases by His command. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty. In truth, this question of yours was most welcome, for most people are weak and veiled from God’s good-pleasure and that which is beloved in His sight.

This much has been written that the sincere servants of God may understand that which is beloved and acceptable unto God and from which the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful is wafted throughout all worlds. We praise and thank Him for this. Verily, He is the Protector of the thankful. Convey to his honor Aqa, the Most Truthful Name of God, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, the most wondrous, most impregnable, most holy greetings from this evanescent one. I have been and am mindful of the other loved ones, upon them be the fragrances of God, and I beseech them all not to forget this servant in their prayers. May glory be upon you and upon them.

The servant 66 [of God] 17 Jamadiyu’th-Thani 1291

BH05465: In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

We have sent down unto thee a Tablet aforetime, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, Who hath come with His Kingdom that dominateth the worlds. Say: The Kingdom is the Temple of the Lord of all causes, were ye of them that know. Moreover, it referreth, in one station, to this Most Great Scene, this most holy, most impregnable and luminous Station. And in another station it referreth to this Breast wherein the Tree uttereth: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” And in yet another station it referreth to My Most Exalted Pen, through whose melodies God quickeneth all who are in the heavens and on earth. Verily it is the source of the rivers that have flowed down in the Tablets from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Informed. He that drinketh therefrom, verily he is of the people of the Ark that saileth upon land and sea, whom neither waves nor winds nor rocks can harm. Say: This, verily, is My glorious and sublime Kingdom!

O Ali! Rejoice thou in that thou hast been mentioned by God, thy Lord, the Lord of the worlds. Strive thou by night and by day that there may appear from thee that which befitteth this Revelation, through which the Mount hath spoken:

> “The Hidden Treasure hath appeared, and that which was concealed hath come with manifest sovereignty.”

The glory be upon thee and upon them who have soared in the atmosphere of the love of their Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH08949: Say: O God, O Master of existence and Educator…

He is God. In His Name, the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth!

Say: O God, O Master of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the sun of Thy power hath shone forth and the ocean of Thy Will and favors hath surged and the heaven of Thy grandeur and bounty hath been upraised, to give me to drink, at all times, the water of life from Thy white hand and Thy most glorious finger.

O Lord! I am he who hath turned away from all else save Thee and hath advanced toward the horizon of Thy bounty. Ordain for me, through Thy grace, that which befitteth the sublimity of Thy sovereignty and the exaltation of Thy power. Then protect me from the schemes of those who have denied Thee and Thy signs, and who have plotted against Thy Cause and Thy proof. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH08946: Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee…

He is the One Who has dominion over all who are in the kingdom of Command and Creation!

Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having shown me Thy Beauty, honored me with Thy presence, caused me to hear Thy call, enabled me to soar in the atmosphere of nearness to Thee, and raised me to a station wherein I perceived the fragrant breezes of Thy most exalted Paradise and the sweet-scented perfumes of Thy supreme Heaven.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Educator of the world, to give me to drink of the choice wine of grace from the hands of Thy bounty and the living waters of loving-kindness from the fingers of Thy favor. O Lord! As Thou hast confirmed me in that which Thou lovest, preserve me, through Thy grace and beneficence and might and power, even as Thou wouldst have it. Then ordain for me the good of this world and the next, and in all circumstances to turn towards Thy most exalted horizon. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH02895: This servant, formerly named Rida, writes in the name…

This servant, formerly named Rida, writes in the name of the one incomparable Lord, the Concealer, the All-Forgiving. The letter was received before the Face and honored by the attention of the Lord of Names. God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting, and partake of the sealed wine.

Today all relationships are severed. These are the days of relationship with God. Whosoever turns to Him and attains His recognition is reckoned with God and related to Him. This relationship is sufficient, enduring, eternal and everlasting. Blessed is the soul that has clung to the cord of relationship with God

and become detached from creation. Such a one is a star in the exalted heaven of the Most Glorious Name. Upon him be the glory of God, his Lord and the Lord of the worlds.

At all times you must give thanks to the True Beloved Who enabled you to recognize His sanctified Beauty and guided you to the supreme horizon.

As for what you mentioned concerning your father, We have forgiven him as a favor to you and your relatives. Verily your Lord is the Forgiving, the Generous. That helpless one hesitated to turn to the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, because of the false statements of that lame one—upon him be the wrath and punishment of God. Since he had no knowledge of the true matter, he hearkened to the vain words of that wicked one. Never be saddened by this episode, for God has been and ever will be generous, gracious, merciful and compassionate. On this blessed day He adorned him with the robe of forgiveness, that you may give thanks to your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Remind him who was named Jalal from Me and give him the glad tidings of his Lord's favors. Also remind those women who have turned to God and believed in Him, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to God that all were mentioned in the Most Great Scene and attained the remembrance of the Lord of Power. Whatsoever exists in the world will soon perish, but this remembrance recorded by the Supreme Pen will endure and remain forever.

May glory be upon you, your mother, your sisters, your uncle's wife and her daughter, and your other uncle's wife. Blessed are they for having attained the lights of the Countenance, recognized God and His oneness, and turned to the Dawning-Place of His sacred and luminous Cause. It behooveth you to glory in the Sun of My loving-kindness which hath shone forth from the horizon of this wondrous Tablet.

BH02862: In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names! This is a mention from Us unto him who hath turned toward the Throne and set his face toward God, the Lord of all worlds, that the Call may draw him nigh again and again, and the remembrance and utterance may attract him time after time in such wise that he may arise amidst all created things in the name of his Lord, the All-Merciful, and summon the peoples unto the Most Great Name, whereby the limbs of the world have quaked and the Herald hath proclaimed: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great.

Hearken unto the call of this Wronged One from this Prison, the very dust particles whereof proclaim that there is none other God but Him, the Stranger, the Unique One. There hath appeared before the Throne at this hour he who hath turned toward God, the True King, the Manifest One, and hath attained the presence of God and quaffed the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou for having appeared and having seen and heard that which the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken forth when the Dayspring of Revelation appeared with mighty sovereignty. Thou didst enter by Our leave and return by the command of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Be thou assured through God's favor and His mercy, then make mention of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance lest the people of possibility be disturbed thereby—they who have disbelieved in God, the Lord

of all worlds. Blessed art thou for having aided the Cause of thy Lord and manifested that which beseemeth thee in the days of God, the Mighty, the All-Praised. Grieve thou not over anything, but put thy trust in Him through Whose finger's motion all created things were set in motion, and at Whose bidding all existence bowed down before God, the King, the Just, the All-Wise. We have made mention of thee in various Tablets as a favor from Us unto thee, and We make mention of thee in truth. Verily thy Lord is the Strong, the Trustworthy.

We behold thee at all times standing before the door and uttering My beauteous remembrance. Say: O God, my Beloved of the worlds and the Desire of them that have recognized Thee! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world to make me of them who have aided Thy Cause and stood firm in Thy love in such wise that neither the might of kings nor the conditions of the lowly hindered them. They spoke forth Thy Name and proclaimed Thy remembrance. Verily Thou art the Powerful over what Thou willest, and within Thy grasp is the kingdom of creation, and Thou art in truth the Transcendent, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

God hath forgiven thy father and thy mother and thy kindred, and hath arrayed them in the robes of His loving-kindness as a bounty from His presence. Rejoice thou in this and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of all worlds!

BH03137: In the Name of Him Who speaketh, manifest…

In the Name of Him Who speaketh, manifest and evident. The living waters from the Pen of the All-Merciful flow and stream forth at all times, and these are the cause of eternal existence and everlasting life. Yet most souls remain unaware thereof and deprived of any portion from the direction of the Most Great Scene. A few, through divine assistance, have attained unto this most great bounty. They are the source of good deeds and the manifestations of names and attributes. It is binding and incumbent upon such souls to arise with the utmost endeavor and wisdom to awaken the people of the world from the slumber of heedlessness through goodly remembrances and guide them to the Source of mercy.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto faith and certitude and for having arisen to serve thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. And if ye observe among those who have turned to God a soul who is capable of teaching this irresistible Cause of God and is adorned with the qualities mentioned in the Tablets, his turning to various regions for the purpose of spreading the Cause according to the wisdom revealed in the Tablets hath been and will be beloved. And in all conditions one must observe wisdom, for the people are weak and far removed from the root of the Cause. We beseech God to assist thee in all circumstances even as He hath aided thee at all times, and to grant thee the good of this world and the next. Verily He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

Convey My greetings to thy son who turned to the Goal and returned from what he was forbidden, and to all men and women who are with thee. The glory be upon thee and upon them from thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Ahmad, convey My greetings to My loved ones and give them the glad-tidings of this wise remembrance.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful in Milan! Hearken unto what the Prisoner calleth you from this mighty Prison. Gather ye together in the love of God and His praise, then unite in this mighty Cause. Beware lest the veils of the world prevent you. Turn with radiant faces unto God, the Lord of eternity. Verily He is with you at all times. Thus have We sent unto you the fragrances of the All-Merciful from this glorious and wondrous Garden.

BH03160: O Javad! Hearken unto the call of the Lord…

In the Name of Him Who is the Everlasting, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O Javad! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of creation. He calleth thee as a token of His grace, and remembereth thee even as He remembered thee aforetime when thou wert in Iraq. Verily thy Lord loveth those who were with Him and remembereth them at eventide and at dawn. His mercy hath preceded the world and His grace hath encompassed all who are in the realm of possibilities. Blessed is he whom the veils of creation have not prevented from turning unto the Truth, and who hath, on the Day of God, turned toward the Dayspring whereby the horizons were illumined.

Thy letter hath been presented before the Throne. We have inhaled from it the fragrance of thy love for God, the Lord of all names, and found it purified from the mention of aught else and adorned with this Name through which the horizon of utterance hath been illumined and all who are in earth and heaven have been enlightened. We have heard that which thou didst call upon God with the ear of faithfulness, and have answered thee with this Tablet whereby the trees have yielded their fruits.

Remember when thou wert in the presence of the Throne and didst hear with thine own ear the call of God and didst drink the choice wine of reunion from the hands of the grace of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted. Verily thou wert mentioned before the Countenance and didst attain the favors of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Grieve not for what hath befallen thee. There hath befallen Us at the hands of the enemies that which no pen can recount nor any pages contain. God will soon seize those who have wronged you and will exalt your names among His servants. By My life! When the people awaken they shall weep over themselves for what they have wrought in this Day the like of which the eye of creation hath not seen.

We beseech God to aid thee in His service and to protect thee from those who have denied the proof of God and His testimony and have followed every contentious infidel. Convey My greetings unto thy brother. Verily We make mention of him as a token of grace that he may thank his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Blessed is he for having turned unto God and for not having been prevented from the Path by the cawing of every idolatrous infidel. If thou shouldst see him who is the joy of the All-Merciful, convey unto him the greetings of the Prisoner and remind him of the verses of thy Lord, the Lord of all religions. Verily the glory rest upon thee and upon him and upon those who have attained unto the pure wine whose seal was broken by the finger of might.

BH03075: In My Name, the Speaker in the Kingdom…

In My Name, the Speaker in the Kingdom of Creation

O Varqa! Hearken unto the Call from the Dawning-Place of Grandeur raised in the prison of ʿAkka:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful!"

We have summoned all unto God. Among the people some have turned towards Him and others have turned away. He who hath turned towards Him is accounted among the triumphant in the Mother Book.

Say: O concourse of nations! From whom do ye flee this Day? By God! The Ancient Source hath appeared and in His hand is the pulse of the world. He healeth it as He pleaseth, and verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Say: Do ye flee from Him Who hath come unto you with the Kawthar of everlasting life? Fear ye the All-Merciful, and be not of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of lords. Abandon that which ye possess, and seize that which God, Who layeth low the necks of men, hath brought. Know ye of a certainty that if ye turn not back from that which ye have committed, chastisement will overtake you on every side, and ye shall behold things more grievous than that which ye beheld aforetime. Thus doth the Mother of Utterance apprise you.

Blessed art thou for having warbled upon the branches with diverse melodies in praise of thy Lord, the Lord of all religions. We have heard that which thou didst utter in remembrance and praise of God. Naught escapeth His knowledge, as every discerning one doth testify. Blessed is thy father. We bear witness that he aided the Cause of his Lord and made mention of Him among His servants. We sent him in certain years Tablets through which the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted throughout all existence. The gaze of God was directed towards him when the Throne was established in this Most Great Prison and before that in other lands. He Who speaketh the truth doth testify to this: "There is none other God but Me, the Almighty, the Unconstrained."

Give thanks unto God that We have heard thy cooing and accepted that which thou didst compose in praise of thy Lord, the Lord of creation. Warble upon the branch of the world in this Most Great Name, that the people of the graves may be awakened thereby and turn towards this Horizon from which the daysprings have been illumined. Grieve not over remoteness—ye are among those who are nigh, as doth the Lord of all beings testify. The Glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who have cast away idle fancies and turned towards the Dawning-Place of inspiration.

BH03235: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Me…

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the Mighty, the Help in Peril!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Me oppressed among the peoples in this Most Great Prison, and in every moment there befalleth Me that which hath not befallen Thy chosen ones and trusted ones. Thou knowest that I have summoned the servants unto naught save Thy singleness and oneness, and that which draweth them nigh unto the horizon of Thy grace and the dawning-place of Thy favors. Yet they

have turned away from Thy beauty, and objected to Thy Cause, and disputed Thy signs, and contended with Thy sovereignty.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the Sovereign of Names, through Whom Thy most exalted horizon was illumined, to deliver them from the promptings of self and passion, and draw them nigh unto Thy Most Great Name, the Most Glorious. Then grant them Thy blessing which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy bounty, and give them to drink of Thy sealed wine, whose seal was broken by the fingers of Thy might and power.

O Lord! They are the weak ones—they know not what profiteth them and what harmeth them, what draweth them nigh and what keepeth them far. Take their hands with the hands of Thy mercy, then rescue them through the arms of Thy generosity and power. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Dominant, the All-Wise, the All-Knowing.

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Thy servant who was named Nabil before Sadiq, who hath turned toward the lights of Thy countenance after the passing of the people of Thy kingdom, and drawn nigh unto the ocean of Thy bestowal and the heaven of Thy bounty, and hath advanced toward Thee when most of Thy creation turned away from Thee.

O Lord! Make him so enkindled with the fire of Thy love that through him the inhabitants of Thy lands and realms may be set ablaze. Then send down upon his heart from the heaven of Thy Revelation that which shall make him joyous in Thy days, and cause him to be seized with the gladness of Thy Cause and Thy remembrance of him, in such wise that the circumstances of Thy decree sadden him not, nor disturb him whatsoever may befall him in Thy land. Then choose for him what is chosen in Thy presence, and ordain for him what Thou hast ordained for the sincere among Thy loved ones and the near ones among Thy chosen ones. Then make him to circle round Thy Will and Purpose in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Most High, the Most Great. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH03380: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the Most Glorious, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down that He might thereby draw all who are in the realm of being nigh unto the Ocean that hath surged in His Great Name.

Among the people are those who have turned away and disputed with proof, and those who have quaffed the choice wine of certitude in His Name, the Guardian over all worlds. They have lost, those who have turned to the croaking of the raven, turning away from hearkening to what the Dove hath warbled upon the branches of the Tree of Eternity—that there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

This is a Day illumined by the light of the Countenance, around which circle the nights and days. Blessed is he who hath seen with insight, and the thirsty one who hath attained this manifest Kawthar. Blessed is he who proclaimeth the truth and striveth to serve the Cause of his Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful.

O servant who gazeth upon the Countenance! Hearken thou unto the call of thy Lord, the Most Glorious, from the Dayspring of grandeur and majesty. He verily draweth thee nigh unto the supreme horizon and causeth thee to speak praise whereby things are attracted, and remembrance whereby creation is influenced. Thy Lord is verily the Guardian, the Mighty, the All-Informed.

Gather thou together the loved ones of God in that place, then remind them of My gracious remembrance. We have sent down for them a Tablet whereby the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath been wafted throughout all worlds, that they may rejoice and stand firm in this wondrous Cause.

We have revealed in the prison a Book named at the Throne the Most Holy Book, wherein We have laid down the laws and adorned it with the commandments of thy Lord, Who commandeth all in the heavens and earth. Say: O people, hold fast unto it and observe what hath been sent down therein of the wondrous laws of your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. It profiteth you in this world and the next, and purifieth you from that which beseemeth you not. He is verily the Ordainer, the Expositor, the Giver, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Blessed art thou for having fulfilled the Covenant and Testament of God and attained unto this Tablet whereby thy mention hath been recorded in My Preserved Tablet. Be thou a servant to the Cause of thy Lord, remembering His remembrance and praising His praise, that every heedless and remote one may be awakened thereby. Thus have We bestowed Our favor upon thee as a bounty from Our presence, and I am verily the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH03530: This is a Book We have sent down…

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance.

This is a Book We have sent down in truth that it may draw the people unto the Most Exalted Horizon and bring them nigh unto the Most Great Ocean which hath surged in the name of God, the Most Glorious, on a Day wherein trembling seized all who are in the realm of possibility, save whom God willeth, the Almighty, the Glorious, the Self-Subsisting.

This is a Day wherein the Tree uttereth its call in the midmost heart of the world and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of creation. Among the people are those whom the attraction of the Word hath so seized that they have cast away the world, turning unto the Dayspring of Inspiration; and among them are those who have turned aside by following them who have denied the Proof and the Testament.

O Nabil-i-ʿAli! Thy letter hath come before the Throne and We have heard how thou hast praised God, the Lord of creation. Then thy second letter, which was adorned with words that shone forth from the horizon of Revelation. This Tongue which God hath made the Kawthar of life for all who dwell in the realm of possibility—hold thou fast unto the Most Great Steadfastness and cling to the hem of thy Lord's mercy, the Lord of all mankind. He is with whosoever hath turned unto Him, detached from all else.

By the life of God! Should anyone today drink the choice wine of life from the chalice of recognition, it would so transport him that he would cry out among the servants with this Remembrance which God hath made the Dawning-Place of lights. Blessed art thou for having turned away from those who follow idle fancies and turned unto the Dayspring of certitude. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Throne and for having attained that whereby thy remembrance shall endure in the Book of thy Lord, the Lord of Return.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest me turning toward the horizon of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy bounty, acknowledging Thy singleness and assured of Thy oneness. I beseech Thee by Him Who is the Possessor of all names and the Creator of earth and heaven to assist me to serve Thee amongst Thy creatures and to sanctify me from all that beseemeth not Thy days. Then manifest through Thy grace that which will exalt Thy remembrance and praise. Verily Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Inaccessible, the All-Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

BH03666: Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou seest…

In His Name, the One Who Remembereth, the All-Knowing, the All-Aware

Glory be to Thee, O my God! Thou seest how Mahmud hath turned towards Thy praiseworthy station, and how he attained unto Thy presence when the Light of the Cause was shining from the horizon of Iraq. O my Lord! Thou beholdest his turning towards the Kaaba of Thy bounty, his orientation to the direction of Thy gifts, his immersion in the ocean of Thy love, his holding fast to the cord of Thy grace, and his clinging to the hem of Thy favors. Ordain for him, O my God, that which will cause the fragrance of Thy Cause to waft throughout Thy kingdom and the sweet-scenting breeze of Thy victory to spread throughout Thy lands.

Thou knowest, O my God, that his letter which he sent to the servant in attendance before the throne of Thy grandeur and the seat of Thy power hath come before the Prisoner, and We have heard from it the cry of his heart and the lamentation of his soul in his love for Thee and separation from Thee. The rapture of yearning for Thee hath so seized him that his very foundations trembled with longing for Thy beauty and seeking Thy good-pleasure.

O Lord! Cut not off from his ear Thy most sweet call which hath been raised from the seat of Thy sovereignty, nor from his eye the lights of Thy beauty, nor from his mouth Thy sealed choice wine, nor from his heart the breathings of Thy celebrated and hidden Name, nor from his breast the fragrances of Thy raiment whereby Thou didst quicken all that was and shall be.

O Lord! Thou witnesseth his arising to serve Thee, his praise of Thy Self, and his turning towards the ocean of Thy grace. Send down upon him from the heaven of Thy bounty that which shall cause him to endure through the endurance of Thy most beautiful names and Thy most exalted attributes. Then write for him the good of this world and the next. Then cause him to rest beneath Thy shade and aid him to transcribe Thy verses, spread abroad Thy commandments, and manifest Thy knowledge.

Verily Thou art the One Who hath power, Whom neither the might of the world nor the power of the nations can frustrate. Thou rulest through Thy sovereignty whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Most High, the Exalted, the Great.

BH04045: The Water of Life hath flowed from the Pen…

In His Name, Who is established upon the throne of grandeur and power!

The Water of Life hath flowed from the Pen of the All-Merciful, yet the people have turned away from it, following every heedless doubter. By God! The Essence of the Word crieth out with the most exalted call between earth and heaven, yet people make themselves deaf to hearing this most wondrous and glorious Call. The essence of existence hath hastened in its longing toward the Worshipped One, yet the people remain in manifest veils. Is there anyone who will arise to serve the Cause in the name of God and His sovereignty, and draw nigh unto the Dawning-Place of Revelation, detached from all else save Him? Blessed is he who hath attained on this day unto the sweet savors of the Beloved and the fragrances that have been wafted from His luminous garment.

Thy letter which thou didst send to the servant who standeth before the Throne hath been received and hath attained unto this glorious presence. We have found from it the fragrance of turning unto the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and We have sent down for thee this wondrous Tablet. Be thou speaking in remembrance of God and serving His Cause which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Beware lest the allusions of the people veil thee or the doubts of those who have denied the Day of Judgment prevent thee. Give thanks unto God for having attained unto the Tablet of God and for having been mentioned before His mighty throne.

We make mention in this station of Our servant who hath been named Husayn, that the verses of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful, may attract him.

O Husayn!

Hearken unto the call of Him Who hath been wronged. Verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Blessed art thou for having cast away that which the people possess and taken that which thou wert commanded by One powerful and ancient. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then make mention to the people of this Remembrance whereby the eyes of those who possess true knowledge have been solaced. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!

BH04411: O Kamal! The All-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, makes mention…

In the name of the peerless, one true God.

O Kamal! The All-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, makes mention of thee from within the Most Great Prison. No bounty hath been or shall ever be greater than this. May thou be occupied at all times with teaching the Cause of the All-Merciful with wisdom and utterance, that perchance the vain imaginings of men may be effaced through the waters of the love of the Lord of creation, and they may turn toward the known Station and the Self-Subsisting Name.

Say: O servants! Most of what ye have heretofore heard is naught but invention and fancy. Hearts and ears must be cleansed of all they have heard and understood, that they may become the recipients of the effulgent splendors of the Lord of Verses and the Dawning-Place of clear proofs.

Thy letter was presented before the Throne, and the servant in attendance submitted it in its entirety. Blessed art thou, then blessed art thou! Joy be unto thee, then joy be unto thee, inasmuch as thou didst recognize the Dayspring of Revelation while He was veiled behind curtains of light, and didst attain His presence, and drink the choice wine of reunion with Him, and hear His most sweet call, and behold His most glorious countenance. Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Thou must occupy thyself, with utmost sanctity and detachment and the essence of severance and the quintessence of fear of God, in praising the Lord of Names amidst all people. Sacred Tablets were successively revealed and dispatched over many years, that thou mightest witness with clear certitude the bounty of the Lord of the Day of Judgment and rejoice in His mercy. Verily the glory be upon thee and upon all who are with thee, whether female or male, young or old.

BH04406: In the Name of the One Incomparable God! O…

In the Name of the One Incomparable God! O handmaiden of God! The eye of God is watching thee, and from His all-encompassing mercy and pre-existing favor, He calleth unto thee from this manifest Prison, that thou mayest arise to serve the Lord of creation with utmost sanctity, detachment and consecration. How many men have been deprived of God and failed to recognize Him, and how many women have turned toward the Most Great Sea and attained unto the bounteous, the most bountiful One! Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the presence of God and drunk from the Kawthar of reunion. His is the grace and the bestowal, His the bounty and the generosity. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

We make mention of Light and glorify her from this station both far and near. O Light! When thou wert young thou didst attain unto the presence of the All-Knowing, the Most Experienced One, and didst dwell beneath the shade of the Tree of Hope until thou didst grow up. Now thou must arise to serve Him, that is, to remember Him in His remembrance and praise Him in His praise, but with consummate wisdom. Such is the divine counsel that hath flowed from the Eternal Pen.

We moreover make mention of him who clung to the hem of My loving-kindness at the time of My departure from My house and My proceeding to My Ridvan wherein We shed upon all things the splendor of Our most excellent names and Our most exalted attributes. Know thou this station. By My life! Through this thou hast been mentioned in the presence of the Concourse on High and the dwellers in the cities of names. Exalted is the bounty of thy Lord, He Who rules over earth and heaven. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH04427: Thou seest, O My Lord, one of the Leaves…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

Thou seest, O My Lord, one of the Leaves grown out of the Tree of Thy Oneness and the mighty stock of Thy Singleness, surrounded by unbelievers, men and women alike. Thou knowest that she hath verily

turned to Thee, hath clung to the cord of Thy bounty and held fast to the hem of Thy favours. Consequently there befell her that which hath come to pass.

I beseech Thee, O Thou the Possessor of Names and the Fashioner of Heaven, to ordain for her that which will gladden her heart, illumine her eye and delight her bosom. O God! Protect Thy leaves from the transgressors amidst Thy handmaids who have turned away from Thy Beauty, giving allegiance to those who have refuted Thee and Thy Signs. Thou art verily He Whose power hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. The dwellers of the Kingdoms of Creation and Command are unable to frustrate Thy purpose. No God is there but Thee, the Most Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Most Wise.

O God, look upon her with Thy eye of favour and cast upon her a glance of Thy mercy. Protect her then from the stones of the suspicions of other women and from the darts of the vain imaginations of the sinful. Give her to drink at all times from the wine of Thy bounty, from the river of Thy favour and the wellspring of Thy mercy. Verily Thou art the Ruler of the world and Thou art powerful over nations. Thou ordainest for whosoever Thou desirest what Thou wishest. No God is there but Thee, the Giver, the Forgiver and the Merciful.

Bless Thou, O Lord my God, the Divine Lote-Tree and its leaves, and its boughs, and its branches, and its stems, and its off-shoots, as long as Thy most excellent titles will endure and Thy most august attributes will last. Protect it, then, from the mischief of the aggressor and the hosts of tyranny. Thou art, in truth, the Almighty, the Most Powerful.

BH04885: O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon!…

In the Name of Him Who is established upon the throne of “He doeth what He willeth”

O thou who gazest toward the Most Exalted Horizon! Hearken unto the call of the Ancient King from the precincts of His Most Great Prison. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Thy letter hath come before the Throne. We found it purified from mention of all who dwell in the realm of possibilities and sanctified from whatsoever beseemeth not thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of My loving-kindness and the Kawthar of My grace and the Salsabil of My generosity, and for having turned thy face toward My countenance after the passing of all who dwell in My kingdom, and for having sought My dominion and the heaven of My knowledge and the ocean of My Will and the Sun of My Beauty which shineth upon all worlds.

Joy be unto thee for having taken the chalice of certitude with the power of faith and drunk therefrom despite those among the followers of religion who denied the All-Merciful when He came with the truth through His sovereignty which encompasses all who are in the heavens and on earth. We beseech God to make thee a lamp of guidance among His creatures and to open, through the key of thy remembrance, the cities of hearts. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Be thankful that thou hast been mentioned by My Most Exalted Pen. By My life, this sufficeth thee in truth and nothing on earth can equal it. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Know then

that We heard thy call before thy letter arrived and answered thee with a mighty Tablet, and after thy letter came, with this wondrous Tablet. Arise to serve the Cause by My leave and My will, then convey unto the people this Most Great News. Blessed art thou and blessed is thy letter from which wafted the fragrances of thy love for God, the Beloved of those who know.

BH04653: In My Name, the All-Encompassing Above All Names! We…

In My Name, the All-Encompassing Above All Names! We make mention of him who hath turned unto God, that he may rejoice in the remembrance of his Lord and draw nigh unto a station wherein he beholdeth naught save the effulgent lights of His shining and luminous countenance. Blessed is thy brother! By God, he attained unto the choice wine of inner meanings and utterance when its seal was broken by the hand of God's power, the Lord of all worlds. He was among those who outstripped most of the servants in his love for his Lord. The Concourse on High and they who circle round His mighty throne invoke blessings upon him. He believed in God and migrated with Him until he sacrificed his life in His straight Path.

We have deposited his luminous remains in a land called Izmir. Verily it is God's trust in that blessed and wondrous spot. Blessed is he who draweth nigh unto it and visiteth it with that which hath been revealed from the Pen of his Lord's Revelation, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Upon thee, O Name of God the Luminous, be the fragrances that waft from thy Lord the All-Merciful's raiment and the sweet scents diffused from the robe of grandeur amidst all possibilities. I testify that thou didst cast the world behind thee and didst cleave unto God, the Sovereign of all nations. Thou wert steadfast in His service, a champion of His Cause, mindful of His remembrance, and eloquent in His beauteous praise.

Therefore, render thanks unto God for having attained unto this Tablet through which the breeze of the All-Merciful hath wafted over all, whether young or old. Be like thy brother in thy love for God and His good-pleasure. Then make mention of him with such remembrance as will attract the hearts of them that slumber. Grieve not at anything. Thou art beneath the wing of My favor and the canopies of My mercy, which have preceded all worlds.

BH05247: In the Name of Him Who is the Supreme…

In the Name of Him Who is the Supreme Ruler over what hath been and what shall be. The Most Exalted Pen calleth out to all who are in creation and beareth them glad tidings of that which will draw them nigh unto God, the Supreme Ruler, the Self-Subsisting.

Among the people are those who become expansive when they hear, and among them are those who become contracted through the fire of jealousy and hatred. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. And among them are those who desire to prevent the ocean from its waves and the sun from its radiance. Say: Die in thy wrath, O thou rejected infidel! By God, thou hast no power over this, nor do thy like, nor those who rule over the people. Verily He is the One

with power over whatsoever He willeth. The prevention of every conquered transgressor hindereth Him not.

The world and whatsoever is therein shall pass away. Verily it was built for passing away. Blessed are the people who understand. Blessed is he who casteth it away, purely for the sake of God, and turneth toward the horizon of revelation—this station round which circle sincere servants.

We have found the fragrance of thy faith. We have adorned thee with the ornament of First Remembrance in this inscribed Tablet. We make mention of those who have turned toward the Countenance and faced toward God, the Lord of the seen and unseen. Grieve not over the world and its conditions. Commit thy affairs unto God, then make mention of Him amongst the servants, that perchance they may become aware and turn toward the praiseworthy station.

Thus hath the fragrance of that which hath appeared from the Most Exalted Pen been diffused, as a favor from Us. Blessed is he who hath found it and hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of existence!”

BH05513: Thy letter reached the Most Holy Court and was…

In the name of the Peerless Friend

Thy letter reached the Most Holy Court and was the recipient of divine favor. The True One hath ever been and will continue to be watchful over His loved ones, whether men or women who are steadfast. Praise be to God that handmaiden attained unto the outpourings of the Most Great Sea and turned toward the Supreme Horizon. This bounty sufficeth thee. Ask thou of God, glorified and exalted be He, for steadfastness, inasmuch as this is accounted among the most mighty of all things in the sight of God.

And concerning what thou didst write regarding pilgrimage to the House of God and seeking permission—it is clear that benevolent deeds have ever been beloved in the sight of God. However, in this Revelation all are commanded to observe wisdom. Therefore no action contrary to wisdom should be manifested. Be not thou distressed over any matter. God willing, thou hast been and wilt continue to be beneath the shadow of divine favor.

In this Day the glory of every being lieth in the favors and mention of God. Praise be to God, thou hast attained thereunto. We beseech God to assist His handmaidens to remember and praise Him, and to aid them to remain steadfast in His Cause. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. May the glory rest upon thee and upon thy daughters, from thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH05374: This is a mention from Us unto him who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Mighty

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath quaffed the choice wine of revelation and attained unto the days of God, the Lord of all worlds, and who hath turned unto the Countenance when it appeared with manifest sovereignty.

Say: O people, turn ye unto God and follow not every sinful impostor. By God! There hath appeared that which hath not appeared in creation, and the Desired One hath come with a sovereignty that none in the heavens and earth can withstand. Say: The Lamp hath been lit and the All-Merciful hath come with manifest sovereignty. Beware lest the imaginings of those who have disbelieved in God hold you back, or the might of the oppressors frighten you.

Summon all creation in the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, then turn with radiant faces unto the Dayspring of your Lord's Cause, the Lord of Names, Who calleth you from this glorious station. Say: Fear ye God and follow not your desires. Follow Him Who speaketh the truth and calleth you unto God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

By God! Nothing shall profit you this Day though ye should cling to all things, and naught shall quench your thirst of separation save the water of reunion that floweth from the spring of your Lord's bounty, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Turn not unto them that have turned away from the Truth, but turn ye unto God. Thus have ye been commanded in all the Tablets, did ye but know.

Thus have the verses been sent down as a grace from Our presence, and I am the Ancient Sender.

BH05757: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Mighty

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and made them a proof from His presence unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. They who have heard them—these are they who have attained unto that which God hath willed, and they who have remained heedless—these are in manifest error. Every people awaited that which was promised unto them, yet when that which was recorded appeared, they denied God, the Most High, the Most Great. Blessed is he who hath turned unto the Countenance, turning away from those who have followed every accursed Satan.

We have heard of thy turning unto God and have revealed for thee this wondrous Tablet that it may draw thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold thyself detached from all creation and holding fast to My strong cord. We have summoned all unto God—among men some turned away, some turned towards Him, and some remain in strange intoxication. Blessed is he whom neither the might of the divines nor the power of princes prevented from turning to the Most High Horizon in the name of his Lord, the Most Glorious. He is of them that are nigh unto God.

Give thanks unto God for having attained unto this Wise Remembrance and been mentioned by the Pen of Revelation while the Dayspring of the Cause was in a mighty prison. We beseech God to assist thee and strengthen thee to serve His Cause. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH05717: Exalted be He Who hath revealed His Hidden Beauty…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Exalted be He Who hath revealed His Hidden Beauty with such lights as have encompassed the heavens and the earth, and hath caused every thing to voice the praise of the Dawning-Place of His Command when He came from the heaven of majesty with manifest sovereignty.

O people of the earth! That which was concealed in the eternity of eternities hath appeared, and by its lights have the peaks and mountains been illumined, while ye remain among the heedless. Turn ye with radiant faces unto the Most Glorious Horizon that ye may behold the Sun of Beauty of your Lord, the Most Exalted, dawning from God's hallowed, mighty and wise Perspective.

How long will ye follow your desires? Cast away idle fancies, now that the Dawning-Place of knowledge hath appeared through a Command that hath stunned all who are in the heavens and on earth, save whom God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath willed.

Blessed art thou for having turned unto the Dawning-Place of certitude while every deluded remote one hath turned away. Drink thou the Water of Life at all times from the verses of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then turn away from the idolaters. He will verily assist thee with the truth even as He assisted thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty. He is, verily, the One Who overshadoweth all worlds.

Beware lest the affairs of men grieve thee. Rather, rejoice with this joy whereby hearts have soared unto God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH05655: In My Name, the All-Subduing Above All Names! O…

In My Name, the All-Subduing Above All Names! O My handmaiden, My handmaiden! The tongue of My mercy calleth thee from the precincts of My prison, and the Kingdom of My utterance addresseth thee from the seat of My throne, that thy heart may rejoice thereby and thy tongue may speak forth in praise of thy Lord, the All-Subduing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Know thou that We have answered every letter that hath been presented before the Throne, and have mentioned him who sent it in such wise as to delight the eyes of them that possess true knowledge. We have heard thy call at this time and have answered thee with this perspicuous Tablet. Blessed art thou for having hearkened unto the call of the Wronged One and turned unto the Informed One.

Grieve thou not over anything, but be thou confident in the bounty of thy Lord. He remembereth every servant who hath believed and every handmaiden who hath attained unto this Kawthar wherewith God giveth His turned-toward servants to drink.

Consider how many a queen hath failed to attain unto God and His presence, while thou hast attained unto the Desired One and His mention, which is incomparable to aught else created in the heavens and earths. By My life! That wherein kings and queens take pride shall perish, while that which hath been sent down from My Pen, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, shall endure for thee.

Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this bounty and say:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art imprisoned, and glory be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged, and splendor be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Glory of the worlds!”

BH06242: In His Name, the Single One, the All-Knowing…

In His Name, the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed! The veils of idle fancies have covered the hearts of all peoples. Blessed is he who rends them asunder through the power of certitude. The Herald hath called out in the heart of all lands that there is none other God but Him, the Single One, the All-Wise.

Among the people are those whom the wine of desire hath so seized that they have remained heedless of the Lord of all being, and among them are those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Dawning-Place of Revelation. We beseech God to aid all to turn unto Him and draw them nigh unto this mighty ocean.

We have found what hath been diffused of thy love for thy Lord, and We have sent down for thee that wherewith the world may be perfumed. Take hold of the Book of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, with the hands of power and assurance, and remind thereby the concourse of all possibilities who have remained heedless of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: That which had never appeared in creation hath now appeared. Turn ye unto Him and follow not every ignoble malefactor. Be thou thankful unto God for having been mentioned by His Most Exalted Pen. This is what shall profit thee in every world of the worlds of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Remind the people there that perchance they may turn to the horizon of revelation and drink of this wondrous nectar. Thus have We lit the lamp of knowledge amidst all possibilities. Blessed is he who is illumined thereby, and woe unto those who turn away.

BH06152: Mention from Us to him who hath adorned himself…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the most Great

Mention from Us to him who hath adorned himself with the ornament of the love of the All-Merciful and hath turned unto Him when the servants turned away. Verily he that hath cast away vain imaginings and turned unto the Dawning-Place of certitude is among the dwellers of Paradise in the sight of God, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

O loved ones of God! Be ye united in the Cause, then adorn your temples with the raiment of love and fellowship. Remember ye God at all times in such wise that hearts may rejoice thereby and mountains pass away. He that hath attained unto this Cause is seized with such longing that he soareth in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful with joy and delight.

Well is it with thee for having drunk from the cup of inner meanings when every doubting misbeliever turned away. Arise to make mention and utterance amongst all possibility, that perchance the slumbering may thereby be awakened and turn unto the Mighty, the Bestower.

Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to recognize the Dawning-Place of proof and for having sent down unto thee that which hath diffused the fragrance of utterance throughout all possibility. Hold fast unto the Most Great Name and cleave unto the hem of thy Lord, the Master of all names.

Say: O my Lord! Aid me to serve Thee and to stand firm in Thy Cause and to return unto Thee in all conditions.

BH06209: He is the One Who warbles upon the twigs…

He is the One Who warbles upon the twigs with diverse melodies. God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is indeed the Wronged One in this mighty prison. By God! Neither the opposition of the divines nor the power of princes hath deterred Him. He speaketh in the kingdom of creation: There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful.

He is the One Who cannot be known except through His own Self. Behold Him with His eye and be not of the heedless ones. His mercy hath preceded the world, yet most of the people are as dead. Make mention of Him amidst the concourse of creation with joy and fragrance.

Exalted is the All-Merciful Who hath commanded you to goodly deeds in a noble Tablet. Say: Spread not corruption in the earth after it hath been set in order, and speak not except that which God hath permitted you. He is verily the Commander, the All-Knowing. The most beloved of all things in His sight is unity and harmony, and the most detested thereof is discord and conflict. Take ye that which God hath chosen for you and follow not the ways of the ignorant ones.

I give thanks unto my Lord for what hath been recorded by His Most Exalted Pen, and I say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having made Thyself known unto me and for having revealed unto me Thy verses. I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee and in obeying Thee. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH06354: In My Name, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

In My Name, the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing

O thou who art imprisoned in My path, and banished for My name, and prevented for My love!

Hearken unto My voice from the direction of My throne. By God! He was with thee when thou wert among the enemies, and He witnessed what befell thee in His straight path. Thou hast borne what thy Lord bore. Blessed art thou for having shown patience and fulfilled God's covenant, the Lord of all worlds.

Be thou steadfast in the Cause and assist that which hath been sent down from the kingdom of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We have revealed unto thee each year that which nothing created on earth can equal. To this testifieth every discerning sage.

Observe mankind and their lack of recognition—they deny him who enjoineth upon them what is right, and condemn him who desireth their preservation in the kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. By My life! Had they known what God intended for them, they would have cast away all they possess,

turning unto this resplendent horizon. They have been prevented therefrom by following the vain imaginings of the doubtful ones.

Grieve not at their deeds. God will soon seize them with a justice from Him. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful.

The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee who have recognized God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest.

BH06666: The Truth hath appeared with a sovereignty that neither…

In His Name, the One Powerful over all who are in creation!

The Truth hath appeared with a sovereignty that neither the hosts of the world nor the conditions of the nations can withhold. He speaketh at all times:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the Bestower!"

The Call hath been raised in such wise that the mountains were moved thereby, yet most of the people remain heedless and astray.

Blessed is the one possessed of might who hath, through My Name, the Powerful, shattered the idols of vain imaginings and turned with strength unimpeded by the veils of glory toward God. Arise to serve the Cause and give unto the people the glad-tidings of this Revelation whereby the world hath been illumined and the horizon of creation made to shine.

Say: O people! The breezes of the All-Merciful have wafted, and that which was recorded in the scriptures and tablets hath appeared. Fear ye God, and reject not the truth with your mouths. Answer Him Who calleth you to the most exalted station.

The Kawthar of life hath streamed forth from the mouth of the Will of your Lord, the All-Merciful, and the sealed choice wine hath been unsealed through His Name, the One Who holdeth dominion over all religions. Thus have We adorned the horizon of the world with the lights of the utterance of the Most Great Name, Who hath come from the heaven of revelation with power and sovereignty.

BH06465: O maidservant of God! At every moment doth…

In the name of the Desire of the world

O maidservant of God! At every moment doth the Ancient King from the direction of the Most Great Prison summon the people of the world to the most glorious paradise and the highest horizon. Blessed is the soul that responded and attained the most exalted station.

This is the Day whereon the distinctions of loftiness and lowliness have been abolished. Any soul, whether male or female, who hath turned unto the True One is reckoned as being of the True One, and apart from that is mentioned before the All-Merciful as being among the lost, even if they were of the most exalted in creation.

O handmaid of God! Praise the Beloved of the world that you have attained to His recognition and are gazing at His horizon. Know the value of this station and be occupied with His remembrance at all times, detached from all else.

Be not grieved by the hardships of the world. Reflect upon the state of the Beloved of the world, Who dwells in the Most Great Prison with utmost tyranny and oppression. By My life! That which is visible shall vanish, and the kingdom and the realm shall belong to the loved ones of God, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH06493: In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over the Kingdom of Names and Dominion! By God! The Lord of Might calls unto those on earth to ascend to that station whereon is established the throne of His Most Great Name, Who has come from the heaven of grandeur with a sovereignty that has encompassed all in the worlds.

My Most Exalted Pen moves at all times even as it moved before, speaking and declaring: Verily there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Were people to discover the sweetness of that remembrance which has dawned from the Dayspring of utterance, they would surely forsake the world and all that is therein, and would turn unto the Qiblih of the horizons Who dwells in this mighty Prison.

By My life! The people's vain desires have seized them and thereby prevented them from this supreme bounty. Blessed is the powerful one who has turned to the Countenance, and the mighty one who has rent the veil with the finger of certitude.

Thy remembrance was mentioned before the Throne, and this Tablet hath been revealed for thee, from which the Sun of utterance has shone forth and the Dove has warbled upon the branches. There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is a Tablet which, shouldst thou take it with the hand of might, will verily be with thee in all conditions and assist thee through the eternity of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH06447: O Mustafa! Thou hast been mentioned by the Most…

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance.

O Mustafa! Thou hast been mentioned by the Most Exalted Pen, and this is yet another time, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and arise to serve the Cause in such wise that all things between earth and heaven may cry out at thy call. This behooveth one who hath turned towards the Dawning-Place of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Remind the people of the Most Great Remembrance, that they may perchance become aware and arise and turn towards God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Be thou enkindled with the fire of God in such wise that its effects become manifest throughout the realm. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

Grieve not over the world and its afflictions. Put thy trust in Him in Whom the honored servants have put their trust. Drink thou from the water of life, then give to drink them that dwell in the realm of possibility, that it may draw them nigh unto the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Throne time and again. He remembereth him that turneth towards Him with a remembrance that draweth minds unto Him. Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Utterance in this station which God hath adorned with the ornament of His Name, the Help in Peril, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

BH06544: This is a mention from Us to one who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Impregnable, the Most Exalted

This is a mention from Us to one who has turned to the Lord of the worlds when He appeared with His Most Great Name, that he may drink the wine of life from the chalice of his Lord's loving-kindness, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Hearken to the call of thy Lord, then prostrate thyself before His holy, luminous countenance. We mentioned thee before—this is yet another time—that thou mayest find peace through the grace of thy Ancient Lord.

Know thou the station of thine uncle whom God hath related unto Himself and commanded to appear before the Throne in this mighty, impregnable station. We bear witness that he attained the presence of God in His days and appeared before the Throne and heard His call when every stubborn misbeliever turned away. He is among those who aided the Cause of their Lord and followed their Bountiful Master. Blessed is he who hath loved him purely for the sake of God, and blessed are those whom God hath related unto him. Thy Lord will surely reward those who have aided Him and arisen to serve Him amidst the worlds.

Rejoice thou in this mention whereby the Concourse on High hath rejoiced and the cities of names were attracted, and every pure and luminous heart.

BH06583: Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God…

In His Name, Who is established upon the Throne

Glorified art Thou, O my God and the God of all contingent beings, my Beloved and the Beloved of all created things! Thou seest one of Thy leaves who hath clung to the Tree of Thy singleness, hath testified to Thy oneness, hath turned toward the horizon of Thy grace, the ocean of Thy generosity and the heaven of Thy Will, and hath sent unto the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration that which evidenceth her turning unto Thee, her hearkening unto Thy call, her orientation toward Thy direction, her submission to Thy sovereignty and her humility before Thy Cause.

I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens, Lord of Names and Sovereign over all things, to preserve her through the dominion of Thy power and the sovereignty of Thy might, lest she be cast down by the blowing of the winds of Thy decree. Then cause her, O my God, to be among the denizens of Paradise and

the people of the assemblages of companionship. Ordain, moreover, for her that whereby her mention shall endure throughout the duration of Thy Kingdom and Thy Dominion.

O Lord! Thou seest her gazing upon Thee and turning toward Thy generosity and favors. Withhold her not from that which lieth with Thee of the wonders of Thy bounty and benevolence. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH06755: The purpose of the creation of the world…

In the name of the Beloved of the worlds!

The purpose of the creation of the world and the fashioning of Adam hath been the knowledge of the True One, exalted be His glory. This knowledge is in itself the eternal elixir and shall ever remain so. Whoso attaineth unto it hath attained unto everlasting life.

Praise be to God that thou hast attained to this exalted station and sublime rank, and hast been illumined by the lights of the Sun of inner meanings which hath dawned from the horizon of God's Will. Know thou the value of this station and be not saddened by what hath come to pass.

Reflect upon what hath befallen Us at the hands of the enemies of God; then will that which thou hast witnessed in His love and good-pleasure become easy for thee to bear. With the love of the Friend, what is bitter becometh sweet, and colocynth turneth to honey.

Soon shall the veils of the people be rent asunder, and they shall witness the consequences of their deeds and shall lament and bewail their state. Assuredly the Just and All-Wise shall take from the oppressor the rights of the oppressed. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Praise thou the Ancient Beauty that thou art known for His love and art mentioned before the Throne. Verily, upon thee be glory.

BH06450: We have sent unto the world that which will…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

We have sent unto the world that which will draw them nigh unto the Most Exalted Paradise, and yet most of the people remain heedless. They have cast aside what hath come to them with truth and have taken that which debarreth them from God, the Lord of all worlds. We have made clear unto them the path and revealed unto them the proof and sent down unto them that whereby God's testimony hath been perfected, both before and after. Yet the people remain in manifest darkness, following their desires and turning away from guidance. They are indeed among the most lost!

Say: O people! Fear God and follow not those who have denied God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Turn with illumined hearts toward the Most Exalted Horizon that ye may behold His most great signs. He commandeth you that which shall profit you in the hereafter and in this world. He is verily the Forgiving, the Generous.

We have found the fragrance of thy love for God and have therefore made mention of thee in this mighty prison. Arise to serve God and to aid His Cause, that perchance the people may awaken and turn unto the Peerless, the All-Informed. Ask thou God to manifest through thee that whereby thy remembrance shall be established in the Kingdom of God, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the All-Praised.

BH06488: In the name of the kind Friend!…

In the name of the kind Friend! That which is beloved today is steadfastness in the Cause of God, exalted be His glory. Whosoever hath attained unto this most exalted and glorious station hath attained unto all good.

Tribulations and trials and afflictions, whether hidden or manifest, have ever been and shall ever be the portion of the loved ones of God. Blessed is he who hath drunk therefrom, remaining patient and steadfast in the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds.

The eye of God's loving-kindness hath been and will be, God willing, fixed upon you. Be not grieved at what hath befallen you. Observe how the Truth, though He desired the good of all and summoned all mankind to the supreme horizon, yet there befell Him that which hath befallen no one else in all creation. Such is the way of the people who have forsaken the Truth, the Mighty, the Dawning-Place of certitude, and who remain occupied with their own idle fancies. Soon shall they become aware of their deeds and shall lament over themselves.

God willing, may you ever drink from the ocean of joy and remain fixed in contemplation of the Most Glorious Horizon. The glory be upon you.

BH06578: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest how…

In His Name, the One Who rules over all who are in the earth and heaven!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest how one of Thy leaves hath clung to the Tree of Thy Lordship, hath voiced Thy praise, and turned unto Thee when she heard Thy call. She hath sent unto Thee a letter wherein she acknowledged Thy sovereignty and power, Thy loftiness and might, Thy transcendence and ascendancy.

I beseech Thee, O Thou Who causeth the dawn to break and sendeth forth the winds, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world and through which Thy Most Great Name was established upon the throne of Thy Cause and the seat of Thy laws, to draw her nigh at all times unto the Dayspring of Thy Revelation, the Source of Thy Cause, the Repository of Thy inspiration, the Orient of Thy Will and the Fountainhead of Thy Purpose. Then ordain for her in the Supreme Tablet that which shall gladden her eyes and rejoice her heart.

O Lord! Deal with her as befitteth her kinship with Thee, and guard her from whatsoever she abhorreth. Her good-pleasure lieth in Thy shadow. Verily, Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He pleaseth.

All who dwell in the unseen and the visible bear witness to Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07173: We have manifested the Cause and sent down verses…

In the Name of Him Who has appeared from the horizon of power!

We have manifested the Cause and sent down verses for those who have cast away vain imaginings and turned to the Dayspring of certitude. Through these verses We have recorded their names in a Book which none has comprehended save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Were they to recognize this most great favor and this most luminous and pure station, they would soar in the atmosphere of My love which has preceded the worlds. How many a servant has attained the lights of the Countenance and been stirred by the breeze of revelation, and how many a servant has clung to every remote delusion. Soon shall they who have turned to God behold their sublime stations and give thanks to their Lord, the Bestower, the Generous.

O loved ones of the All-Merciful! Hold fast to that which We have sent down for you from the heaven of might. By God! Nothing created in the contingent world can equal it. He Who speaks the truth bears witness to this—there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having drunk the sealed wine when the Self-Subsisting appeared with His wondrous Cause. Be thankful to God for this favor and say: Praise be to Thee, O Beloved of those who know!

BH06928: Hearken unto the Call raised from the luminous Spot…

He is the One Who Warbles upon the Branches

Hearken unto the Call raised from the luminous Spot, from the Divine Lote-Tree beyond which there is no passing. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. He Who hath appeared with the truth is indeed the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Dayspring of God's Command, the Powerful, the Self-Subsisting. He calleth at all times amidst all creation and summoneth the people unto God, the Lord of Lords. He hath arisen to promote the Cause in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the power of them that pride themselves in earthly riches and ornaments could deter Him. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the All-Compelling.

We have perceived the fragrance of thy love and have therefore turned toward thee from this Prison which God hath made the Most Exalted Station, and We have sent down verses unto thee that they may draw thee to the Supreme Horizon and bring thee near unto God, the Lord of mankind. When thou attainest unto this Tablet, recite it by night and by day, and glorify the praise of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the conditions of the oppressors nor the power of them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all religions, may deter thee.

BH07621: A remembrance from Us unto him who was stirred…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

A remembrance from Us unto him who was stirred when the winds of his Lord's will, the All-Merciful, blew throughout all creation, that this remembrance might draw him to the supreme horizon, the station where names are cut off from him, that he might behold the Most Great Sign and aid his Lord amidst His servants. Verily, such aid is His remembrance and praise, and the command is that which hath been ordained in the Book.

If thou art seated, arise by God's leave, then make mention of thy Lord with wisdom and utterance. The world shall pass away, and there shall remain for thee this Tablet which hath appeared from the Dayspring of divine inspiration.

Hold fast unto God and His sovereignty, detached from those who turned away from Him when He came with the kingdom of proof. Be thou steadfast in the remembrance of thy Lord and assured of His grace which hath encompassed all horizons.

We beseech God to assist thee and confirm thee and draw thee nigh unto this ocean which none have desired save those endowed with insight. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Self-Sufficing, the Most High.

BH07524: We make mention of him who hath turned towards…

In His Name, Who is established upon the Throne!

We make mention of him who hath turned towards the Countenance, and send down for him that whereby his name shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven.

Know ye, O people of insight! The gate of the presence hath been opened before all who dwell in creation. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh, and woe unto every doubtful idolater.

We had sent down verses unto thee aforetime and dispatched them to thee that thou mightest arise to aid the Wronged One amidst the servants. By God! That which the people possess shall profit thee not, nor shall the treasuries of the earth enrich thee. Leave them to their possessors and turn with thy purest heart unto the Most Sublime Vision. He, verily, shall suffice thee in truth and shall guide thee unto the straight path.

Say: He hath desired naught for Himself, but calleth all who are in the realm of possibility unto their Lord, the All-Merciful. He hath accepted tribulation for your deliverance and borne imprisonment for your freedom. Fear ye God, and follow not every heedless deceiver.

Thus hath the tongue of the Wronged One spoken, that He might draw thee nigh unto the horizon of thy Lord's Command, the Self-Subsisting. Turn unto Him with such strength as cannot be hindered by the clamor of mankind.

BH07647: He is the Dawning One from the horizon…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of utterance! Glorified is He Who speaks in the kingdom of mystic knowledge and causes all things to speak in praise of His Own Self, the One ascendant over all

possibility. He aids whosoever arises to assist His Cause and confirms him as He wishes through majesty and power. The armies of the world cannot prevent Him, nor can the intimations of the nations. He speaks the truth at the heart of creation—verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Blessed is he who hears the call of the Beloved and turns to Him with spirit and fragrance. We have found the fragrance of thy love and have revealed unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord morning and evening.

Grieve not over the world and its conditions, for it shall pass away, and there shall remain for thee what hath been ordained in the Book. Thus hath the Bird of the Divine Throne warbled, and the Dove hath sung with most wondrous melodies.

We beseech God to assist thee in His service and to make thee among those who have attained the supreme steadfastness in this Cause whereby lands have been shaken.

BH07660: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest…

In His Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Bountiful!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest the call of Him Who hath been wronged, when He was oppressed between the hands of the heedless ones among Thy creatures. He calleth upon Thee at all times, and offereth in Thy name the Water of Life to the people of Thy kingdom.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, by Thy Name through which the Salsabil of divine knowledge hath flowed amidst all created things and the seal of the choice Wine hath been broken, to aid Thy servants to love Thee and to gain Thy good-pleasure, and to bestow upon them that which Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones.

O Lord! They are the poor who have turned toward the ocean of Thy bounty, and they are the weak who have held fast to the cord of Thy strength. I beseech Thee to rend asunder the veil that hath come between Thee and them, that all may turn to the horizon of Thy grace and the Dayspring of Thy generosity and the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation.

Then assist him who hath inhaled the fragrance of Thy garment and hath turned unto Thy face. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07612: In My Name which is sanctified above all names!

In My Name which is sanctified above all names!

This is a Remembrance We have sent down in truth, and verily it is the Most Great Sign for the peoples of the world and the Salsabil of Life for all who are in the heavens and the earth. Blessed be the soul that hath turned and the heart that hath advanced toward the All-Knowing, the One! Woe unto him who hath turned away from God when He appeared in truth and followed every ignorant and base one.

O people! Arise to aid God and His Cause—this is better for you, if ye be of them that know. Soon shall ye bewail that which hath escaped you in a Day wherein every wondrous Tablet was adorned.

Be thou gladdened by God's mention of thee and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me the Dawning-Place of Thy signs and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation. Thou art He from Whose knowledge nothing escapeth. Make me steadfast in this Cause whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save them whom the hands of Thy bounty did preserve. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH07590: Some time ago, through Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be…

In the name of the mighty, the powerful One

Some time ago, through Jinab-i-Amin, upon him be the glory of God, the True Sovereign, the Manifest, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent. And since the bearer was ready to depart, this Tablet is again revealed so that thou mayest drink the choice wine of joy and gladness from the spring of the words of the Dawning-Place of Revelation, and with the utmost spirit and fragrance engage in the remembrance of the All-Merciful.

Regarding the mention of the handmaidens of God in thy letter, convey greetings to them all. We beseech God to aid them to remain firm in His love and good-pleasure.

That which thou didst mention concerning his honor Mihdi was heard. Praise be to God, he hath been and will continue to be the recipient of divine favors. From this spot We send Our greetings to him and to him who was named ʿAziz. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

And a Tablet was specifically revealed and sent for the son of his honor Muhammad who was martyred in the path of God. Deliver it to him.

Verily the glory be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Informed.

BH07849: In the Name of the One Friend! Many are…

In the Name of the One Friend! Many are they who claim to love, yet very few are observed to be faithful ones who in truth are gazing toward the Most Exalted Horizon, save those souls who, through divine confirmations, have passed beyond the world of dust and have turned toward the Lord of Lords. How many were the souls who awaited the Manifestation, yet when the horizon of the world was illumined by the Most Great Light, all remained veiled save whom God wished.

O handmaiden of God! Hold fast to the cord of divine love in such wise that none shall be able to sever it. With utmost joy and gladness, occupy thyself with the remembrance of the Lord of the Manifestation.

All ties are cut off and rejected this Day, for these are the days of the tie with God. Whosoever attaineth unto this tie, he verily hath been and shall be of the denizens of the Most Exalted Paradise.

Give thanks to the Beloved of the world that thou hast attained unto His love and been mentioned in His remembrance.

BH08356: Months and years have passed while the Ancient Beauty…

He is the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!

Months and years have passed while the Ancient Beauty was in manifest imprisonment. We accepted sorrows for the joy of all created things, and hardship for the ease of the worlds. When the Cause appeared and the horizon of Revelation became illumined, the people arose in opposition: some violated the veil of sanctity, some denied God, the Lord of the sincere ones, some declared the verses to be his own fabrication, and some pronounced judgment against their Revealer. Thus did the hosts of the heedless assail the Wronged One. We found the fragrance of thy love and have remembered thee in this wondrous Tablet that thou mayest drink therefrom the choice wine of thy Lord's love and make mention of Him among His slumbering servants, that they may make good what hath escaped them in the days of God and draw nigh unto this mighty ocean. Thus have We lit the lamp of utterance in the niche of creation. Blessed is he who hath been illumined by its light, and woe unto them that remain far distant.

BH08324: He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance!…

He is the Speaker in the Kingdom of Utterance! We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet the people remain in evident error, save those who have detached themselves from vain imaginings and turned unto God, the Lord of the sincere ones. We have adorned the heaven of knowledge with the lights of argument and proof. Blessed is he who hath drawn nigh; woe unto every heedless and remote one.

The eye of the world hath been gladdened by the appearance of the Ancient King, yet most of the people are among the heedless. Blessed art thou for having won the lights of the Throne and turned toward the Supreme Horizon in this radiant morn. Despair not of thy Lord's grace. Act in accordance with what behooveth this Day wherein the All-Merciful hath come with mighty sovereignty.

Thus have We sent down for thee that which shall gladden thine eyes and the eyes of those who have drawn nigh unto the Great Sea. Remember what thou hast heard and seen of the signs of thy Lord, that haply the people may turn unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08322: In His Name, the One Who rules over all…

In His Name, the One Who rules over all names! We have wafted the fragrances of the verses to all directions. Among the people are those who were stirred and turned to God, the Lord of the worlds, and among them are those who clung to what they possessed, turning away from the One, the All-Informed.

Say: The treasures of the world will not profit you today, nor will what you possess of idle fancies and images avail you. Cast aside vain imaginings in the name of the Lord of all beings and turn to God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The Lord of the nations and Educator of the world has come. Fear God and be not of the heedless ones. Turn with your hearts to the Dawning-Place of grace and follow not those who have turned away from the Face when it shone forth from this manifest horizon.

We have found from you the fragrance of the love of God. We have sent down to you this wondrous Tablet that you may thank your Lord at all times and remember Him among the servants with a remembrance befitting Our Name, the One Who rules over the worlds.

BH08090: In My Name, the All-Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

In My Name, the All-Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

We send the fragrances of the All-Merciful from the Egypt of meanings and utterance to a handmaiden who has turned to God when He came with a sovereignty that has conquered all worlds. Blessed is the handmaiden who has inhaled the fragrance of the verses and turned to this luminous horizon. Give thanks for what God has bestowed upon you—one who speaks His praise and aided you to turn towards Him when every dubious learned one turned away.

If you were to hearken with the ear of the heart, you would hear from the trees “The Chosen One has come!” and from the breezes “The Beloved of the worlds has appeared!” Blessed are you for having attained the days of God and heard His call from the direction of His mighty prison.

Trust in God in all conditions, then remember Him with a remembrance by which are attracted the hearts of the devoted women who have believed in God, the Lord of the seen and unseen, and the Lord of the heavens and earths.

BH08733: O Ghulam! Thou didst previously attain unto the Tablet…

In the name of the Beloved of the worlds

O Ghulam! Thou didst previously attain unto the Tablet of the Lord of all names, and now too, as a token of grace unto thee, this Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet hath been revealed that thou mayest arise with heart and soul to serve the Cause of God and manifest complete steadfastness. In this day it is incumbent upon every soul to engage, according to his capacity and with consummate wisdom, in promoting the Cause. Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto them that remain veiled. The fruit of human existence hath ever been the recognition of God and the promotion of His Cause. Whoso hath attained thereunto hath attained unto all good. And the service of teaching the divine Cause must be rendered with pure wisdom, even as hath been revealed in all the Tablets. God willing, mayest thou ever drink of the imperishable wine and remain turned toward the sanctified direction of God.

BH08706: God willing, with the power of Abraham mayest thou…

In His Name, the One Who has dominion over all names!

God willing, with the power of Abraham mayest thou shatter the idols of vain imaginings that have caused men to be veiled from the Dawning-Place of the Light of Divine Unity, and mayest thou soar in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful on the wings of detachment.

O Khusraw! Hearken with the ear of the spirit unto the divine words, that thou mayest perceive the sweetness of the choice wine of utterance and become occupied with the remembrance of God, detached from all else but Him.

Blessed is the soul that in this Day remaineth not veiled by the veils of the people of the contingent world and turneth with pure vision toward the Most Luminous Horizon.

Grieve not at what thou hearest and seest. The day shall come when the heedless will lament their lot and the idolaters will supplicate for what hath escaped them in the days of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

God willing, mayest thou hold fast to the cord of the divine Command and cling to the hem of the bounty of the Lord of all being.

BH08945: O my God! Thou seest me turning toward…

In His Namea€"the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O my God! Thou seest me turning toward the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy grace and the horizon of Thy favors, and directing my face unto Thy face after the passing of all who dwell in Thy realm. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the Dawn and Sender of the Winds, to assist me to serve Thy Cause in such wise that through my mention the hearts of Thy servants and the souls of Thy creatures may be attracted. Then ordain for me in the kingdom of Thy Cause that whereby my remembrance may endure, my being may profit, and my heart may rejoice. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest.

The intimations of those who have disbelieved in Thy signs and turned away from Thy proof and denied Thy sovereignty cannot withhold Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Most High, the Omnipotent, the All-Ruling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08919: The Tongue of the Ancient One hath given glad…

In the Name of Him Who shineth forth from the Horizon of Power

The Tongue of the Ancient One hath given glad tidings unto all who dwell in the world of the appearance of the Most Great Name, and beareth witness before all nations that verily He is My very Self, and the Dayspring of Mine Essence, and the Dawning-Place of My Cause, and the heaven of My bounty, and the ocean of My Will, and the lamp of My guidance, and the path of My justice, and the balance of My laws. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto My Face and been illumined by the lights of My Beauty and acknowledged My unity and confessed My singleness. And whoso denieth Him hath been deprived of the Salsabil of My love and the Kawthar of My grace and the choice wine of My mercy—that wine by which the sincere ones were attracted and the believers soared unto the atmosphere of My loving-kindness,

which none hath known save him whom We have taught through that which was revealed in My Hidden Tablet.

BH11864: We summon the peoples unto the Dayspring of Eternity…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

We summon the peoples unto the Dayspring of Eternity and give the glad-tidings unto the world through this Name whereby the seal of the choice Wine of immortality was broken and the people of the cities of names were attracted, that perchance men may awaken and turn towards God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

The world hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of its Lord, the All-Merciful, yet most of creation perceive it not. The Sun hath become veiled by the clouds of idle fancies through what hath befallen it from those who comprehend not.

Say: O people! Fear God and withhold not the Truth from that which He desireth for you. Turn with radiant faces and hearken unto that which He commandeth you in this forbidden station.

We have mentioned thee before, and this is yet another time, as a grace from Us, that thou mayest give thanks unto the Lord of the world and remember Him through this beloved Name.

BH08948: Say: O God, O King of Kings and Merciful…

He is God! In His Name, the One Who overshadoweth all that was and all that shall be

Say: O God, O King of Kings and Merciful unto the servants! I beseech Thee by the Sun of Thy Revelation and the heaven of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy power, to ordain for me that which shall cause me to endure with the endurance of Thy Kingdom, and to stand in every world of Thy worlds before the throne of Thy grandeur, and to drink the Kawthar of reunion from the hands of Thy bounty.

O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward Thy most exalted horizon and who hath clung to the hem of Thy bounty. O Thou Who art the Lord of all names! I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee and aiding Thy Cause, and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones whom Thou hast made the inheritors of dominion through Thy sovereignty and power. Verily, Thou art the Almighty over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Generous.

BH08640: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto…

In the name of the one incomparable Friend

Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the lights of the morn of utterance and hast quaffed the choice wine of the love of the Lord of all possibilities.

Blessed art thou and blessed is thy father who was often in My presence and drank from the Kawthar of meeting Me and was martyred in My path and ascended on two wings of detachment unto the heaven of My grace and the horizon of My loving-kindness. We testify that he is among those who have attained.

God willing, thou wilt follow his example in all matters, that is, in attention to God, steadfastness and love. Give thanks unto thy Lord for having been mentioned before the Throne and for having attained unto the remembrance of the Remembered One through Whose aid all in the heavens and earth seek assistance.

We beseech Him, exalted be He, to ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the next. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH08815: Glorified is He Who hath sent down the Book…

In His Name, the Most Holy, sanctified from all names!

Glorified is He Who hath sent down the Book in truth and therein summoned all unto His Self, the One Who overshadoweth the worlds. Among the people are those who have attained through turning unto Him and those who have turned away. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of revelation from the cup of His bounty in thy earliest days and for having turned thy face toward the countenance of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Know thou that He will assist thee in whatsoever thou hast desired and hath ordained for thee a station. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Generous.

We beseech God to grant thee the good of this world and of the next, and to withhold not from thee the breezes of His mercy. He, verily, doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the Bestower, the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09428: The Essence of Eternity bears witness to His Most…

In His name, the Ever-Abiding, the All-Subduing over all who are in earth and heaven

The Essence of Eternity bears witness to His Most Great Name that there is none other God but Him. He who hesitates in His Cause is indeed deprived of the Books of God and His grace, and the Scriptures of God and His favors. And he who draws near is verily among His chosen ones amidst His creation and His guides amongst His servants. Upon him shall pray the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Kingdom of Names, and then those who have arisen to aid the Cause of God in the realm of creation. Blessed is he who has cast away and taken up that which he was commanded by the Dayspring of Revelation, around Whom circle all that is hidden and veiled.

BH09458: The horizon of utterance has been illumined…

He is established upon the throne

The horizon of utterance has been illumined, and the Lord of all creation calls out amidst the world and summons all peoples to His straight path. Therefore have the divines opposed Him—among them are those who pronounced judgment against Him and those who disputed the verses of God, the All-Possessing, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O people! That which you possess will profit you not. Abandon vain imaginings, turning unto God, the Lord of all beings. Thus does He command you, from Whose presence has come down a perspicuous Book. Your mention has been made before the throne, and there has been sent down for you that which shall profit you in the hereafter and in this world, shouldst thou be of them that are steadfast. Give thanks unto God for this most great favor, then make mention of Him amongst His heedless servants, that they may perceive the fragrance of the Intended One and turn unto the One, the All-Informed.

BH09385: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest me…

In His Name, the All-Subduing, Who ruleth over all names!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest me oppressed among Thy servants and Thy creatures, imprisoned in the hands of the heedless ones among Thy creation. By Thy glory, O Beloved of the world and Desire of the nations! I have borne in this Most Great Prison what none of Thy servants hath borne. Every day there befalleth me what hath befallen no soul in Thy kingdom. My remaining in Thy realm hath wearied me, and separation and remoteness from Thee hath consumed me. I beseech Thee to deliver me from those who know not Thy station and Thy sovereignty. Then cause those who have turned unto Thee to drink of Thy sealed wine through Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting. Verily Thou art the Mighty, the All-Subduing, the Most Exalted, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH09342: A remembrance from Us to him who desires…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Holy, the Most Great

A remembrance from Us to him who desires to draw nigh unto the Most Great Ocean, when the horizon of the world was illumined by the Light of His Name, the One Who rules over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is the stranger who has drawn near to the most exalted homeland, and blessed is the one who remembers and holds fast to the remembrance of his Lord, the All-Wise. Among the people are those who awaited the days of God and His presence, yet when He appeared they turned away and followed the ways of the ignorant ones. And among them are those who cast the world behind them, turning to the Light shining from this luminous horizon. Blessed art thou for having discovered the fragrance of the choice wine and turned towards God, the Lord of all worlds. Be thou steadfast in the Cause, then remind the people of this News which has caused the foundations of the idolaters to tremble.

BH09257: We make mention of God in all conditions…

In His Name, the All-Compelling over all names!

We make mention of God in all conditions, in such wise that neither prison nor what We have suffered therein at the hands of those who have denied the proof and turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds, can prevent Us. He hath created the world for the remembrance of the Ancient King—among men are those who are heedless, and those who have heard and hastened unto God, the Mighty, the Wise. Blessed is he who hath held fast to the cord of God and drawn nigh unto His mighty ocean. Woe unto him who hath followed vain desires when the Remembrance hath come unto him from One

knowing, informed. Joy be unto thee for having quaffed the choice wine of remembrance and turned toward the horizon of the Cause of thy Lord, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Ancient. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through God's power and might, then speak forth His praise, that perchance every heedless and remote one may be awakened thereby.

BH09533: This is a Book sent down by the Beloved…

In His name, Who abideth after all things have passed away!

This is a Book sent down by the Beloved, whereby He hath illumined hearts. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe unto every heedless and remote one. Every mountain hath hastened, by reason of what hath been cast upon it of the verses of its Lord, yet the people are in grievous doubt. Blessed is he who hath cast away the world and turned toward the Most Great Name with a power that the circumstances of nations have failed to withhold—they who have turned away from the horizon of God, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This is truly the horizon whereby the heavens and earth were illumined, yet the people dwell in the darkness of their own selves. Say: Rend asunder the veils! The All-Bestowing calleth you to His glorious station.

Thus have We remembered thee as a favor from Us, and verily I am the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing.

BH09263: We make mention of him who, in the end…

In the Name of Him Who is the Guardian over all names!

We make mention of him who, in the end, inhaled the fragrance of reunion when the Dayspring of divine utterance shone forth with the lights of the beauty of his Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Blessed is he who arose to promote the Cause and conquered the cities of hearts with the key of the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One. We make mention of thee from the prison, that thou mayest arise to celebrate His praise amongst His servants. Be thou of such steadfastness that neither the allusions of the people nor the might of any aggressive tyrant may disturb thee.

The power of the strong and the might of princes shall pass away, but sovereignty shall remain with God, the Lord of creation. He who hath turned towards the Dayspring of eternity is assuredly among the people of Baha in a Book which none hath known save God, the Lord of lords.

BH09427: His is the Most Manifest, the Most Manifest

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The Hidden One hath testified with this manifest tongue that there is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, Who calleth betwixt earth and heaven that He is, verily, the Lord of Names and the Supreme Horizon. Whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto My presence and drunk the wine of reunion with Me and discovered the fragrance of My beauty, through which the heavens and earth were illumined. And whoso hath hesitated in His Cause hath departed from beneath the shadow of My sovereignty and removed himself from My mercy and associated partners with My

dominion and been debarred from the outpourings of the heaven of My loving-kindness and from the dawning of the lights of My countenance whereby the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the Cities of Names were illumined, and they who circle round My mighty throne.

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BH09246: O Qadir, blessed art thou for having cast aside…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Qadir, blessed art thou for having cast aside the pool and turned unto the Most Great Ocean which hath appeared through this Name whereby God hath subdued all who are in the realm of possibility. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the allusions of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of Lords, shall not prevent thee. Hold thou fast unto the cord of grace and cling to the hem of the mercy of thy Lord, the Master of all names.

He maketh mention of thee as a bounty from Him and commandeth thee to observe justice and righteousness. He, verily, is the Commander, the Counselor, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained. Be thou in the Cause of thy Lord in a manner befitting these days wherein the Kingdom and the realm above call out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all religions!”

BH09420: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Great

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared with the truth is indeed the Sovereign of verses and their Dawning-Place. Not one word that hath been sent down before or will be sent down hereafter can equal His Word, and every letter revealed from His presence is verily the water of life for all who dwell in the realm of possibility, and the emblem of eternity for all in the world, and a sign of guidance for all who are in the heavens and on earth. Whoso hath attained unto it hath attained unto all good, and whoso hath turned away from it, verily all the deeds of the worlds shall profit him not. Thus hath the Dove warbled, and the Nightingale of Glory sung upon the Tree of Immortality. Blessed is he who hath heard and said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the mystics!”

BH09459: We have sent down the verses and manifested…

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Praised!

We have sent down the verses and manifested the clear proofs, yet most of the people remain heedless. Verily, he who hath been illumined by the light of the Countenance is of the people of this glorious horizon. Blessed is he who, being far, hath drawn nigh, and the thirsty one who hath turned to the Salsabil of the mercy of his Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Had the people known, they would not have cast the Command of God behind their backs, nor would they have hesitated in this Cause, unto which have turned the Concourse on High and the dwellers of Paradise and those whom none knoweth save God, the Lord of all worlds.

Say: O people! Deprive not yourselves of this most great bounty, nor follow every ignorant remote one. Thus have We wafted unto thee a fragrance from the fragrances of thy Lord, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Ancient Master.

BH09941: The tongue of the unseen hath spoken forth…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Holy

The tongue of the unseen hath spoken forth in the heaven of My infallibility: Verily there is none other God but Me, the Protector of all worlds. And He Who hath appeared is verily the Dayspring of the Unseen. No doubt existeth: He hath come with manifest sovereignty. Through Him My Cause was established, My path was raised up, My balance was set, and that which lay hidden in My preserved Tablet was revealed. Through Him were gladdened the eyes of those who uttered My remembrance, who came with My signs and were made manifest through My clear proofs.

Blessed is he who hath turned toward Him; woe unto him who hath denied Him and turned away from that which hath been sent down from His presence. Verily he is among the most wretched of creatures. To this doth My truthful, speaking, trustworthy Tongue bear witness.

BH09783: O Jahan! The Refuge of the world saith…

in the name of the one peerless Friend

O Jahan! The Refuge of the world saith: The itensity of thine ardor and yearning and rapture and attraction were mentioned in the Most Holy Court. Therefore, this wondrous Tablet, which is the dawning-place of attraction and the source of jubilation for the peoples of the world, was revealed and sent forth, that it might increase in you at all times that which is befitting and meet in this day. Therefore, you must speak forth in praise of God with such rapture and attraction that the firm and steadfast mountains will be set in motion. Warble upon the branches amidst the handmaidens of the All-Merciful, that they may be drawn by your melodies and turn unto God, the Beloved of those who know.

BH09939: The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great!

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great!

We have sent down the verses, but most of the people hear not. And We have revealed the clear proofs, but the people perceive not. They who have attained the lights of mystic knowledge—these are accounted among the people of Baha in a hidden Tablet. Blessed is he who hath turned to the Intended One, and whom the affairs of the Jews who denied the signs of God and His proof when He came with manifest sovereignty did not hinder.

O people! Fear God and follow not your own affairs. Follow Him Who speaketh amongst the world: “Verily, there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Beloved.” My Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of thee, that thou mayest be assured through the grace of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings, and remember Him at eventide and at dawn.

BH09769: We make mention of them that have immersed themselves…

In the Name of the Mighty, the All-Wise!

We make mention of them that have immersed themselves in the ocean of divine knowledge in the days of the All-Merciful and have turned unto His Face when it shone forth from the horizon of utterance. Verily, they who are heedless this day are reckoned among the people of the fire in the Book of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful. He who draweth nigh shall be remembered by the dwellers of Paradise and by them who circle round the Throne at morn and eventide. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to turn unto Him when every disbelieving deceiver turned away. He, verily, aideth him who aideth Him, and remembereth him who remembereth Him, and ordaineth for him that which shall gladden his eyes. Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice in the remembrance of thy Lord, the Lord of all religions.

BH09828: A remembrance from Us to him who was moved…

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy

A remembrance from Us to him who was moved by the fragrance of the All-Merciful and turned to God, the Lord of the worlds, that the Call may attract him to the Dayspring of grandeur and glory and draw him nigh unto this mighty Ocean. They who have turned unto the Truth and have turned away from creation, these are among the people of Paradise in this perspicuous Tablet. Blessed is the strong one who hath turned toward the Dawning-Place of certitude, and the weak one who hath held fast unto this mighty and unbreakable Cord.

We have indeed inhaled the fragrance of thy turning unto Us, and have revealed for thee this mighty Book. Read it by night and by day, then glorify thy Lord with praise at morn and at eventide.

BH09885: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. And He Who speaketh in the realm of creation is indeed He through Whom the eyes of the world have been solaced and through Whom every wondrous Tablet hath been sent down. Verily he who hath turned unto Him hath turned unto My direction and appeared before My throne and heard My call and responded to My utterance and followed My commandments and attained My presence and drunk the choice wine of My favors and the Kawthar of My bounties and tasted the sweetness of My remembrance and My words and reached the ultimate goal in My Kingdom and My dominion. Upon him rest My glory and My mercy which have encompassed the worlds.

BH09831: A remembrance from Us unto him who hath attained…

In His Name, the Most Great, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath attained unto the lights of faith when heedlessness seized the dwellers of earth and heaven save whom God, the Mighty, the Powerful, hath willed. Verily the sincere ones have hastened unto God and those who seek Him have turned toward the luminous horizon. God remembereth him who hath turned toward the Most Great Sea when the peoples turned away from it, and He sendeth His blessings upon him from this wondrous station. Beware lest the allusions of those who have disbelieved in God veil thee, or the veils of those who hesitate prevent thee—they who have been debarred from the Living Waters because they followed every ignorant remote one. Grieve not in any matter; place thy trust in the One, the All-Informed.

BH09955: Say: O God, O Revealer of verses and Manifestor…

In His Name, the One with Power over all names

Say: O God, O Revealer of verses and Manifestor of clear proofs! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy knowledge, the Dayspring of Thy revelation, and the Manifestation of Thy Self, to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy chosen ones who have arisen to aid Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures. Then assist me to make mention of Thee and to praise Thee amongst Thy creation. O my Lord! I am he who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy grace and the Source of Thy Command and bounty. I beseech Thee not to disappoint me from that which is with Thee, that I may arise to serve Thee in Thy kingdom and to spread Thy signs throughout Thy earth. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

BH09927: The Divine Lote-Tree calls out in the kingdom…

In His Name, the One with power over all who are on earth and in heaven!

The Divine Lote-Tree calls out in the kingdom of creation: “Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!” There is nothing that does not glorify its Lord with praise, yet most people are heedless. Say: O people! Fear God and follow not your idle fancies. Follow Him Who calls you to the straight path.

Say: Reflect upon the signs of God and His proof, then judge with fairness and be not of the wrongdoers. By God! This is a Cause that has encompassed creation, were you of those who know. Take hold of the Book of God with the power that comes from Him, then recite it at all times.

BH09773: We make mention of one who has found…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

We make mention of one who has found the sweetness of his Lord the Most Merciful’s utterance with an illumined heart. The world hath been perfumed by the breezes of revelation, yet the idolaters are in manifest loss. The mountains have passed unto the Self-Subsisting, yet most of the people are among the

heedless. We make mention of him who hath turned to the Countenance and We send down that whereby his remembrance shall endure in the Book of God, the King, the Mighty, the Praised.

Be thou grateful to thy Lord for this bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having caused me to turn unto Thee and to set my face toward the court of Thy knowledge when most of creation turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee to assist me in serving Thee and to make me among the steadfast ones.

BH09954: Say: O my God and God of all…

He is God

In His Name that overshadoweth the world

Say: O my God and God of all the worlds, my Beloved and Beloved of all who know Thee! I praise Thee for having caused me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy signs and brought me before the throne of Thy grandeur and made me to hear Thy call when most of Thy creatures had turned away from Thee. I beseech Thee, O Lord of all names and Creator of the heavens, to make me as one of the fish in the ocean of Thy oneness, that I may swim therein by Thy leave and will, and glorify Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made to be sovereign over all names and the Self-Subsisting over all who dwell on earth and in heaven. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09952: Say: O my God! Praise be to Thee…

He is God. He is the Most Holy, the Most Inaccessible, the Most Great

Say: O my God! Praise be to Thee for having made me to speak forth Thy Name and to serve Thy Cause, and for having distinguished me among Thy servants for the recognition of Thy Self and for turning unto Thy Face. I beseech Thee by the Dayspring of Thy Being and the Dawning-Place of Thine Essence to make all my deeds as one deed in Thy love and all my remembrances as one remembrance in Thy praise. Then cause me to drink, at all times, from the Salsabil of Thy knowledge and the Kawthar of Thy utterance, whereby the hearts of Thy servants and the souls of Thy creatures may be drawn.

Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

BH09951: O God, my God!

O God, my God!

Thou seest Thy loved ones scattered throughout Thy lands, and the Dayspring of Thy Cause oppressed among Thy servants. By Thy glory, O my God! Hearts have melted in separation from Him and eyes have shed tears for His tribulation. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou hast made it the Dawning-Place of power, to rend asunder the veil that hath come between Thee and Thy loved ones, that they may gather in Thy presence, hearken unto Thy call, and attain unto the Kawthar of reunion in Thy days. Then ordain for me and for them that which beseemeth Thy generosity, Thy favors, Thy grace and

Thy gifts. Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10207: O Khadijah, hearken to the call of the Dayspring…

In the name of the Desire of the world!

O Khadijah, hearken to the call of the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness, Who calleth thee from the horizon of the Most Great Prison, that thou mayest become intoxicated with the wine of the utterance of the All-Merciful and be occupied with His mention among the handmaidens of God.

God willing, thou wilt, with utmost sanctity and detachment, awaken those who slumber through the breaths of the divine verses, and bring the receptive souls to a state of rapture and yearning through the Kawthar of the mention of the Dayspring of the clear proofs of the All-Merciful, so that all may be gladdened through remembrance of the Friend and remain alive and steadfast in His love. The Glory be upon thee.

BH10312: In the name of Him Who is the Guardian…

In the name of Him Who is the Guardian over all who are in the heavens and on earth.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is verily the Tongue of My grandeur and the Dawning-Place of My glory and the Horizon of My favors and the Sun of My Will and the Heaven of My Purpose and the Pen of My Command and My Preserved Tablet and the Book of My Laws unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Through Him were opened the gates of My mercy and the rain of My loving-kindness was showered and the ocean of My generosity surged and the fragrance of My garment was wafted abroad.

Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him and found and said:

> “Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the heavens and of the earth!”

BH10358: Say: O God, O Sovereign of all names…

He is established upon the Throne.

Say: O God, O Sovereign of all names and Creator of heaven! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the heaven of Thy Revelation was raised up, and the ocean of Thy Will surged, and the fragrance of Thy Robe was wafted abroad, to assist me to remember Thee and to diffuse Thy Cause, and to draw me near unto Thee at all times through Thy sovereignty and Thy power. Then make me to triumph over Thine enemies and to prevail over the rebellious among Thy creatures. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest and dominant over whatsoever Thou desirest. There is no God but Thee, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10357: The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious.

Say: O God, O Cleaver of the dawn and Commander of the winds! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Name were made manifest, to render me assisted in revealing Thy Cause among Thy creation through the wisdom which Thou hast sent down in Thy Tablets. Then make me to be of those who have circled round Thy will, who have sought the Kaaba of Thy presence, who have stood before Thee, and who have heard Thy most sweet call from Thy Most Exalted Pen. Verily, Thou art the Lord of all beings. Within Thy grasp is the kingdom of all things. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

BH10309: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Holy.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath come with clear proofs is verily the Dawning-Place of My Cause, and the Dayspring of My Revelation, and My Hidden Book, and My Preserved Tablet, and the Heaven of My wisdom, and the Ocean of My knowledge. Whoso hath attained unto Him, he is of the most exalted among all created things, and whoso hath turned away, he is of the idolaters.

Blessed is he who hath on this day spoken in praise of God, turning away from those who disbelieved in God when He came unto them with a perspicuous command. Thus have the verses been sent down in truth, as the Ancient Beauty walketh in His mighty prison.

BH10539: O Mahmud! The All-Desired One calls you from His…

He is the All-Encompassing, the All-Powerful, the Self-Subsisting

O Mahmud! The All-Desired One calls you from His Praiseworthy Station to God, the Mighty, the Loving. Whosoever has turned to Him has turned to God and attained the Kawthar of revelation from the hand of his Lord, the Kind. Reflect upon God's grace and mercy—verily He remembers you from the horizon of the prison, having found from you the fragrance of His cherished love. Remember Him at all times, turning away from those who have turned away from His extended path.

BH01832: Praise be to God Who has caused the world…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Mighty, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who has caused the world to speak forth in remembrance of His Most Great Name and has made His remembrance [His existence] to be from the Word of God that is obeyed, which neither the outer nor inner senses can comprehend, for it is sanctified above nature and above the limited, created letters. Through it the Resurrection and its signs appeared, and the Hour and what pertains to it, and through it He distinguished between contingent beings and chose whatsoever He willed from among created things. Exalted is He Who brought it forth, Who sent it, and Who manifested it, Who was, and

there was naught else beside Him, and Who shall be even as He was. There is none other God but He, the Mighty, the Powerful.

Glory be unto Thee, O God of the worlds and Beloved of those who know Thee! Thou knowest that my tongue is powerless to make mention of those whom Thou hast chosen for Thy love, whom Thou hast preferred above Thy creatures, whom Thou hast made to be branches of Thy Lote-Tree, lights in the horizon of Thy Revelation, streams from the paradise of Thy Cause, and a gulf from the ocean of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the nations and Quickener of the world, to cause me to speak at all times of that which befitteth their station and befitteth those who have turned towards Thy face, turning away from all else besides Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest through Thy word "Be" and it is.

My spirit be a sacrifice for your love! This servant has been honored to receive your esteemed letter. Praise be to God, its fragrant breezes perfumed the heart and gave life to the soul. We beseech God not to cut off these spiritual breezes and this diffused musk-scented fragrance. Tongue and utterance are powerless to mention this station. I beg and implore the True One, exalted be His grandeur, to bestow its reward. Verily He is the Giver, the Munificent, the Mighty, the Generous, and unto him who calls upon Him, the Hearing, the Responding One.

Furthermore, your letter arrived at the Most Holy Court at an appointed time, and He in Whose hand is the Kingdom of all things took it, and after it was honored to receive His glance of favor, He bestowed it upon this servant. As commanded, this servant again recited it in His presence. He knoweth what was uttered by his tongue at that time. Verily He is the All-Numbering, the All-Knowing. If this servant were to mention the bounties he hath witnessed, neither pens nor papers would suffice. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid you in all conditions and to protect you from those who have denied God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Moreover, whatsoever you had sent previously and subsequently, of tea and preserves, arrived completely and perfectly. But what shall I say about the preserves which truly became heavenly food—groups of people were sustained by it, whether from among the assured believers, the sincere faithful ones, the wavering ones, or the heedless ones of the city who have attained to the love of God according to their measure though they have no knowledge of the Cause. In any case, as commanded it was distributed and all were sustained by it.

And another submission: I present my most sublime greetings to his honor Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Hamid, upon him be the glory of God, the King, the Mighty, the Peerless. Praise be to God, he is mentioned at the Throne and is under the glance of favor. Blessed is he and those from whom the fragrances of certitude were diffused in the days of the All-Merciful. All those round about present their utter nothingness and most sublime, most mighty, most exalted greetings to your honor. May the Most Glorious Glory and then the praise of God, the Most High, be upon your honor and upon those who love God in those parts.

The servant Ramadan 1291

The noble Divine Branches and twigs of the Tree of Oneness remember your honor with wondrous Abha mentions and offer greetings sanctified above the limitations of the worlds of limitation.

BH03112: Glorified art Thou, O my God! My outward…

In the Name of Him Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! My outward and inward tongue both bear witness to that which Thou didst testify for Thine own Self before the creation of the heavens and earth, that Thou art God, no God is there but Thee. Thou hast ever been mighty in Thy dominion and all-compelling, ever-subsisting and all-preserving over those in Thy earth and Thy heaven. Every possessor of a tongue hath testified to Thy oneness and every possessor of understanding to Thy singleness.

Thy Word which appeared by Thy command hath encompassed all existence, both the unseen and the visible. Through it Thy power was manifested and Thy sovereignty emerged, and by it were the creatures drawn to the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and all created things to the Dawning-Place of Thy grace. Through it did the sincere ones cry out in the wilderness of separation “Where art Thou, O Beloved of those who know Thee?” and the near ones exclaimed in the desert of longing “Where art Thou, O Desire of the worlds?”

Through it was Moses drawn to the Mount of Revelation when He turned toward Sinai and heard Thy sweetest call and attained the vision of Thy most resplendent Beauty which Thou didst reveal unto Him through one of Thy names. Through it did the Beloved One turn to the Ultimate Tree to hear Thy call, O Source of bounty. Through it did every Prophet cry “Here am I, here am I, O Lord of the Kingdom of Names and Creator of earth and heaven!” Through it were the gates of Thy knowledge opened before the faces of Thy creation and the portals of Thy gifts before Thy servants and creatures.

When Thou didst desire to manifest Thy oneness, Thou didst manifest its Source and Origin through the power of Thy might and strength. Through Him was established the oneness of Thy Essence among Thy servants and the singleness of Thy Self among Thy creation. Thou hast ordained no portion for anyone except through his acknowledgment of His singleness and confession of His oneness, for through Him is established Thy manifestation and sovereignty, Thy emergence and power.

O Lord! Aid Thy servants to turn unto Thee and to hold fast to the cord of Thy favors, that they may recognize the Source of Thy verses and the Dayspring of Thy clear signs. Then send down, O my God, upon him who hath turned to the ocean of Thy generosity and the horizon of Thy bestowal that which Thou didst send down upon the sincere ones among Thy chosen ones and the near ones among Thy loved ones, that he may arise wholly to serve Thy Cause and to spread Thy verses and mention Thy clear signs. Verily Thou art the Powerful through Thy sovereignty, there is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH05043: This is a mention from Us unto him who…

In the Name of Him Who prevaileth over the world!

This is a mention from Us unto him who hath been adorned with the robe of existence, that it may draw him unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved.

They who have on this day attained unto the recognition of God and the Dawning-Place of His Cause—these are they who are brought nigh, while they who have been debarred from God and His sovereignty are a people who understand not. How many a prince hath been kept back from the All-Knowing, and how many a rich one hath been deceived by riches until he disbelieved in God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting! How many a seeing one hath been prevented from beholding the Most Sublime Horizon, and how many a blind one hath beheld the Dawning-Place of Revelation and attained unto the lights of the Countenance, when the heedless ones turned away from Him!

Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not him who hath followed his passions and disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Say: By His very Self, the Truth! The Hidden One hath appeared and the Intended One hath come, and that which was mentioned in the preserved Tablet hath been fulfilled. O people! Turn ye unto God and the Dawning-Place of His Cause. This is better for you, did ye but know. Withhold not yourselves from the lights of this Day. Choose ye what God hath chosen for you. He, verily, is the Clement, the All-Forgiving.

Thou, verily, render thanks unto God for that the Countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee from this praised station, and calleth thee unto Him, though He was self-sufficient above whatsoever hath appeared in what was and shall be.

BH05804: The leaders have gathered to harm Us, yet they…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The leaders have gathered to harm Us, yet they lie beneath Our feet, though they perceive it not. The divines have denied this Horizon from which hath shone forth the Sun of wisdom and utterance. By My life! They understand not. Had they known what they had wrought, they would have cast aside their inaction and run forth into the wilderness, crying out:

> "We have failed in our duty toward Thee, O Thou in Whose hand lieth the control of all existence!"

Each faction is content with what it hath, turning away from that which is with God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We remind the people by Our command, and their standing or sitting, their acceptance or rejection, shall not deter Us, for We are powerful over what We wish. There is no God but Me, the Protector over all that witnesseth and is witnessed.

The ocean of knowledge hath been gathered up when the Standard of God's knowledge, the Mighty, the Loving, was unfurled. The temple of vain imaginings hath trembled when the All-Knowing came with a sovereignty that encompasseth all that was and shall be.

Draw thou nigh—verily it surgeth before thy face—then drink therefrom in My Name, the Beloved. Thus have We set forth the verses and sent them unto thee with a fragrance whereby thou didst quicken the graves. When thou hast found and attained, arise to serve thy Lord with a remembrance whereby spirits take flight and hearts are drawn.

BH06737: In My Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great

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This is a Book We have sent down in truth, and verily it is a lamp of guidance amongst mankind and a sign of My luminous and resplendent countenance. The lamp in one sense referreth to him who speaketh the truth, and in another sense to His exalted Word, and in yet another sense to His Law that floweth throughout the worlds. By God! We desire naught through Our commandments save the preservation of your souls and your offspring. Draw ye nigh unto them and be not of those who remain remote.

Through Our laws the edifice of the Cause hath been made firm and every lofty house hath been raised up. We have established the pillars of divine knowledge upon an impregnable foundation, would that ye be of those who understand. Hold ye fast unto God, then act according to that which ye have been commanded in the Tablets. He will strengthen you upon this straight path.

O My loved ones! Steadfastness behooveth you, steadfastness behooveth you. It shall deliver you from grievous torment. Beware lest the allusions of men cause you to slip or the words of the deniers hold you back. Leave them to themselves and place your trust in the One, the Subduer, the All-Knowing. Ye are the flowers of this Garden—it behooveth you that all should perceive from you the fragrance of the All-Merciful. Act ye in a manner befitting this glorious and exalted station.

BH07752: In My Name, through which the veils have been…

In My Name, through which the veils have been rent asunder

The dawn hath broken and the moon hath appeared, and the Sun crieth out: “To Me, to Me, O peoples of the earth!” By God! There hath appeared what hath never appeared in creation, and there hath been raised up what hath never been raised up from time immemorial. This is what the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, hath testified to in this perspicuous Tablet. Verily, the righteous have drunk the choice wine of revelation, while the wicked have returned to their abode in the nethermost fire. The sincere ones drink of My choice sealed wine, while the opposers drink of noisome water. He Who spoke from the Divine Lote Tree hath appeared and speaketh openly amongst the servants, yet they have turned away, having followed every froward oppressor. Say: O people! Abandon what ye possess and turn towards the Dayspring of bounty. This is better for you, if ye be of them that know. Drink thou the water of life from the utterance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Well is it with thee, O thou who hast turned towards God, the Mighty, the Wise.

BH08358: The Book hath been sent down and the All-Bountiful…

In the Name of Him Who rules over all who are in the heavens and on earth!

The Book hath been sent down and the All-Bountiful hath come, yet the people remain behind a manifest veil. The Trumpet hath been sounded when the Dawning-Place of Revelation appeared, but the people are in grievous dissension, save those who have quaffed the choice wine of the Bayan in the name of the All-Merciful and have cast the world behind them, turning unto God, the Single, the All-Informed.

The laws have been ordained when the ocean of utterance surged through this Name that ruleth over the worlds, and the Way hath appeared when the Guide came. Blessed is he who hath turned, and woe unto them that have turned aside! They who turned away from God and the Manifestation of His Cause have lost, while he who turned to this resplendent Dawn hath gained.

Blessed is he who hath been awakened by the breeze of God and hath arisen to aid His Cause on this wondrous Day. We make mention of thee in truth, that thou mayest mention thy Lord amongst His slumbering servants.

BH08230: He Who is Sovereign over all Names

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Praised be He Who hath revealed in the Book whatsoever He desired. He is, verily, the Mighty, the Bestower. He hath set forth therein all things in detail. He is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. He hath made it the Lamp of Guidance amongst all created things and the Light of Salvation unto all who dwell within the realm of possibility. Blessed is he who hath been illumined in this Day and hath turned toward the Station which God hath made the most exalted of stations. Woe unto him who hath turned away and hesitated when the Tongue of Eternity proclaimed: Hasten with your hearts, O ye who are endowed with understanding! Be thou stirred by the breezes of thy Lord's will, the All-Merciful, and speak forth that which hath been sent down from the Pen of Revelation, and act according to what hath been set forth in the Tablets. We have perceived the fragrance of thy love and have sent down for thee that which bringeth solace to the eyes. Give thanks unto God, then stand firm in the Cause through the sovereignty of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

BH05929: What was revealed in the Bayan regarding the people…

…What was revealed in the Bayan regarding the people of cities and villages remains valid and binding. However, in the Most Holy Book mention is made of the first degree, and what is meant by the first degree is nineteen mithqals of silver, which was revealed in the Bayan concerning the village-dwellers. This is most beloved before God if both parties accept, for the purpose is the comfort of all and the union and unity of the people. Therefore, the more accommodating one is in these matters, the better. The people of Baha must, God willing, deal and associate with one another with perfect love and purity…

BH02778: God bears witness that there is none other God…

In the Name of Him Who rules over all names.

God bears witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who has come with the truth is verily the Sovereign of verses and the Dawning-Place of revelation unto all who are in earth and heaven. He is indeed the Manifest Book and the Impregnable Fortress—whoso turns unto Him has turned unto the Most Great Ocean and attained the lights of the Ancient of Days. He is indeed the Frequented Fane and the Book Inscribed and the Scroll Outspread. By My life! All this is mentioned at the level of names, while He has ever been sanctified above them. Through a word from Him was created all that is seen in

creation, whereof bears witness the Concourse on High. Blessed is he who has found His fragrance in His days, and woe betide the heedless.

This is a Book from Us to him who has heard the Call from the Supreme Horizon and has turned unto God, the Creator of heaven, while the people were behind a manifest veil, that the melody of God may draw him to a station wherein he speaks of all else besides Him and reminds the people of that which has been sent down from God, the Most High, the Most Great.

Say: O people! The gate of divine knowledge has been opened and the horizon of certitude has been illumined, inasmuch as the All-Merciful has come with sovereignty from Him, while ye are in gross doubt. Leave what ye possess and turn unto the Dawning-Place of certitude, and follow not those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: There is no protection this day save from God alone. Leave what ye possess and take what ye are commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Blessed art thou for having found the fragrance of the divine garment and turned unto the Goal and heard the Call of God, the Almighty, the Most Praiseworthy. Gather the people unto the Word of God and His Cause, then give them to drink of this wine which has been the desire of those near unto God. Say: O My loved ones! Hold fast unto goodly deeds. By God! They shall profit you in this world and the next. Thus doth He teach you from His presence—He Who possesses knowledge of all things in a Perspicuous Book. Be ye dawning-places of justice and equity and daysprings of loving-kindness and bounty unto all who are on earth. He, verily, is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing.

Convey My greetings unto My loved ones, then recite unto them what has been revealed from My Most Exalted Pen in this Glorious Tablet. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Throne, and for that which has been revealed unto thee, whereby the fragrance of the Beloved has been diffused throughout the worlds. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee of them who have believed in God, the Peerless, the All-Informed.

BH06647: The world hath been adorned with the appearance…

In His Name, the Eternal, the Everlasting

The world hath been adorned with the appearance of the Ancient King, and the Tree hath spoken forth amidst creation: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Bountiful.” Blessed is the stranger who hath turned toward the Most Exalted Homeland, and the thirsty one who hath advanced toward the Water of Life, and the seeker who hath trod the path of the All-Merciful. Beware lest what thou beholdest among the people prevent thee from this Day. Leave them to themselves and turn with thy heart unto God, the Lord of all men. Shun those who walk the paths of idle fancy and draw nigh unto God, the Lord of all men.

We make mention of thee from the Most Great Prison, purely for the sake of God, that the breaths of remembrance may attract thee in such wise as to cause thee to arise among the people and say:

> “O people! The Promise hath come to pass and there hath appeared the Promised One through Whom the Sacred Scriptures and Tablets have been adorned. Arise through the power

of the Most Great Name amidst the peoples and acquaint them with that which they have neglected on the Day of Return. Say: Have mercy upon your own selves and tarry not in this Cause whereby faces have been darkened and eyes have become fixed in their sockets."

Thus have We adorned the horizon of knowledge with the stars of wisdom and utterance, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Chosen One.

BH07706: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over all creation

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared with the truth is verily the Dayspring of bounty and the Dawning-Place of justice. Through Him hath appeared the Most Great Word, and every receptive soul hath attained the ultimate goal. Whoso hath turned unto Him hath turned unto God, the Lord of all men, and whoso hath turned away is assuredly among the lost, as recorded in a mighty Tablet.

Blessed art thou, O Ahmad, inasmuch as thou hast enjoined upon the people what is right and forbidden them what is wrong. Make mention unto them of that which thou didst hear from the tongue of grandeur and glory when the Dawning-Place of names was in Baghdad, that they may become aware and turn unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

We have sent down unto thee diverse Tablets that thou mayest render thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful. Grieve thou not over anything, but place thy trust in God, the One, the All-Knowing. Verily, the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the most sublime horizon when it was illumined by this manifest Name.

BH07673: O Thou Who rulest over whatsoever Thou willest!

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Glory be unto Thee, O my God! Thou seest a servant from among Thy servants who hath left his home, turning towards Thy countenance and drawing nigh unto the ocean of Thy mercy and the heaven of Thy grace, until he attained Thy presence and stood before Thy face and heard Thy verses. I beseech Thee, O Thou Who hast subdued the world and given life to the nations, to make him steadfast in Thy Cause and focused on the horizon of Thy bounty. Then assist him to be obedient unto Thee and to seek Thy good-pleasure, and to serve Thy Cause amongst Thy creatures.

O Lord! Help Thy servants and creation to rend asunder the veils that have come between them and Thee, that all may turn to the Sun of Thy bestowal and draw near unto the Living Waters in Thy days. O Lord! Withhold them not from the rain of Thy gifts which hath poured down from the heaven of Thy Will and the clouds of Thy generosity.

Verily, Thou art the Almighty over what Thou willest and the Omnipotent over what Thou desirest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH07638: Drops of revelation have trickled from the leaves…

In the name of the Lord of all creation

Drops of revelation have trickled from the leaves of the Divine Lote Tree in the form of these words: O handmaiden of God! Your letter was present before Us and was seen, and this word in truth has issued forth from the Supreme Pen: Verily your sins are forgiven. God, exalted and mighty be He, has adorned all His loved ones with the robe of forgiveness. God has pardoned what is past. All must henceforth act, with perfect sanctity and detachment, according to what has been revealed in the divine Tablets from the Pen of His Command.

Give thanks to the Beloved of the worlds, that He has enabled you to recognize His Self and attain to His days. This was from God's great bounty. Convey My greetings to all steadfast handmaidens, and especially to some for whom supplication was made—wondrous Tablets were revealed and sent. Give them all the glad-tidings of God's grace, for all are mentioned in His presence and have attained His favors.

BH10426: O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from around…

He is the Expounder, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O My handmaiden! Hearken unto My call from around My Throne which hath been established in the Land of the Prison through that which the hands of the heedless have wrought. Were thine ear to hear My call, it would surely draw it to a station wherein it would hear from all things: The Lord of Names hath appeared in the Prison of ʿAkka and uttereth: "There is none other God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous!" Hold thou fast unto the cord of God and cling to this exalted hem. Blessed is the handmaiden who hath attained unto the days of God; verily she is among the dwellers of Paradise in this glorious station.

BH07245: This is a Book which the Lord of Power…

In the name of Him Who is established upon the Throne

This is a Book which the Lord of Power hath sent down from His Most Great Horizon unto him who hath turned toward the Dawning-Place of Revelation, when the Hour came and the Moon was cleft asunder, that he might rejoice in this Remembrance whereby every hidden matter hath been revealed and every remote transgressor hath been shaken.

O servant! Hearken unto the Call from the Dayspring of Glory in this blessed white spot—verily there is no God but Me, the All-Informing, the All-Knowing. Grieve not over anything. Remind the people through this perspicuous Tablet, that perchance they may awaken and arise and turn their faces toward the face of thy Lord, the Wondrous, the Beautiful.

The attraction of the Chosen One hath seized all lands and the righteous in this noble station—they who believed in God when He came into the world with His mighty and impregnable Kingdom. Blessed art thou for having attained unto faith when the All-Merciful appeared with His decisive and steadfast Cause.

Moreover, blessed is thy son, for he hath occupied himself with transcribing the verses of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. This is a deed that nothing on earth can equal. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!

BH09061: In My Name that overshadoweth the world

In My Name that overshadoweth the world

This is a Book from Us to all who are in the heavens and on earth, that they may turn unto God, the Lord of the Final End.

Those who hesitate today—these shall have no portion in the Book. Soon shall they bewail their own selves and curse those who held them back from the All-Possessing, the Most High.

Be thou not grieved at anything, but hold fast unto God, the Lord of all men. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Countenance when every idolator and doubter waxed proud.

Happy is he who hath attained unto the days of God and hath drunk the choice sealed wine from the hands of the bounty of his Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing.

They who have drawn nigh and acted according to what they were bidden—these are of the people of Baha in the Scriptures and Tablets.

Ask thou God to strengthen thee to stand firm in His Cause, and to strengthen those who have hesitated on this Day which God, the Lord of Days, hath ordained.

BH02897: He Who is forsaken by the world and imprisoned…

In the Name of the Desire of the Worlds!

He Who is forsaken by the world and imprisoned among the nations addresses thee in the Persian tongue that thou mayest be of the thankful ones.

Thy letter hath attained unto the Most Great Presence, and its opening was adorned with a word which is in truth the greatest proof for this most mighty and glorious Revelation and a conclusive evidence for all peoples—namely these words:

> "O God! I beseech Thee by Thy Baha at its most splendid."

All have heard that it hath been said that the Most Great Name is mentioned and concealed in this prayer, and now it is manifest and speaking and hath dawned upon all who dwell on earth. What proof could be greater than this, and what evidence mightier than this station? Observe how this blessed word adorns the opening of the prayer. If thou wert to use but this passage alone as proof of the truth of this Cause, none would have cause to waver or turn aside, save the objectors who in every age have been deprived of the choice wine of divine bounty and have clung to the cord of idle fancies. Praise be to the Desire of the world Who hath enabled thee to make mention of this exalted word and this most supreme pearl.

Reflect upon this most great Revelation and its effulgences and all that hath been manifested through it. By My life! It will attract thee to a station wherein thou shalt behold it sovereign over all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and say:

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy Will and the heaven of Thy Purpose and the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thine inspiration, Who calleth unto Thee from His Most Great Prison, after the hosts of the nations have arisen against Him, to assist me to remember Thee and to praise Thee, and to grant me that which will tranquilize my heart in Thy days, and to illumine mine eyes with the light of Thy knowledge. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Reflect upon the clear proofs and manifest evidences of this Revelation. If anyone today should hesitate in this Cause, he would never be able to establish the truth of any other matter, now or ever. Beseech God that thou mayest taste the sweetness of His utterance, for whoever hath found it hath seen himself detached from the world and all that is therein. Verily, He is the True Speaker, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH03504: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Thy…

In His Name, the Preserver, the Helper!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Thy righteous servants among the wicked ones of Thy creation, and Thy noble friends among the rebellious ones of Thy creatures, who have denied Thy manifest proof and the appearance of Thy clear Name, such that they oppose them however they please and do with them whatever they desire. I beseech Thee, O God of might and power, by Thy dominant sovereignty and Thy overwhelming authority, to seize them through Thy power and might, and prevent them from what they intended against Thy loved ones.

O Lord! I see all things, when the winds of Thy will blow, as a dried leaf cast aside in Thy kingdom. I beseech Thee by this power, which all created things are powerless to mention and all tongues of beings fail to describe, to protect Thy loved ones in the shadow of Thy protection, and then ward off from them the hands of evil through Thy dominion and might.

O Lord! Cut off the hands that were stretched forth against them in tyranny and oppression, and the tongues that were extended against them in hatred and enmity. Then turn back upon them what they intended against those who sought the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy inspiration. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Subduer, the Mighty, the Seizer, the Avenger, the All-Compelling.

Furthermore I beseech Thee, O my God, to give Thy loved ones to drink, from the hand of Thy bounty, the Kawthar of Thy favors, that the attraction of this pure wine may so transport them that the onslaught of Thy enemies—who issue religious decrees among the people in Thy Name while the very atoms testify to their turning away from Thy face and their following their own desires in Thy days—may not frighten them. Thou knowest, O my God, that they have corrupted and caused corruption in Thy kingdom, and

prevented the servants from turning to the Dayspring of Thy manifestation and the Dawning-Place of Thy light.

Then I beseech Thee, O my God, by Thy Most Great Name through which the world was illumined, to ordain for those who have arisen to promote Thy Cause, and those who were imprisoned in Thy path and Thy love and who were patient in hardship and adversity seeking Thy good-pleasure, that which will draw them near unto Thee in every world of Thy worlds. Then raise up their names in Thy kingdom and their remembrance among Thy creation. Verily Thou art the Giver, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH02898: O Ali! He is God, exalted be His glory…

O Ali! He is God, exalted be His glory and sovereignty! Your letter reached this Wronged One in the Most Great Prison. You had asked about God's decree concerning spiritual and material matters. Excellent is that which you have asked, for its benefit returns to you and other servants both outwardly and inwardly. Verily your Lord is the All-Knowing, the Answerer.

The supreme cause of creation has been the knowledge of God. Whosoever today has attained the fragrance of the merciful Robe and reached that original homeland—which is the station of recognizing the Dawning Place of divine commands and the Dayspring of heavenly revelation—has attained and will attain unto all good.

After arriving at this most exalted station, two things are necessary and obligatory for every soul: first, steadfastness in the Cause of God such that if all people should try to prevent him from the Source of the Cause they would be powerless to do so; and second, following the divine ordinances which have flowed from the fountain of the Pen of God's Will, for the knowledge of God is not complete and perfect except through following what He has commanded and what has been revealed in God's Book. In the previous year the Most Holy Book was sent down from the heaven of bounty of the Lord of Names. God willing, you will be assisted to act according to what has been revealed therein.

As for material matters, you should engage in work while placing your trust in God. He will send down to you from the heaven of His favors that which is ordained for you. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty.

Praise be to the Goal of the world that your letter reached the Prisoner and an answer was revealed and sent from the Seat of Authority. This is truly a great bounty from God—though not evident today, it will soon become manifest.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I am he who has turned to Thee and placed his trust in Thee. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the ocean of Thy utterance surged and the breezes of Thy knowledge were stirred, to make me successful in serving Thy Cause and assisted in Thy remembrance and praise. Then send down upon me from the heaven of Thy gifts that which will preserve me from all else but Thee and benefit me in all Thy worlds. Thou art verily the Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH01041: Verily the Unseen, manifest in the Temple of Revelation…

In His Name, Who rules over what is and what has been!

Verily the Unseen, manifest in the Temple of Revelation, gives glad tidings to the world through His Most Great Name, yet most among men understand not. By God! All that was in the Books has been fulfilled, and the Tongue of Pre-existence has proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting!" When the Hour came to pass and the Evidence appeared and the All-Merciful came with clear proof, among the people were those who turned towards Him and those who turned away. He who turned away is verily among the people of the coffin in a hidden tablet.

And among them was he who said "I have a sealed book," and thereby turned away from God, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Beloved. Thus did his soul beguile him, and Satan made his vain imaginings seem fair to him. Say: By God! Though thou shouldst come with all the books of the world and with every seal that hath been engraved in the earth, it would profit thee not at all. Thus hath the matter been decreed in an inscribed tablet. Say: Can the seal suffice thee in place of the Ancient of Days? Nay, by His Most Great Name! Awaken, O heedless outcast!

Say: Even wert thou to possess all the scriptures of those who have gone before and those who shall come after, each adorned with the seal of the Dawning-Places of My Cause and the Manifestations of My Names, it would profit thee not this Day except that thou shouldst follow this Straight Path. Say: O ignorant one! The Cause is mighty, mighty indeed, and this is the News that was the ultimate hope of Him Who appeared in creation by the name of God, the Powerful, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Loving.

Say: Were We to command thee to efface what thou hast and thou shouldst hesitate for less than a moment, all in the unseen and visible realms would curse thee. Say: This is the Dawning-Place of what was revealed aforetime and the Rising-Point of revelation throughout all ages, whereby every decreed matter hath been detailed. Beware lest thou look to what thou hast; open thine eyes that thou mayest behold this most hidden, mighty, treasured Mystery.

The Bayan was revealed for My remembrance and recognition, and the Tablets for this praiseworthy station. Say: O ignorant one! Fear God and speak not according to thy vain desires. Be fair in thy judgment regarding the Manifestation of God and His Cause, then regarding His sovereignty that hath encompassed all that is seen and unseen. Can the scriptures profit thee? Nay, by the Revealer of the Books, except that thou shouldst abandon what thou hast and turn to the station that was the source of revelation and inspiration from God, Who rules over what was and what shall be.

This is the horizon from which appeared the hidden Unseen and the treasured Symbol, whereby the proof of the All-Merciful encompassed all contingent beings, if thou be fair and follow not every vanquished idolater. Through it the breeze of God wafted over all else, through it the standards of power were raised in all regions, and the Tongue of Pre-existence proclaimed: "The Kingdom is God's, the Powerful, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting!"

Say: By God, O thou who slumbereth! Thou hast indeed fabricated against God in what thou hast uttered, for the Bayan in its essence crieth out and lamenteth, and with loudest voice proclaimeth between earth and heaven, saying:

> "Not a single word revealed by Me can equal what hath been sent down from Him."

Reflect on what hath been revealed in truth, and be not of those who fabricated against God and were overtaken by their wretchedness in numbered days until punishment seized them from God, the Lord of existence.

Sanctify thy breast from allusions and thy heart from indications, then look with the eye of fairness upon the Tablets of thy Lord, that perchance the Most Exalted Word might attract thee to the Most Glorious Horizon and inspire thee with what God hath intended from time immemorial. This is My counsel unto thee if thou hearkenest unto thyself, and if thou turnest away, verily He is the Self-Sufficient, independent of all created things, to this do honored servants testify.

Say: By God! Had you been humble when My Name appeared before you, it would have been better for you than all you possess and all you have wrought in your days. But it hath been decreed. Soon shall you find yourself in the nethermost depths, O heedless and veiled one!

O Most Exalted Pen! Move in remembrance of him who buzzeth around the fire and then fleeth from the words of the wicked, that perchance the call of the Chosen One may draw him to a station where he may rend asunder the veils and go forth in the name of his Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, that he may take the choice wine of life from the hands of the loving-kindness of his Lord, the All-Merciful, drinking it in detachment from all contingent beings.

Beware lest vain imaginings keep thee back from the Dawning-Place of certitude, or idle fancies veil thee from the Dayspring of knowledge. Leave behind what thou hast and what the people possess; take what hath come to thee from the Dayspring of verses. By God! This is indeed the Most Great Spirit for the bodies of nations and the cause of life to all who dwell in the earth and heavens. Be not content with the rivulet when the Most Great Ocean lieth before thy face. Hasten unto it and follow not every doubtful denier.

When the wine of verses from God, the Manifestor of clear proofs, hath intoxicated thee, turn unto Him Who calleth thee to Himself, that thou mayest know Him and recognize those who have taken Him as their Lord instead of God. Thus doth command thee He Who is imprisoned in the most desolate of lands. Then will thy certitude increase and thou wilt know thy beginning, and wilt say with thy inner and outer tongue:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made known unto me that which was hidden, and thanks be unto Thee, O my Best-Beloved, for having opened mine eyes through the power of Thy sovereignty. I testify that Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Chosen One."

Beware lest kinship hold thee back from the Lord of all creation, or heritage veil thee from the Sovereign of mankind. Place thy trust in God under all conditions, then turn unto Him. He will verily protect thee in truth and make thee independent of all else but Him. When mention was made of thee before the Countenance, this Tablet was revealed purely for the sake of God, else what have I to do with mentioning the likes of thee? The Intended One beareth witness that there is no God but He, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Most Powerful, the One.

We counsel thee at the end with that wherewith he who announced unto the people the Sun of My Revelation and the Ocean of My bounty counseled, saying: "Behold Him with His own eyes." If thou wilt ponder on what hath been sent down in truth, thou wilt say: "I believe in Thee, O Thou the Self-Sufficient, the Most High!"

BH01268: O my God! There hath come before Thee…

In His Name, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful

O my God! There hath come before Thee from Thy servant a letter wherein he hath acknowledged Thy unity and confessed Thy oneness, and hath sought pardon from the ocean of Thy bounty and Thy favors for himself and for others among Thy loved ones. O Lord! Sprinkle upon them from the oceans of Thy bounty and Thy gifts that which shall purify them from the mention of aught else but Thee and shall sanctify them from beholding aught except Thyself, and illumine them with the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance which hath shone forth from Thy most exalted horizon and hath illumined the earth and heaven. Then cause them to drink from the Kawthar of immortality through the hands of grace and bestowal in this Dawn whereby the horizon of divine knowledge hath been illumined and the Day-Star of certitude hath appeared, that they may witness the sanctity of Thy Being from all peers and the exemption of Thine Essence from all likeness. O Lord! Clothe them with the robes of Thy forgiveness and adorn them with that which Thou hast willed in Thy days. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou pleasest. Thou givest and Thou withholdest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

I beseech Thee, O Lord my God, by Thy Name through which Thou hast subdued the earth and heaven, and through which Thy sealed wine was unsealed for the people of creation, to aid Thy servant Javad to exalt Thy Word in Thy kingdom, whereby hearts may be drawn to the Dayspring of Thy revelation and the Source of Thy inspiration, and whereby the denizens of the graves may hasten to the Manifestation of the appearance of the light of Thy Being and the Source of the revelation of the fire of the Tree of Thy Divinity. Then rend asunder through him the veils of imitation, that the Sun of divine unity may appear to all who dwell in Thy earth and heaven.

O Lord! Thou knowest that I have desired naught save what Thou hast desired, and have spoken naught save what Thou hast inspired me through Thy bounty and favor. I have arisen by Thy power to promote Thy Cause and have summoned all to the heaven of Thy knowledge and the ocean of Thy grace, in such wise that neither the oppression of kings hath deterred me from Thy remembrance and praise, nor the clamor of the peoples from describing Thee and revealing Thy Cause. I have openly conveyed unto them that which Thou didst command. Praise be unto Thee for having made me the guardian over Thy creation

and creatures in such wise that the might of the oppressors and the power of the tyrants hath not weakened me. I have manifested Thy all-compelling Will and Thy all-encompassing Purpose, and have revealed that which lay hidden in Thy recorded scriptures and Thy revealed tablets. Praise be unto Thee—praise whereby the sincere ones may soar to the most exalted heights and the near ones to the Uttermost Tree. And praise be unto Thee—praise whereby Thy traces shall be established and Thy laws shall be manifested. And praise be unto Thee in whatsoever Thou lovest and art pleased with. Verily Thou art the Ruler over whatsoever Thou pleasest.

Moreover, I beseech Thee, O my God, to enable my loved ones to arise to serve Thy Cause and to aid Thy Faith. Verily, Thou art He to Whose power and might all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and sovereignty all things possible have borne witness. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou pleasest through Thy command that prevaileth over the worlds. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

In His Name, Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance.

Jim. Vav. Verily We desired to set forth the verses unto thee in yet another setting, for He is indeed the Omnipotent, the Unconstrained, that the fragrances of revelation might draw thee in such wise that thou mayest arise amidst all creation in the name of thy Lord, the Creator of invention, and point with thy right hand toward the East and proclaim: “By God! The Dayspring of divine knowledge hath shed its radiance!” and with thy left hand rend asunder the veils of the peoples of the West through this Name whereby the idols were struck down and religions were shaken.

Thy letter hath come before the Wronged One, and from it We perceived the fragrance of thy love for God. We have sent down unto thee this Tablet whereby the breezes of divine knowledge have wafted and the fragrances of forgiveness have been diffused throughout all possibility. We beseech God to aid thee in His service in such wise that thou mayest rend asunder the veils of men and summon them unto sanctity and detachment and unto deeds that befit the days of their Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Verily, when We arrived at the Most Great Prison, We once again summoned the Manifestations of power unto God, the Revealer of verses. The world so deluded them that they cast behind them that which they were bidden by God, the Lord of Names, and took that which would lead them back to the fire. Soon shall they know that which hath escaped them in the Cause of God, and shall lament their lot. Thy Lord is, verily, the Mighty, the All-Knowing.

Be thou as a bird soaring in the atmosphere of love and knowledge, and rising from the horizon of utterance with such remembrance as shall attract the minds and cause bodies to take wing. Say: O people! The Salsabil hath flowed and the seal of the choice wine hath been broken. Turn ye, then drink in the name of Him Who is the Overlord of all existence. Beware lest the clamor of the idolaters prevent thee or the might of the wicked frighten thee. Remember God with joy and fragrance, and with the wisdom We have sent down from the heaven of revelation and inspiration, that through thy remembrance every slumberer may arise, every heedless one may turn, and every hesitant doubter may

hasten. Thus hath the Dove warbled and the Cock of Paradise crowed, that thy heart may rejoice and thou mayest aid thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind.

We had previously sent down unto thee a Tablet in the Persian tongue most sweet, and following the arrival of thy letter, this Tablet in the most eloquent language, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily, the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Day wherein all things have proclaimed: "The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Cleaver of the daybreak!"

BH01307: May my spirit be a sacrifice unto your presence!...

He is God, exalted be His station, the Greatness and the Glory!

May my spirit be a sacrifice unto your presence! The servant has attained your gracious letter and found therein the fragrance of Tasnim, as it was adorned with the mention of our Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful. Due to the many occupations of this evanescent servant, there is no opportunity to present that which was intended. I beseech your abundant grace to accept my excuse and apology. Therefore, I briefly submit:

You had previously inquired about two matters which remained unanswered. The first concerns the meaning of His exalted words regarding "the sixth and the sixth of the sixth." This is what was revealed in response: "By this We intended the proportions of humors in balanced bodies according to the people's doctrine. Know that phlegm is one-sixth of blood, and bile is one-sixth of phlegm. This is the meaning of what We mentioned, and black bile is three-quarters of yellow bile. We have another explanation, for verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." Thus ends the passage.

Regarding your question about inheritance, His exalted words state: "When We heard the cries of the children yet unborn, We doubled their portion and decreased from the others." The inheritances in the Divine Book are made into two thousand five hundred and twenty shares, which encompass the nine divisions. This number is divided into seven portions, each portion going to a class of heirs as mentioned in the Book. Among these, nine sixties, which equals the number of "Muqt," is designated for the children. The meaning of His exalted words "We doubled their portion" is that one equivalent was added to it, making it two "Ta," and what was increased was decreased from the others. For example, it was revealed "And for the spouses from the Book of Ha according to the number of Ta and Fa," meaning eight sixties equaling the number of Ta and Fa was designated for the spouses. Now sixty and half of sixty, which equals ninety, was decreased from the spouses and added to the children, and so forth until the end, where the amount decreased becomes nine sixties, which was added to the first nine sixties.

Regarding your inquiry whether the brother must be from both father and mother or if being from one side is sufficient for inheritance: If the brother is from the father's side, his right is as mentioned in the Book. If from the mother's side, one-third of his right reverts to the House of Justice and two-thirds to him. Likewise for the sister. This is the answer to the two previous questions.

Concerning the Tablet of Aqa Abdu'l-Ghani and the letter of Aqay-i-Kalim, may my spirit be a sacrifice for him, which was specifically for Aqa Mirza Musa, you wrote that it had not arrived. Both were sent on the

thirteenth of Dhi'l-Qa'dih. The Tablet of Aqa Abdu'l-Ghani was among the tablets of his eminence Haji Mirza ʿAli-Akbar B.R.

Regarding what you wrote about Aqa Ibrahim from the people of N.J., excellent is what you have done in his regard, for the best of deeds is that a person not act without the good-pleasure of the Truth. Blessed is he in that he heard what you mentioned to him from the Truth. It is never permissible for anyone to come without permission, although many souls have turned towards the Most Holy Court this year without permission. We beseech God to assist them in what He loves and is pleased with.

Concerning what you wrote about some Tablets being bound specifically for the Indians, along with the sublime Tablet which they sent through Aqa ʿAbdu'l-Karim—this matter was highly acceptable at the Divine Threshold. They said that your honor has been and continues to be engaged in service to the Cause. Blessed is he and good tidings unto him! I humbly convey sublime and glorious greetings to all the friends of God in that land, one and all, and express my utter nothingness and sincerity. May the Glory rest upon your honor and upon them.

The servant [of God] 19 Rabi'u'th-Thani

May I be a sacrifice for you! A Tablet has been revealed from the heaven of divine wisdom regarding the stages of teaching the Cause and conduct among humanity, specifically for the Name of God M.H., upon him be [Baha'u'llah's Glory] 966. A copy of it was sent. Your honor should make a copy and send another copy to Muhammad M., upon him be [Baha'u'llah's Glory] 966, along with the letter which this servant has written to him. I beseech the Most High to assist His loved ones who have arisen to serve His Cause to act according to what has been revealed in His mighty and sublime Tablet.

The exalted Branches of God and the Twigs of the divine Lote-Tree remember and glorify your honor with the most wondrous mention and the essence of glorification.

BH01662: The letter which you wrote to this Servant present…

In the name of the Beloved of the worlds

The letter which you wrote to this Servant present before the Throne was mentioned in the presence of the Countenance, and signs of grief were evident from it, although you should in all conditions manifest the Most Great Joy, inasmuch as through God's wondrous favor and His infinite mercy you have attained the most great bounty and are gazing toward and turned to the Most Great Horizon.

Think not that your services in the path of the Cause have been effaced from view, or that even an atom thereof has departed from the Divine Mirror of Knowledge. Most often you have been and are mentioned before the Throne, as all who seek the right hand of the All-Merciful and circle the Kaaba of divine knowledge bear witness, and beyond them your Lord, the Speaker, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. In most years, successive and continuous exalted Tablets were revealed and sent especially for you, and if you reflect carefully upon those Tablets you will become aware of the special divine favors. In times when you were speaking in remembrance of the Truth and occupied with teaching His Cause, He was with you. Verily He heard and saw, and hears and sees. He is the Witness, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

It is incumbent upon the loved ones in that land to show you love and render service. Your assistance is in itself a witness and testimony to this blessed and goodly Word which has dawned from the horizon of the Divine Will. If any soul has shown neglect toward you, be not grieved. Occupy yourself with the remembrance of God, for He has been and ever will be sufficient. If you were to become aware of what has befallen the Wronged One, you would surely forget your own tribulations. Observe how, though imprisoned in the Most Great Prison among the nations, while most of the people of the world, among the wielders of authority and power, have arisen against Him with utmost hatred, He is occupied with the utmost joy and gladness in spreading God's Cause and exalting the Most Great Word. Since you too are of the Tree and related to Him, you have had and have your portion.

O Mihdi! By the life of God, this Servant has not been saddened by any affliction, nor has any clamor caused Him to hesitate in God's Cause. The grief that has affected and affects Him are the words that are heard from those who are veiled among the people of the Bayan. In these days one named Siyyid Yusuf from the people of Sad sent a petition to the Most Holy Court—and he is among those who turned away from the Truth and followed Satan in his soul and imagined himself to be of the people of the Bayan. We testify that the Bayan is innocent of him, and God speaks the truth and He is the Truthful, the Trustworthy.

Among other things he asked about the sign of the Manifestation being that they would remove two well-known Shaykhs from their graves and hang them on two withered trees, whereupon those trees would instantly be observed to become green and flourishing. Observe how deluded this person is and at what station he stands. They carry their burdens upon their backs and perceive it not, and the volumes of allusions rest upon their hearts yet they understand not. And among other things he wrote that Azazil, meaning Satan, flows like blood in the veins of man, and other such delusions whose mention has been and will be a cause of grief.

It seems the veiled ones among the people of the Bayan have not attained even a drop from the pure water of divine wisdom and heavenly knowledge. All grief has been and is in hearing such words, even though they have observed that the greatest matter which was established and confirmed among the Shi'ih party for one thousand two hundred years or more proved contrary to fact. Nevertheless, they now cling to similar things and remain deprived of the court of oneness. By God! They have no share of the Book and its meanings, its outer and its inner aspects. We testify that he is among the most lost ones.

BH01848: We have seen thy letter which was presented before…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Greatness and Power

We have seen thy letter which was presented before the Throne, and We have read it and become acquainted with its contents. Verily, We were well-informed. Thou didst mention therein what befell thee in the path of God. He verily confirmeth thee in what thou hast mentioned and what thou hast not mentioned. We have encompassed what thou hast not encompassed and numbered what thou hast not numbered. Thy Lord is verily the Concealer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech God to assist all to do what He loveth and pleaseth, and to bestow upon them the Kawthar of virtuous character in the days of their Lord, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

We have learned that thou didst arrive at the guest house, but We know not whether thou didst drink therein a drop of water with joy and fragrance, or with that which troubleth the heart, as troubled were the servants before thee. Thereupon the Spirit calleth out and saith:

> "Verily Thou knowest, O Lord of the worlds! Thou seest and concealest, Thou hearest and art patient. Verily Thou art the All-Patient, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful."

We have desired for no one save what is best for him. To this testifieth all things, and beyond them the Tongue of God, the Sovereign, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We have counseled all concerning the manners and character traits of God, and We beseech Him to assist them through His grace. He is verily the Protector of whosoever loveth Him and the Helper of the sincere ones. It behooveth thee to strive for love and unity among the loved ones, that they may be united in the Cause of God. This is God's command, both in the past and in the future. Blessed are they that attain!

How excellent for thee that thou hast fulfilled God's Covenant and His Testament, and hast arisen to serve Him amongst His servants, and hast borne in His path what no one knoweth save God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. The Beloved will suffice thee and will be with thee in all conditions. He is verily the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

A letter arrived aforetime wherein thou wast mentioned. We answered it truthfully and sent it with mention of thee. Read thou and be of the thankful ones.

And as for what thou didst mention concerning him who is named Yusuf, We have indeed mentioned him in the Tablets with verses from which the fragrances of the musk of utterance have been wafted throughout creation and the perfumes of thy Lord's garment, the All-Merciful, have diffused between the heavens and the earth. Glorify him on My behalf with such glorification as will move him like an artery in the body of the world. Thus must it be for one who hath turned to God, the Lord of the nations, in this exalted Day. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to strengthen him in what he is engaged in. He is verily the Strengthener of those who remember Him.

And as for what thou didst mention concerning him who is named Ja'far, We have named him Badi' in the Most Great Scene. Give him the glad-tidings from Us of this mighty grace. Counsel My servants with wisdom in all circumstances. Through it the Cause is uplifted. We have been witness to this.

Then make mention of My loved ones in that place, and then those in Iraq. Upon them be the glory of God and My favors at all times. Make mention of those who are with thee.

Say: "O Muhammad! The Beloved calleth thee from this noble Scene and remembereth thee with joy and gladness while He is in the hands of the oppressors." The presence of thy name in the outward realm hath gladdened Us, and We have glorified thy countenance from this supreme horizon, and We do glorify thee in this moment wherein the verses of God, the Sovereign, the Protecting Friend, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful, are being sent down. Thou hast borne what thou hast borne in love for thy Lord. Nothing escapeth His knowledge. His gaze is fixed upon thee. He is verily the All-Seeing, the All-Hearing, the All-Perceiving. Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in God. He will set aright what thou hast intended. He is verily the Bestower, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

And verily the glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee and upon those from whom hath appeared the supreme steadfastness amidst the hosts of creation. They are indeed among the firmly rooted ones.

BH02243: O My Samandar in the realm of earth…

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Bestower of favors and bounties!

O My Samandar in the realm of earth and heaven! Your letter has come before Us and was read at the Throne, attaining the honor of being heard while the Ancient Beauty was established upon the throne of grandeur and majesty. We found in it that which indicated your name and saw in each word of it the fire of your love for your chosen Lord. Ask God to make that fire a magnet to attract the hearts of all in the world. He is verily the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Seeing.

As for what you mentioned therein about your sadness—this We have not chosen for you. Rejoice in My favor unto you, for nothing that can be mentioned or described in creation equals it. How can sadness overtake you when you find yourself upon the shore of the ocean of joy and gladness? Be not grieved by anything. Trust in God. He is with you in all conditions. What you asked for—We have answered you through Our servant who is present before Us. Thy Lord is verily the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Trust in Him and commit all affairs into the hand of Power. He sees more than you and desires for you what has not entered the mind. This is what behooves you. Thy Lord is verily the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

Soon He will exalt your station and make you a sign of guidance. He is verily the Powerful, the Mighty, the Bestower. Beware, beware lest anything sadden you. Drink the Kawthar of joy from the hand of thy Lord's favor, Who has appeared and shines before your face. Be moved by the fragrance of joy and attracted by the verses of thy Lord, the Speaker, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Make Him your guardian and the guarantor of your affairs. He is verily the All-Sufficient, the Faithful, the Giver, the Bountiful. This is a word through which the essence of My favor and the pure wine of My providence for you have been made manifest. Be thankful to Him for this with a gratitude that no worldly thanks can equal. Thus does the Mighty, the All-Compelling command you.

O Samandar! Hearken unto that which thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, calls out to you. Arise to aid the Cause of thy Lord in such wise that thereby the standards of the Bayan may be raised upon every lofty mountain. Be a guardian of the House of the Cause, then protect it with the swords of remembrance and utterance lest thieves find any way thereto. Circle round about the House at all times lest it be pierced by a mouse or dug into by a rabbit or entered by a treacherous deceiver.

Behold the people—they see the lights of the Sun shining from the horizon of grandeur and majesty, and the seas of verses and proofs surging between earth and heaven, yet they have denied this bounty and taken for themselves the calf as lord instead of God. Woe unto them and unto those who follow the desires of such as these! Verily they are among those whose names the Pen does not wish to inscribe, and from whom every accursed devil flees. Ask God to aid them to recognize the Dawning-Place from which countless suns have shown forth, and to open their eyes to the knowledge of this Great Name.

Glory be upon thee, O thou who hast turned to My face, arisen to serve Me, and spoken forth My wondrous remembrance.

BH02194: In My Name, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the All-Knowing…

In My Name, the Everlasting, the Eternal, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

O thou Our Most Truthful Name! Thou didst quaff the choice wine of meeting when the Lord of Names was in Zawra, and once again the Water of Life when the King of creation was in this Great Prison. Thou didst turn to God by His leave and didst draw nigh unto Him to Whom the world hath turned, until thou didst enter the pavilion of eternity wherein was raised the call of God, the Lord of the worlds. Thou didst attain the presence of the Throne and didst hear and witness that which is inscribed in the Tablet of God, thy Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. And thou didst circle round the Throne on behalf of them that turned unto Him and believed in Him when He appeared with manifest sovereignty. All this is from His bounty unto thee. He, verily, is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Return unto thy home with the fragrances of God and His verses, and make mention of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, unto them that love Him. Forget not what We counselled thee when thou wert in Our presence. Act according to that which thou hast been commanded. Thy Lord, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Praise be to God that through His infinite bounty thou didst arrive at the Most Holy Court and didst rest for successive months beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree. Convey unto all the divine counsels which thou didst hear from the tongue of Grandeur, that all may be adorned with spiritual qualities and holy deeds. The most excellent of all deeds in this Day is steadfastness in the Cause of God, such that the vain imaginings of the deluded pretenders may not hold back the loved ones of God from the court of oneness.

Two unknown persons have gone to Gilan, laying claim to truth and uttering certain spurious and unsound statements. Some have followed these souls, and this following hath increased their pride and heedlessness, until certain assured souls arrived in that land and, through blessed words, awakened those heedless ones from the slumber of negligence. Had it not been for divine grace assisting them, all would have returned to the fire. We beseech God to purify the earth from such as these. I swear by the Sun shining from the horizon of the Cause that the harm of such souls is greater than the harm of the idolaters and deniers, for these matters have been and will be the cause of discord, perturbation and corruption. We beseech God to cause them to be overcome by one who will show them no mercy. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

In truth, such matters arise because of the friends, for their following of such souls causes these pretenders to become confused about themselves. During Our sojourn in Iraq and the Land of Mystery, and at the beginning of Our arrival in the Most Great Prison, We informed all of the rising clamor of these clamorous ones in most cities and regions. We beseech God to protect His loved ones from the evil of these people and to make them so steadfast that the clamor of every clamorer will not change them nor the doubts of the doubtful cause them to slip. Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02336: The springtime of divine revelation has come…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

The springtime of divine revelation has come, and the Sovereign of verses has been established upon the throne with a dominion that has encompassed all created things. By God! The musk of utterance has diffused such fragrance that all existence, both seen and unseen, has been perfumed thereby. To this bears witness the Concourse on High and then those who have sought shelter beneath the shade of My Most Glorious Name. Thus has the Command been sent down from God, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O people! Cast aside what you possess and take hold of that which God, the Sovereign, the Most High, the Most Great, has commanded you. Verily this is the pure wine of reunion for those who have turned to God, and the dawning-place of hopes for all who are in the heavens and on earth. This indeed is the Most Great Proof among the nations and the Most Straight Path for all who possess clear vision. Blessed are you, O people of Baha! Take the cup in the name of your Most Exalted Lord and drink therefrom at all times. Verily it will make you independent of all else.

Say: When the Hour came and the verses were sent down, faces turned away from their Lord, the Possessor of all attributes. Among them were those held back by vanities, and those prevented by learning, and those who said "I have a sealed book bearing God's seal, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting." Say: O rejected one! Were We to accept what you claim, We would say: By God! Even if you possessed all the scriptures of those gone before and those yet to come, they would profit you not at all except through this Book from which has been detailed the Preserved Tablet. And were all the Dawning-Places of Revelation to hesitate in this Cause at this moment when the Tongue of Grandeur and Glory speaks, even for less than an instant, their deeds would be rendered vain. Thus has the matter been decreed by the True One, the Knower of things unseen.

Say: You have not recognized this Revelation. By God! It cannot be compared with what has come or will come. To this testify near-stationed servants. Were We to mention to you the station of this Revelation, you would fall senseless at once. Verily the Cause is concealed behind a veil of light. Blessed are the people who know.

Say: O heedless one! You who have not been awakened by God's call nor stirred by the breezes of revelation. We see you among the denizens of the graves. Thus have We detailed the verses that you might know what every unknown man has spoken. Arise to serve God and aid His Cause, and place your trust in Him. He protects whom He wishes through His sovereignty. There is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Beloved.

Verily the Glory be upon you and upon those who have drunk the choice sealed wine through this Hidden Name. Blessed art thou for having drunk the wine of reunion and attained to the mention of thy Lord amongst His servants, and recognized that which every renowned scholar was prevented from knowing. We have mentioned thee before and mention thee now through grace. Be thou assured in God, the Lord of existence. We beseech God to give the servants to drink, through thee, the wine of turning to Him, that

they might recognize Him Who has come with the truth with manifest sovereignty. Convey My greetings to the faces of those who are with thee, even as We have greeted thy face from this praiseworthy station.

BH02896: Prayer for Naw-Ruz

I am the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

I give praise unto Thee, O my God, that Thou hast ordained this day as a festival unto such of Thy servants as enjoy near access to Thee and unto Thy loved ones who are devoted to Thyself. Thou didst choose to designate it by this Name, through whose power Thou hast subdued all created things and caused the sweet savours of this Revelation to be diffused amongst all the dwellers of the earth and the inmates of the heavens. Through its potency whatsoever is recorded in Thy holy Scriptures and sacred Books hath been made manifest and Thy messengers and Thy chosen ones have raised their Call, so that all men may be infused with the capacity to attain Thy presence, to direct their steps toward the ocean of Thy nearness, to present themselves before the seat of Thy throne and to give ear unto Thy wondrous Voice, calling aloud from the Dayspring of Thine invisible Essence and from the Dawning-Place of Thine exalted Being.

I yield praise unto Thee, O Lord my God, inasmuch as Thou hast demonstrated Thy proofs and perfected Thy blessings. He Who is the Exponent of Thy oneness, Who beareth eloquent testimony to Thy unity is now firmly established upon the throne of Thy Revelation, while Thou hast summoned all mankind to seek His divine presence.

Amongst men there are those who have directed themselves towards Him, have had the honour to behold His face and to partake of the choice wine of His inspiration. I beseech Thee by the power of Thy sovereignty which hath prevailed over all created things and by the outpourings of Thy bounty that have suffused the entire creation to graciously empower Thy loved ones to become absolutely detached from all things except Thee and to set their hearts upon the horizon of Thy tender mercy. Assist them then by Thy grace to consecrate themselves to Thy service, that through them whatsoever Thou desirest for Thy realm may be realized, and with their exertions the ensigns of Thy victory be unfurled in Thy lands. Verily Thou art the Powerful, the Exalted, the Help in Peril, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

I render thanks unto Thee, O my God, that Thou hast chosen this Prison to be the throne for Thy kingdom, the loftiest height for Thy heavens, the Dawning-Place for Thy Lights, the Dayspring for Thy revelations, the Fountain-head for the liberal effusions of Thy grace and the spirit of life to the bodies of Thy creatures.

I implore Thee to help Thy chosen ones through Thy strengthening grace to conform unto that which shall please Thee and to purge them from whatsoever might soil the hem of their garments in Thy days. Thou seest in certain regions, O my God, things disagreeable to Thy good pleasure, and Thou beholdest those who lay claim to Thy love committing such deeds that Thine enemies have committed. Sanctify them, O Lord, with this life-giving water whereby Thou hast sanctified the well-favoured among Thy people and the loved ones who are wholly devoted to Thee. Purge them, moreover, from whatever might tarnish the fair name of Thy Cause in Thy lands, or might deter the people of Thy countries from recognizing Thee. I

entreat Thee, O Lord, by the glory of Thy Name that transcendeth all other names, to shield them from following their selfish desires and corrupt inclinations, that they may, one and all, gather together around that which is prescribed in Thy Holy Book. Exalt them then as to become the hands of Thy Cause, that through them Thy wondrous signs may be spread far and wide throughout Thine earth and the emblems of Thy sanctity be manifested amidst Thy people.

Potent art Thou to do what pleaseth Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

BH02901: This is a Book from Baha to him who…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Exalted

This is a Book from Baha to him who hath believed and been guided aright, and hath turned away from such as have denied God and transgressed. The opposition of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds to come and of the worlds of old, hath not deterred him.

Say: O people! Verily He is the Point of piety, from which have been expounded sciences which none knoweth save God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible. Verily He is the Tree of guidance—blessed is he who hath turned unto it, for he is of them that have turned unto God, the Lord of the Throne on high and of the dust beneath. Verily He dwelleth at the Most Exalted Horizon in the All-Glorious Horizon, beholding and bearing witness.

Say: O people! Fear ye God and follow not them who have forsaken guidance and followed their own desires. Follow ye the Faith of God which hath appeared in the Temple of holiness, through which We have shed Our radiance upon all who are on earth and in the highest heaven, and through this manifestation hath been established that which was set forth in the Bayan, as ye shall soon come to know.

Say: Verily He ordaineth whatsoever He willeth, and through this shall the truth be made manifest, though none comprehendeth this save them who are endued with insight. Say: Verily He appeared once in the name of ʿAli, and this is His subsequent manifestation, whereat all who are in the heavens and on earth were struck with terror, save them whom God preserved through His grace, and unto Him shall all things return both in the latter and former times.

Say: Fear ye God and veil not the Sun with clay. Purify your hearts from vain imaginings, then hasten unto God, for with Him is the ultimate end. Cast away what ye possess and take what We have sent down in truth. Thus have ye been commanded by God, your Lord, the Most Exalted, the All-Highest. He who denieth this Revelation is of them who have turned away and shown pride before God Who created him by His command. By God! He is the Pharaoh mentioned in the former Scriptures. Blessed is he who hath believed in his Lord, and whom the opposition of those who have chosen Satan as their lord hath not deterred. Upon them be the curse of God and an unquenchable fire.

Say: O people! Do ye forsake God and call upon Lat and ʿUzza? Fear ye God and deny not Him Who hath come unto you with the greatest signs and Who summoneth you unto Him, seeking no recompense, for

His reward is with Him Who sent Him with righteousness. And upon thee be glory, and upon whomsoever followeth guidance, and the Spirit be upon him who turneth unto the Lord.

BH02928: Praise be to God, through the grace…

In the name of the One Beloved

Praise be to God, through the grace of the All-Merciful, the Ship of the Bayan is sailing and coursing upon the ocean of divine knowledge. The movement and journey of that sacred Ship hath not been and is not dependent upon the blowing of winds, but rather hath been and shall ever be through the blessing of the Most Great Name, which hath encompassed the world. Blessed are they who behold! Blessed are they who know! This divine Ship cannot be submerged by the seas nor harmed by stones. It shineth between earth and heaven with a radiance more brilliant than the sun.

In these days, in one of the wondrous Tablets, this blessed word hath dawned from the Dayspring of the Will of the King of Oneness—the water of life hath flowed from the Pen that revealeth the verses, and from its murmuring this word is heard:

> "Whoso desireth to know the truth must see it with his own eyes, not through the eyes of others."

I swear by the Sun of the horizon of inner meanings—should a soul meditate purely for the sake of God upon this blessed word, and likewise upon the verses, proofs and divine power manifested after the establishment of the Most Great Name upon the throne of eternity, his heart would melt and his spirit would swoon, and after recovering consciousness he would turn his face toward the Manifestation and say:

> "I have turned away from all else but Thee and have turned unto Thee, O Sovereign of the worlds!"

However, the malicious ones have clouded the pure chalice of divine knowledge with the clay of idle fancies, and with the wings of passion they soar and move in the atmosphere of selfish desires. God shall soon clip their wings—a promise from His presence. Verily He is the Almighty, the Powerful. Their example is like those who cast the Most Great Ocean behind their backs and took the fetid pool as their drinking place. Know ye that they are among the perplexed ones.

God willing, through divine grace and favor thou shalt shine forth like the morning star from the horizon of the heaven of certitude, and arise outwardly and inwardly to promote the Cause of God, that perchance ye may quicken dead souls through the fragrance of the merciful Robe and cause them to return to their divine original homeland. God forgiveth what is past. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

Would that thou hadst been with Us and known the essence of the Cause and its Source, and that which none hath known save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH03001: The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great

The Hidden One has appeared—exalted be He Who has manifested Him with evident sovereignty! The Treasured Mystery has come—exalted be He Who has sent Him forth with the truth through a wondrous Command! The Kingdom of Utterance has spoken at the heart of contingent being—exalted be He Who has caused it to speak of that which was concealed in a preserved Tablet! The Fire has spoken forth throughout all lands in the name of its Lord, the Chosen One—exalted be He Who has kindled it through His grace that has encompassed all worlds! The Most Exalted Pen has hastened across the fields of the Tablets—exalted be He Who has moved it through His Will that holds sway over all who are in the heavens and on earth! The Heaven of Knowledge has been adorned with this Sun that has dawned from the horizon of utterance—exalted be He Who has adorned it with this manifest Light!

O people of the world!

Hearken unto the Call from the Letter Ha resting upon the Letter Vav—verily there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Powerful. Beware lest your vain imaginings keep you back from the sovereignty and power of God, or your doubts prevent you from this bounty that has encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven. Fear God and be not of them that hesitate. Hasten with your hearts toward the direction of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. This is what you have been commanded in the Tablets, were you of them that know. Shun him who calls you to his vain imaginings and draw nigh unto the station wherein shine forth the lights of certitude. We summon the servants for the sake of God, yet among them are those who have drawn against Me the sword of hatred, and among them those who have denied Me, and among them those who have decreed imprisonment in this mighty fortress.

O thou who hast turned to God!

Rejoice in that the Dawning-Place of Names makes mention of thee on this darksome night. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful. Wert thou to taste the sweetness of what We have sent down unto thee, thou wouldst soar on the wings of longing unto God, the King, the Mighty, the Praised. Let not the affairs of the world grieve thee. Speak forth My remembrance and praise amongst My creatures. By My life! This is the most excellent of deeds in the estimation of thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Hold fast unto it and be not of them that remain silent. Thus have We imparted unto thee that which the Spirit imparted unto My pure, holy, mighty and impregnable breast, that thou mayest arise to aid the Cause of God and His remembrance through a power from thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have turned toward the Countenance when it shone forth from the horizon of manifestation with a brilliant, evident light.

BH03554: This is a Book from Baha unto him who…

He is the Most Glorious, the All-Glorious.

This is a Book from Baha unto him who hath believed in God and His signs, and hath taken God as his Beloved.

They who have believed in God in these days have attained unto the highest pinnacle of grace from the presence of One mighty and all-knowing. And they who have disbelieved in God and in the Manifestation of His Self—these are they whom every atom doth curse, and this hath remained hidden from the eyes of the heedless.

Say: O people! Did We not inform you of a Day when God would come upon clouds of light? Then shall no soul's belief profit it. Even so was this matter inscribed by the Finger of grace upon the Tablets. But when He came with the truth, ye denied and disbelieved in Him, and were negligent concerning His Cause, and were far removed from the shores of justice. By God, the True One! On that Day no soul's belief shall profit it except by entering beneath this shade which hath been, in truth, extended.

As for thee, remain steadfast in thy Lord's Cause. Beware lest thou associate aught with Him, for this would be a grievous sin. Recite each day that which hath been sent down from the heaven of Command, that He may preserve thee in truth and establish thee upon the straight path.

Know thou that the verses are like unto the spirit, and through them doth God quicken those who have believed and turned unto Him. Thus hath the matter been decreed. They who have deprived themselves thereof are as the dead, not the living, and their names are not mentioned before the Throne.

Say: The dead are they who have not been quickened today by the breezes of the All-Merciful and have not drunk the choice wine of verses from a wondrous cup. Thus doth God distinguish between the fortunate and the wretched, between light and darkness, through a word which hath been differentiated from the Mother of Verses.

And glory be upon thee, shouldst thou remain steadfast in the Cause which hath been made manifest from the horizon of holiness.

BH03632: Thou knowest, O my God, that the Dawning-Place…

In the Name of the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous!

Thou knowest, O my God, that the Dawning-Place of Revelation went forth from His inhabited house, directing His steps toward the house of His brother who was named Kalim, and there He secluded Himself for eight days and nights, which We completed with another night as a bounty from Our presence. And therein We opened the gates of reunion to the faces of the loved ones, and gave all to drink from the ocean of Thy reunion and the springs of Thy nearness and good-pleasure, such that whoso desired was present each day before the throne of Thy mercy, and each night before Thy countenance, and in every moment there shone upon them the lights of Thy face and the suns of Thy grandeur and power.

O Lord! Make this reunion the fountain of steadfastness for their souls and the pure wine of certitude for their beings. O Lord! Illumine their hearts and sanctify their souls and make firm their feet, for Thy path is exceeding narrow, narrow—nay, finer than all that is fine. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Subjugator of the winds, by Thy Name through which the luminary of prosperity shone forth upon the people of Thy kingdom, to make them detached from all else save Thee, taking refuge in Thy presence and clinging to the hem of Thy mercy. Then enable them, O my God, to arise to serve Thee. O Lord! Make

known to them the excellence of Thy days, lest anything prevent them from that which hath been ordained for them in Thy dominion and Thy realm of might. Then send down upon them a blessing from Thy presence and a grace from the heaven of Thy bestowals. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Generous.

Thou knowest, O my God, that in these days when his house was illumined by the lights of the Sun of Thy countenance, the Speaker arose to serve Thee and to circle round Thy throne. O Lord! Ordain for him and for those with him that which befitteth Thy grace and Thy favors and Thy generosity and Thy loving-kindness. Verily, Thou art He through Whose Name were raised the banners of bounty above the world and the standards of triumph amidst the nations. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest what Thou desirest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.

BH03985: O Safi! There hath befallen thee what hath befallen…

He is God, exalted be His glory, to Whom belong greatness and majesty

O Safi! There hath befallen thee what hath befallen Us. Be thou thankful and be of those who remember. Blessed art thou for having shown patience in tribulations and hardships, and followed the command of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

O Majid! All thy petitions were read in the Most Holy Presence. The tribulations that have befallen you have in truth befallen the Most Great Countenance, inasmuch as you are reckoned as being of Him and are turned toward Him. Yet in the Most Holy Court there have always been such matters—nay, matters that neither the heavens nor the earth nor the mountains could bear. We counsel thee to beautiful patience, then We counsel thee again to beautiful patience, for the events that occur in this world are not permanent and never have been, but pass away like the winds.

Therefore in all conditions you must hold fast to the cord of God's loving-kindness. If there be a delay in the manifestations of His favor, this is due to the requirements of the time. The divine relief will come, God willing. Be confident, for you have never been forgotten nor will you be. You have been in the presence of the Throne and have witnessed the endless effulgences of the suns of infinite favors. You have seen the [supreme] mercy and kindness. By My life! I rejoice in your joy and am saddened by your sadness.

Let not My guest become sorrowful. Always console him on behalf of God, and likewise the other relatives. Verily the Glory be upon you and upon them, men and women. Do not let the Handmaiden of Baha become distressed. Watch over her carefully until God reveals what He desires. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH04769: May my spirit and heart be sacrificed for you!…

May my spirit and heart be sacrificed for you! Although for some time this servant has not succeeded in responding to your noble letter, as occupations have rained down upon this servant like torrential rain, in any case I have hoped and will continue to hope for your pardon….

As for the detailed commentary on the noble tradition “I was a Hidden Treasure,” during the time of residence in the land of Sirr, Ali Pasha had requested from His Holiness the Most Great Branch—may my spirit be sacrificed for the dust of His most pure feet—to interpret this tradition. His Holiness the Most Great Branch interpreted it according to the circumstances, and His purpose was that the generality of people should benefit from it…

BH05038: A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned…

In the Name of Him Who is established upon the Throne

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned towards the Most Great Ocean, when the Luminary of the Cause was visible from the horizon of the Prison, that the fragrances of utterance might draw him unto a station which was illumined by the lights of the Countenance.

Hearken unto the Call from the upraised Tree upon the blessed and unique Spot:

> “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.”

When the Hour came to pass, mankind was shaken, then differed among themselves—of them were such as clung to vain imaginings, turning away from the Lord of all beings; and of them were such as held fast to idle fancies, turning away from the Self-Subsisting; and of them were such as said “He hath fabricated a lie against God”—He Who caused all things to speak forth His praise. Thus was the matter decreed aforetime on this wondrous Day.

Remember when the letter “H” of the abyss said: “I have a sealed book”—if thou believest not in Him Who came with the clear signs of God, the Supreme, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Say: O thou who associateth partners with God and turneth away from His beauty, even if thou hadst a book sealed with the seal of every prophet and holy one, it would profit thee not this Day except through this Seal, from which every wondrous beginning had its beginning. Verily this is the Path of God for all who are in the heavens and on earth, and the Balance of Guidance for all mankind, and the Scene of the Unseen for all in the worlds.

Blessed art thou for having turned towards the Wronged One when He was imprisoned for what the hands of the oppressors had wrought. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and put thy trust in God, the Single, the One, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH05640: Praise be to God that, through His infinite bounty…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

Praise be to God that, through His infinite bounty, the Sun of the Primal Word hath risen and shineth forth from the horizon of the heaven of Will. Whosoever hath turned unto Him is accounted as being of Him.

Consider how many were the souls who regarded themselves as possessed of knowledge and justice, learning and grace, and who in the watches of night and day awaited expectantly the appearance of the

Source of divine Command. Yet when the Sun of reunion dawned and the Ocean of attainment was made manifest, all remained veiled and deprived, save whom thy Lord did choose.

Therefore, whosoever hath today attained unto the most pure wine that floweth and circulateth from the direction of the Most Great Scene must at all times be occupied with thanksgiving to the Lord of all creation, that He hath enabled him and guided him to the shore of the sea of oneness.

Give praise unto the Desired One of the world that thou hast inhaled the fragrance of His days, hastened with thy soul to the precincts of His recognition, and attained unto the mention of the Desired One of all worlds. This is what shall endure for thee in the kingdom of earth and heaven, and all else shall perish. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

God willing, thou shalt remain firm in His love at all times and steadfast in His Cause.

BH05812: We have intoxicated those endowed with knowledge…

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Compelling above all names

We have intoxicated those endowed with knowledge with the choice wine of utterance. Exalted is this wine whose seal has been broken by the finger of grace and favor. Blessed is he who has drawn nigh and attained, and woe unto them that hesitate. By God! The back of might has trembled with the fear of God, yet the people are in grievous doubt. They imprison him who has broken the chains of blind imitation by the hand of divine decree, and they object to him who calls them to the pure wine of divine unity from the cup of the bounty of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the Most Generous.

We have found you stirred by the breezes of God. We have sent down this Tablet unto you at this wondrous dawn. When you attain unto it, give thanks to your Lord for having mentioned you while He was in manifest sorrow—not sorrow for Himself but for that which the people have followed their own idle fancies after the All-Merciful has appeared with a sovereignty that has encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven. This indeed is a grievous wrong.

Say: O people! Fear God, and do not commit that which causes the eyes of the dwellers of Paradise to shed tears, and follow not every remote clamourer. Hearken unto My most sweet call which has been raised from the precincts of Akka, the spot wherein He Who has come with manifest sovereignty has been imprisoned. Thus does the Dove sing forth when the Dawning-Place of Names has been established upon the throne of His Name, the All-Compelling over all worlds.

BH06045: The Most Holy, The Most Exalted, The Most Great

The Most Holy, The Most Exalted, The Most Great

Verily the Tree of the Bayan calleth aloud unto all who are in the realm of existence with the most exalted call: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!” Among the people are those who are drawn to the call and those who remain heedless. He who hath turned unto it is truly among the choicest of all created things in the sight of God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved.

The Chosen One hath appeared and the rain-clouds have poured down, yet the people remain in a limited station. The Hour hath come and the Trump hath been sounded, yet they perceive it not. He who hath awakened at the call of his Lord and arisen to serve Him—upon him shall the denizens of the Supreme Paradise bestow their blessings, and this is a praiseworthy station.

Give thanks for having turned towards the Qiblih of the world and attained unto this Remembrance whereby the Cause of God hath been exalted above all that witness and are witnessed. Be thou steadfast in the Cause with such steadfastness as befitteth the days of thy Lord. Thus have We been commanded by God, the Lord of existence.

Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest rejoice in thy heart and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Fashioner of the heavens and Creator of all names! I testify that Thou hast ever been Self-Subsisting over all who are in the heavens and the earth, and Supreme over all things visible and invisible."

BH06557: Glorified is He Who has manifested Himself to all…

He is the One with power over all who are on earth and in heaven

Glorified is He Who has manifested Himself to all in the world and caused Him to speak that which is inscribed in a preserved tablet. Verily this is the Most Great Book among the nations and His path for all who are in the heavens and earths. Verily it is the Preserved Tablet and the Sealed Book, yet most people are heedless. Through it has appeared what was hidden and come forth what was intended in God's knowledge, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Through it has crowed the Cock of the Throne and warbled the Dove: "There is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous."

Your name was mentioned before the One Who is Mentioned and this Clear Tablet was revealed for you, that you may arise to help the Cause of God in such manner that the power of the oppressors will not weaken you. Know that the world will perish and all that pertains to it will change. Leave it behind you, holding fast to that which you were commanded by your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thus have We remembered you in the Most Great Prison when the Ancient Beauty was in the hands of the heedless ones. This is from His favor upon you—therefore render praise and say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of the worlds!

BH07151: In the Name of God, the Most Holy…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Great! Well is it with thee, O Muhammad, in that thou hast rent asunder the veils and won unto the lights of thy Lord's countenance, the Mighty, the Bestower. Verily, from the heaven of the Unseen He calleth thee and giveth thee glad tidings of this Remembrance which God hath made the Dawning-Place of all remembrances.

Thy letter hath come before Our presence, and We have learned what was therein. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the All-Knowing. We have sent down unto thee this Tablet which God hath made the Dawning-Place of guidance amidst all beings and the Path of God for all who are in the earth and the heavens.

Say: Where are they who seek? By God, He Who is sought after hath appeared with a sovereignty that hath encompassed all possibility. And where are they who yearn? The Object of yearning hath come with greatness and power.

We counsel thee with that wherewith We counseled the sincere ones in the Scriptures and Tablets, and We have adorned thee with the ornament of utterance that thy mention might endure throughout the eternity of God, the Lord of all religions.

When thou winnest unto the Tablet of God and the trace of His Most Exalted Pen, prostrate thyself before thy Lord, the All-Merciful, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Master of all necks."

We had sent down unto thee aforetime a Tablet that thou mightest find from it the fragrance of the All-Merciful among the servants.

BH07831: The letter was seen and attained to the lights…

In the name of the Peerless Friend.

The letter was seen and attained to the lights of the Countenance. Thou didst seek forgiveness from the ocean of divine generosity—He hath indeed forgiven thee as a bounty from His presence. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

And God willing, from now on thou shalt remain firm, steadfast and upright in the Cause of God in such wise that the vain imaginings of malicious souls shall not prevent thee from the court of divine unity, for such souls have existed and will continue to exist in every place—at times concealed and at times manifest. Let thy Lord suffice thee, for verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

The call of Rida and his father was heard. God willing, may they attain to the outpourings of the true Bestower of Grace and not remain deprived of the fragrances of His days. May they be so firm in the Cause that the schemes of schemers shall not hold them back from the straight path.

We beseech God to grant you success and ordain for you what you have desired from Him. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08099: God willing, may you ever abide joyous and at…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

God willing, may you ever abide joyous and at rest beneath the shade of the divine Lote-Tree of the Lord of all names. Ism-i-Mihdi hath made mention of you in his letters. Blessed art thou for having turned thy face unto the Countenance and directed thyself towards God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Be thou occupied at all times with the remembrance of God and detached from all else besides Him. Be not saddened by the differences in newly-arisen matters in the world. For every matter there is a time. When

it cometh to pass it shall appear as God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy, hath willed. Thy sister hath attained the presence of the Countenance and desired to meet with thee. We have therefore granted thee permission to proceed to this exalted quarter. In any case, shouldst thou desire to journey to this quarter, thou art permitted. Thus hath God, thy Lord, the Lord of all worlds, decreed. The glory be upon thee and upon whomsoever hath attained unto the Cause of God, the Mighty, the Beauteous.

BH08288: God hath, of His own Self, borne witness unto…

In the Name of Him Who giveth life to all creation!

God hath, of His own Self, borne witness unto His own Self, ere the creation of His heaven and His earth, that there is none other God but Him. He Who hath appeared is verily the Manifestation of the Hour, and through Him the Cry hath been raised, creation hath been shaken, the Resurrection hath come to pass. He is, in truth, the Dawning-Place of divine revelation, the Dayspring of inspiration, the Quickener of bones, and with Him lieth the final word.

Blessed is he who hath turned unto the heaven of His grace, the ocean of His knowledge, the sun of His beauty, and the moon of His grandeur. He maketh mention of the people of Baha in the Concourse on High, and of the companions of guidance in the Kingdom of Names. The tongue of My grandeur hath testified to that which hath been sent down in this wondrous Tablet.

As for him who hath turned away, he hath not answered My call in the days of My manifestation, nor hath he turned his face toward My countenance in any age, and he shall be mentioned as the rebellious one in the presence of God, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09496: In My Name that dawneth above the horizon…

In My Name that dawneth above the horizon of the world

The verses have rained down from the heaven of God's will and the evidences have appeared in such wise that none deny them save every remote misbeliever. The Hidden Mystery hath appeared and the Preserved Tablet been detailed, and they that draw nigh read while the deniers look to the right and to the left, and they are bewildered. We have bestowed the choice wine of life upon all who dwell in the realm of possibility: some have drunk thereof in Our Name, the Self-Subsisting, while others turned away, following their vain imaginings.

O My handmaid! Give thanks for God having chosen thee above most men and women who have denied God, the Sovereign, the Self-Subsisting. Hold fast to the cord of God and the handle of His favors. Verily He is with her who hath turned toward the Dayspring of His Cause, the Unalterable, the All-Wise.

BH09681: O Ali! You have appeared before the Divine Throne…

In the Name of the Friend

O Ali! You have appeared before the Divine Throne by your Lord's leave and returned by your own choice. In this case, no word remains for you. We made your coming by My leave and your departure by your

leave, and you chose what you chose. Verily your Lord is the All-Wise Ordainer. Your demon-letter' which was in truth a 'maiden-letter' was heard before, and likewise what you sent afterwards. His honor Jud, upon him be the Glory of God, has compensated for you—whatever you left remaining, he brought to completion. And your cry was heard in Haifa, and the burning of your heart became evident. Verily He is with you in all conditions. Be thankful and among those who are assured.

BH09492: The Tongue of Ancient Days hath spoken…

He is the Most Great, the Most Holy

The Tongue of Ancient Days hath spoken from the heart of the world: He is God, there is none other God but Him! And He who hath dawned from the horizon of grandeur, He verily is the Sovereign of Destiny! Through Him hath the Cry been raised and the decree of divine unity established amongst all creation. Were it not for Him, the command of God would not have been revealed among His servants, nor would the Cock of the Throne have crowed. He is God, there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting!

Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve His Cause, who hath attained unto the cup of His love, who hath spoken in His remembrance and praise, who hath turned toward Him with his heart, who hath stood in His court, and who hath circled round His throne. He is assuredly among the people of Baha in the kingdom of creation. To this beareth witness the Lord of Names and the Creator of heaven. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH10003: The primary purpose of creation hath been the recognition…

In the Name of the One Peerless God.

The primary purpose of creation hath been the recognition of God, and all people, both young and old, were awaiting the days of His Manifestation. Yet when the Sun of Revelation appeared manifest and evident from the horizon of light, all remained veiled save those souls who perceived the sweetness of the divine Word. These are regarded as the most excellent of all creation in the sight of God, exalted be His glory.

O handmaiden of God! Render praise unto the Ancient Lord, Who hath honored thee with mention of His Most Great Name. Know thou the value of this station and fix thy gaze upon it and hold fast unto it.

BH09890: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

In the Name of Him Who is the Sovereign over what was and what will be!

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh the truth is verily the Sovereign of existence for all who dwell in the unseen and the visible realms. Through Him have been sent down the scriptures and tablets, and that which was hidden in the treasuries of creation hath been made manifest. Whoso hath recognized Him hath recognized God and His sovereignty, and whoso hath

turned away is assuredly among the perishing ones. Blessed is he who hath heard the call of his Lord and answered it, and woe betide every heedless and remote one.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this perspicuous Book, that thou mayest read it among the servants and arise to celebrate the remembrance of thy Lord in such wise that the intimations of the infidels shall not deter thee.

BH09948: Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy…

He is God, exalted be His station, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name, the All-Compelling over all names, and by Thy signs which have filled earth and heaven, to assist me in serving Thee and in obeying Thee, that I may follow Thy chosen ones whom Thou hast made the Dawning-Places of Thy Cause, the Recipients of Thy Revelation, and the Daysprings of Thy Laws. O Lord! I am he who hath turned toward the horizon of Thy grace and the ocean of Thy bounty. I beseech Thee not to deny me that which is with Thee, and to ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for the sincere ones who have laid down their lives in Thy path and have arisen to aid Thy Cause. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09756: O My handmaiden! Thy Lord remembereth thee in His…

In the Name of Him Who has power over all names

O My handmaiden! Thy Lord remembereth thee in His mighty prison. By the life of the All-Merciful! He remembereth thee at a time when sorrows have encompassed Him from all who dwell in the realm of being, in such wise that the pens of the world are powerless to recount them.

Ponder upon the Revelation of God and His sovereignty. Despite His imprisonment and tribulation, He summoneth the world through His Most Great Name with a power that the might of the oppressors hath failed to withhold. Unto this Prisoner belongeth praise, both past and future, and unto this Wronged One is due the mention of all who are in the heavens and on earth. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this most great favor, with which nothing in all creation can compare. Thy Lord, the All-Informed, the All-Knowing, beareth witness unto this.

BH10222: The Sun of grace is shining forth…

In the name of the Desire of the world

The Sun of grace is shining forth and the Sea of bounty of the Lord of existence is manifest and surging. How excellent is the state of the soul that hath been illumined by its rays and hath attained unto its outpourings. Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee. God Himself hath been and will ever be thy Helper and Succourer. The world hath no permanence, and that which endureth and lasteth forever is the love of God. Praise be to God, thou hast attained thereunto. With utmost joy engage in His mention and praise, and be gladdened by His remembrance.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

BH10196: God willing, mayest thou ever be and continue…

In the name of the One Beloved Friend!

God willing, mayest thou ever be and continue to be the recipient of God's favors and holding fast to the hem of His bounties. Take, in His Name, and drink, in His love, the spiritual wine that hath flowed from the finger of God's Will, the All-Merciful. How many among the great ones and the mighty ones and the learned ones remained deprived of this luminous wine and became remote from the ultimate purpose. This true wine is the portion of the free in spirit, not the share of those lost in idle fancies. Praise be to the Beloved of the world that thou art successful in His love and art known by His Name.

The Glory be upon thee.

BH10428: O My handmaiden! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto…

In the Name of the Ever-Abiding, the Eternal

O My handmaiden! Bear thou witness unto that whereunto God Himself hath testified ere the creation of all things: that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared is indeed the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery, and that He is the One through Whom the hearts and minds were set ablaze, through Whom the Divine Lote-Tree spoke forth, through Whom the Rock cried out, through Whom the Dove sang, and through Whom the Nightingale of Heaven proclaimed: There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou, inasmuch as thy letter hath attained unto the presence of the Throne, and this manifest Book hath been sent down unto thee.

BH10211: O aunt! The Tongue of the All-Merciful speaks…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

O aunt! The Tongue of the All-Merciful speaks: The fragrances of thy love were inhaled and the tokens of thy sincerity were mentioned before the Throne. God willing, mayest thou be ever occupied with the remembrance of the Friend and be gladdened by His memory. Any soul who today has discovered the fragrance of the luminous Robe, the clouds of contingent limitations shall not sadden him, nor shall human restrictions veil him. Praise the Beloved of the world that thou hast drunk from the cup of Beauty, which is the countenance of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, the Water of Life, and hast attained unto the knowledge of God, which is the source of all good. The glory be upon thee.

BH10303: God testifieth that there is none other God besides…

In His name, the Everlasting, the Ever-Abiding

God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He Who hath appeared with the truth and speaketh amongst the people hath borne all tribulations for the salvation of the worlds. From His Most Great Prison He calleth the peoples unto the One, the All-

Informed. Blessed is he who hath heard His call and turned unto Him, and woe betide him who hath turned away and followed every doubting learned one. We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this blessed, mighty and wondrous Tablet. Place thy trust in God in all matters. Verily He preserveth whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty which prevaileth over the worlds.

BH10315: The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Glorious

God testifieth of His own Self unto His own Self, before the creation of all things, that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who speaketh with truth is indeed the Supreme Scripture for all who are in the realms of creation, and the Most Great Book for all who are in the world, and the Hidden Tablet for all who are in the unseen and the visible. Through Him hath the Resurrection come to pass, and the pillars of all beings have quaked, save whom God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting, hath willed. Through Him have the Kingdom and the Dominion smiled, and every rejected idolater hath wailed. Through Him is every deed accepted and the call of every caller heard and every beloved command upraised.

BH10602: God testifies that there is none other God but…

In His Name, Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

God testifies that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared in truth is verily the Most Straight Path amidst all nations, and the Balance of Guidance unto all creatures, and the Sign of Grandeur unto all who are in the heavens and earths. Through Him the divine fragrances wafted and the breeze passed by and the sovereignty of God was made manifest in all else than Him. Whoso turneth unto Him hath turned unto the Purpose and recognized the Promised One, and whoso turneth away is indeed of the most abject in My wondrous Tablet.

BH10880: Blessed is the condition of the leaf that hath…

In the Name of the Beloved of the World!

Blessed is the condition of the leaf that hath clung fast to the Divine Lote-Tree in such wise that the blasts of trials and tests severed her not therefrom. His honor Ismu'llah Mihdi hath mentioned before Our Most Holy and Exalted Presence thy sincerity, steadfastness and love. God willing, mayest thou at all times be the recipient of His special Merciful favors and abide in tranquility beneath His shade. The Glory be upon thee.

BH11288: Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name not to abandon me unto myself. Guard me, by the sovereignty of Thy Names, from self and passion. Then cause me to enter the shore of the ocean of Thy good-pleasure, and number me with those who have circled round Thy Will and Thy Purpose. Thou art, verily, the Powerful, the Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

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BH00223: Lawh-i-Hikmat (Tablet of Wisdom)

Section 1: “This is an Epistle which the All-Merciful hath…”

In His Name, the Originator, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

This is an Epistle which the All-Merciful hath sent down from the Kingdom of Utterance. It is truly a breath of life unto those who dwell in the realm of creation. Glorified be the Lord of all worlds! In this Epistle mention is made of him who magnifieth the Name of God, his Lord, and who is named Nabil in a weighty Tablet.

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the Voice proceeding out of the Realm of Glory, calling aloud from the celestial Tree which hath risen above the land of Za’faran: Verily, no God is there but Me, the Omniscient, the Wise. Be thou as the breezes of the All-Merciful for the trees of the realm of existence and foster their growth through the potency of the Name of thy Lord, the Just, the All-Informed. We desire to acquaint thee with that which will serve as a reminder unto the people, that they may put away the things current amongst them and set their faces towards God, the Lord of the sincere.

We exhort mankind in these days when the countenance of Justice is soiled with dust, when the flames of unbelief are burning high and the robe of wisdom rent asunder, when tranquillity and faithfulness have ebbed away and trials and tribulations have waxed severe, when covenants are broken and ties are severed, when no man knoweth how to discern light and darkness or to distinguish guidance from error.

O peoples of the world! Forsake all evil, hold fast that which is good. Strive to be shining examples unto all mankind, and true reminders of the virtues of God amidst men. He that riseth to serve My Cause should manifest My wisdom, and bend every effort to banish ignorance from the earth. Be united in counsel, be one in thought. Let each morn be better than its eve and each morrow richer than its yesterday. Man’s merit lieth in service and virtue and not in the pageantry of wealth and riches. Take heed that your words be purged from idle fancies and worldly desires and your deeds be cleansed from craftiness and suspicion. Dissipate not the wealth of your precious lives in the pursuit of evil and corrupt affection, nor let your endeavours be spent in promoting your personal interest. Be generous in your days of plenty, and be patient in the hour of loss. Adversity is followed by success and rejoicings follow woe. Guard against idleness and sloth, and cling unto that which profiteth mankind, whether young or old, whether high or low. Beware lest ye sow tares of dissension among men or plant thorns of doubt in pure and radiant hearts.

O ye beloved of the Lord! Commit not that which defileth the limpid stream of love or destroyeth the sweet fragrance of friendship. By the righteousness of the Lord! Ye were created to show love one to another and not perversity and rancour. Take pride not in love for yourselves but in love for your fellow-creatures. Glory not in love for your country, but in love for all mankind. Let your eye be chaste, your hand faithful, your tongue truthful and your heart enlightened. Abase not the station of the learned in Baha and belittle not the rank of such rulers as administer justice amidst you. Set your reliance on the

army of justice, put on the armour of wisdom, let your adorning be forgiveness and mercy and that which cheereth the hearts of the well-favoured of God.

By My life! Thy grievances have plunged Me into sorrow. Regard not the children of the world and all their doings but fix thy gaze upon God and His never-ending dominion. Verily, He calleth to thy remembrance that which is the source of delight for all mankind. Drink thou the life-giving water of blissful joy from the chalice of utterance proffered by the Fountainhead of divine Revelation—He Who hath made mention of thee in this mighty stronghold. Endeavour to the utmost of thy powers to establish the word of truth with eloquence and wisdom and to dispel falsehood from the face of the earth. Thus directeth thee the Dayspring of divine knowledge from this luminous horizon.

O thou who speakest in My Name! Consider the people and the things they have wrought in My days. We revealed unto one of the rulers that which overpowereth all the dwellers of the earth, and requested him to bring Us face to face with the learned men of this age, that We might set forth for him the testimony of God, His proofs, His glory and His majesty; and naught did We intend thereby but the highest good. However, he committed that which hath caused the inmates of the cities of justice and equity to lament. Thus hath judgement been given between Me and him. Verily thy Lord is the Ordainer, the All-Informed. In such circumstances as thou seest, how can the Celestial Bird soar into the atmosphere of divine mysteries when its wings have been battered with the stones of idle fancy and bitter hatred, and it is cast into a prison built of unyielding stone? By the righteousness of God! The people have perpetrated a grievous injustice.

As regards thine assertions about the beginning of creation, this is a matter on which conceptions vary by reason of the divergences in men's thoughts and opinions. Wert thou to assert that it hath ever existed and shall continue to exist, it would be true; or wert thou to affirm the same concept as is mentioned in the sacred Scriptures, no doubt would there be about it, for it hath been revealed by God, the Lord of the worlds. Indeed He was a hidden treasure. This is a station that can never be described nor even alluded to. And in the station of 'I did wish to make Myself known', God was, and His creation had ever existed beneath His shelter from the beginning that hath no beginning, apart from its being preceded by a Firstness which cannot be regarded as firstness and originated by a Cause inscrutable even unto all men of learning.

That which hath been in existence had existed before, but not in the form thou seest today. The world of existence came into being through the heat generated from the interaction between the active force and that which is its recipient. These two are the same, yet they are different. Thus doth the Great Announcement inform thee about this glorious structure. Such as communicate the generating influence and such as receive its impact are indeed created through the irresistible Word of God which is the Cause of the entire creation, while all else besides His Word are but the creatures and the effects thereof. Verily thy Lord is the Expounder, the All-Wise.

Know thou, moreover, that the Word of God—exalted be His glory—is higher and far superior to that which the senses can perceive, for it is sanctified from any property or substance. It transcendeth the limitations of known elements and is exalted above all the essential and recognized substances. It became manifest without any syllable or sound and is none but the Command of God which pervadeth all created

things. It hath never been withheld from the world of being. It is God's all-pervasive grace, from which all grace doth emanate. It is an entity far removed above all that hath been and shall be.

We are loath to enlarge on this subject, inasmuch as the unbelievers have inclined their ears towards Us in order to hear that which might enable them to cavil against God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. And since they are unable to attain to mysteries of knowledge and wisdom from what hath been unravelled by the Source of divine splendour, they rise in protest and burst into clamour. But it is true to say that they object to that which they comprehend, not to the expositions given by the Expounder, nor the truths imparted by the One true God, the Knower of things unseen. Their objections, one and all, turn upon themselves, and I swear by thy life that they are devoid of understanding.

Every thing must needs have an origin and every building a builder. Verily, the Word of God is the Cause which hath preceded the contingent world—a world which is adorned with the splendours of the Ancient of Days, yet is being renewed and regenerated at all times. Immeasurably exalted is the God of Wisdom Who hath raised this sublime structure.

Look at the world and ponder a while upon it. It unveileth the book of its own self before thine eyes and revealeth that which the Pen of thy Lord, the Fashioner, the All-Informed, hath inscribed therein. It will acquaint thee with that which is within it and upon it and will give thee such clear explanations as to make thee independent of every eloquent expounder.

Say: Nature in its essence is the embodiment of My Name, the Maker, the Creator. Its manifestations are diversified by varying causes, and in this diversity there are signs for men of discernment. Nature is God's Will and is its expression in and through the contingent world. It is a dispensation of Providence ordained by the Ordainer, the All-Wise. Were anyone to affirm that it is the Will of God as manifested in the world of being, no one should question this assertion. It is endowed with a power whose reality men of learning fail to grasp. Indeed a man of insight can perceive naught therein save the effulgent splendour of Our Name, the Creator. Say: This is an existence which knoweth no decay, and Nature itself is lost in bewilderment before its revelations, its compelling evidences and its effulgent glory which have encompassed the universe.

It ill beseemeth thee to turn thy gaze unto former or more recent times. Make thou mention of this Day and magnify that which hath appeared therein. It will in truth suffice all mankind. Indeed expositions and discourses in explanation of such things cause the spirits to be chilled. It behoveth thee to speak forth in such wise as to set the hearts of true believers ablaze and cause their bodies to soar.

Whoso firmly believeth today in the rebirth of man and is fully conscious that God, the Most Exalted, wieldeth supreme ascendancy and absolute authority over this new creation, verily such a man is reckoned with them that are endued with insight in this most great Revelation. Unto this beareth witness every discerning believer.

Walk thou high above the world of being through the power of the Most Great Name, that thou mayest become aware of the immemorial mysteries and be acquainted with that wherewith no one is acquainted. Verily, thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou as a throbbing

artery, pulsating in the body of the entire creation, that through the heat generated by this motion there may appear that which will quicken the hearts of those who hesitate.

At the time when We were hidden behind countless veils of light thou didst commune with Me and didst witness the luminaries of the heaven of My wisdom and the billows of the ocean of Mine utterance. Verily thy Lord is the Truthful, the Faithful. Great indeed is the blessedness of him who hath attained the liberal effusions of this ocean in the days of his Lord, the Most Bountiful, the All-Wise.

During Our sojourn in Iraq when We were at the house of one named Majid, We set forth clearly for thee the mysteries of creation and the origin, the culmination and the cause thereof. However since Our departure We have limited Ourself to this affirmation: 'Verily, no God is there but Me, the Ever-Forgiving, the Bountiful.'

Teach thou the Cause of God with an utterance which will cause the bushes to be enkindled, and the call 'Verily, there is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Unconstrained' to be raised therefrom. Say: Human utterance is an essence which aspireth to exert its influence and needeth moderation. As to its influence, this is conditional upon refinement which in turn is dependent upon hearts which are detached and pure. As to its moderation, this hath to be combined with tact and wisdom as prescribed in the Holy Scriptures and Tablets. Meditate upon that which hath streamed forth from the heaven of the Will of thy Lord, He Who is the Source of all grace, that thou mayest grasp the intended meaning which is enshrined in the sacred depths of the Holy Writings.

Those who have rejected God and firmly cling to Nature as it is in itself are, verily, bereft of knowledge and wisdom. They are truly of them that are far astray. They have failed to attain the lofty summit and have fallen short of the ultimate purpose; therefore their eyes were shut and their thoughts differed, while the leaders among them have believed in God and in His invincible sovereignty. Unto this beareth witness thy Lord, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

When the eyes of the people of the East were captivated by the arts and wonders of the West, they roved distraught in the wilderness of material causes, oblivious of the One Who is the Causer of Causes, and the Sustainer thereof, while such men as were the source and the wellspring of Wisdom never denied the moving Impulse behind these causes, nor the Creator or the Origin thereof. Thy Lord knoweth, yet most of the people know not.

Now We have, for the sake of God, the Lord of Names, set Ourself the task of mentioning in this Tablet some accounts of the sages, that the eyes of the people may be opened thereby and that they may become fully assured that He is in truth the Maker, the Omnipotent, the Creator, the Originator, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Although it is recognized that the contemporary men of learning are highly qualified in philosophy, arts and crafts, yet were anyone to observe with a discriminating eye he would readily comprehend that most of this knowledge hath been acquired from the sages of the past, for it is they who have laid the foundation of philosophy, reared its structure and reinforced its pillars. Thus doth thy Lord, the Ancient of Days, inform thee. The sages aforetime acquired their knowledge from the Prophets, inasmuch as the latter were the Exponents of divine philosophy and the Revealers of heavenly mysteries. Men quaffed the

crystal, living waters of Their utterance, while others satisfied themselves with the dregs. Everyone receiveth a portion according to his measure. Verily He is the Equitable, the Wise.

Section 2: "Empedocles, who distinguished himself in philosophy, was…"

Empedocles, who distinguished himself in philosophy, was a contemporary of David, while Pythagoras lived in the days of Solomon, son of David, and acquired Wisdom from the treasury of prophethood. It is he who claimed to have heard the whispering sound of the heavens and to have attained the station of the angels. In truth thy Lord will clearly set forth all things, if He pleaseth. Verily, He is the Wise, the All-Pervading.

The essence and the fundamentals of philosophy have emanated from the Prophets. That the people differ concerning the inner meanings and mysteries thereof is to be attributed to the divergence of their views and minds. We would fain recount to thee the following: One of the Prophets once was communicating to his people that with which the Omnipotent Lord had inspired Him. Truly, thy Lord is the Inspirer, the Gracious, the Exalted. When the fountain of wisdom and eloquence gushed forth from the wellspring of His utterance and the wine of divine knowledge inebriated those who had sought His threshold, He exclaimed: 'Lo! All are filled with the Spirit.' From among the people there was he who held fast unto this statement and, actuated by his own fancies, conceived the idea that the spirit literally penetrateth or entereth into the body, and through lengthy expositions he advanced proofs to vindicate this concept; and groups of people followed in his footsteps.

To mention their names at this point, or to give thee a detailed account thereof, would lead to prolixity, and would depart from the main theme. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. There was also he who partook of the choice wine whose seal had been removed by the Key of the Tongue of Him Who is the Revealer of the Verses of thy Lord, the Gracious, the Most Generous.

Verily, the philosophers have not denied the Ancient of Days. Most of them passed away deploring their failure to fathom His mystery, even as some of them have testified. Verily, thy Lord is the Adviser, the All-Informed.

Consider Hippocrates, the physician. He was one of the eminent philosophers who believed in God and acknowledged His sovereignty. After him came Socrates who was indeed, wise, accomplished and righteous. He practised self-denial, repressed his appetites for selfish desires and turned away from material pleasures. He withdrew to the mountains where he dwelt in a cave. He dissuaded men from worshipping idols and taught them the way of God, the Lord of Mercy, until the ignorant rose up against him. They arrested him and put him to death in prison. Thus relateth to thee this swift-moving Pen. What a penetrating vision into philosophy this eminent man had! He is the most distinguished of all philosophers and was highly versed in wisdom.

We testify that he is one of the heroes in this field and an outstanding champion dedicated unto it. He had a profound knowledge of such sciences as were current amongst men as well as of those which were veiled from their minds. Methinks he drank one draught when the Most Great Ocean overflowed with gleaming and life-giving waters. He it is who perceived a unique, a tempered, and a pervasive nature in

things, bearing the closest likeness to the human spirit, and he discovered this nature to be distinct from the substance of things in their refined form. He hath a special pronouncement on this weighty theme. Wert thou to ask from the worldly wise of this generation about this exposition, thou wouldst witness their incapacity to grasp it. Verily, thy Lord speaketh the truth but most people comprehend not.

After Socrates came the divine Plato who was a pupil of the former and occupied the chair of philosophy as his successor. He acknowledged his belief in God and in His signs which pervade all that hath been and shall be. Then came Aristotle, the well-known man of knowledge. He it is who discovered the power of gaseous matter. These men who stand out as leaders of the people and are pre-eminent among them, one and all acknowledged their belief in the immortal Being Who holdeth in His grasp the reins of all sciences.

I will also mention for thee the invocation voiced by Balinus who was familiar with the theories put forward by the Father of Philosophy regarding the mysteries of creation as given in his chrysolite tablets, that everyone may be fully assured of the things We have elucidated for thee in this manifest Tablet, which, if pressed with the hand of fairness and knowledge, will yield the spirit of life for the quickening of all created things. Great is the blessedness of him who swimmeth in this ocean and celebrateth the praise of his Lord, the Gracious, the Best-Beloved. Indeed the breezes of divine revelation are diffused from the verses of thy Lord in such wise that no one can dispute its truth, except those who are bereft of hearing, of vision, of understanding and of every human faculty. Verily thy Lord beareth witness unto this, yet the people understand not.

This man hath said: I am Balinus, the wise one, the performer of wonders, the producer of talismans.' He surpassed everyone else in the diffusion of arts and sciences and soared unto the loftiest heights of humility and supplication. Give ear unto that which he hath said, entreating the 148 All-Possessing, the Most Exalted: I stand in the presence of my Lord, extolling His gifts and bounties and praising Him with that wherewith He praiseth His Own Self, that I may become a source of blessing and guidance unto such men as acknowledge my words.' And further he saith: O Lord! Thou art God and no God is there but Thee. Thou art the Creator and no creator is there except Thee. Assist me by Thy grace and strengthen me. My heart is seized with alarm, my limbs tremble, I have lost my reason and my mind hath failed me. Bestow upon me strength and enable my tongue to speak forth with wisdom.' And still further he saith: Thou art in truth the Knowing, the Wise, the Powerful, the Compassionate.' It was this man of wisdom who became informed of the mysteries of creation and discerned the subtleties which lie enshrined in the Hermetic writings.

We have no wish to mention anything further but We shall utter that which the Spirit hath instilled into My heart. In truth there is no God but Him, the Knowing, the Mighty, the Help in Peril, the Most Excellent, the All-Praised. By My life! In this Day the celestial Tree is loath to proclaim aught else to the world but this affirmation: 'Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Peerless, the All-Informed.'

Had it not been for the love I cherish for thee, I would not have uttered a single word of what hath been mentioned. Appreciate the value of this station and preserve it as thou wouldst thine eye and be of them that are truly thankful.

Thou knowest full well that We perused not the books which men possess and We acquired not the learning current amongst them, and yet whenever We desire to quote the sayings of the learned and of the wise, presently there will appear before the face of thy Lord in the form of a tablet all that which hath appeared in the world and is revealed in the Holy Books and Scriptures. Thus do We set down in writing that which the eye perceiveth. Verily His knowledge encompasseth the earth and the heavens.

This is a Tablet wherein the Pen of the Unseen hath inscribed the knowledge of all that hath been and shall be—a knowledge that none other but My wondrous Tongue can interpret. Indeed My heart as it is in itself hath been purged by God from the concepts of the learned and is sanctified from the utterances of the wise. In truth naught doth it mirror forth but the revelations of God. Unto this beareth witness the Tongue of Grandeur in this perspicuous Book.

Say, O people of the earth! Beware lest any reference to wisdom debar you from its Source or withhold you from the Dawning-Place thereof. Fix your hearts upon your Lord, the Educator, the All-Wise.

For every land We have prescribed a portion, for every occasion an allotted share, for every pronouncement an appointed time and for every situation an apt remark. Consider Greece. We made it a Seat of Wisdom for a prolonged 150 period. However, when the appointed hour struck, its throne was subverted, its tongue ceased to speak, its light grew dim and its banner was hauled down. Thus do We bestow and withdraw. Verily thy Lord is He Who giveth and divesteth, the Mighty, the Powerful.

In every land We have set up a luminary of knowledge, and when the time foreordained is at hand, it will shine resplendent above its horizon, as decreed by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. If it be Our Will We are fully capable of describing for thee whatever existeth in every land or hath come to pass therein. Indeed the knowledge of thy Lord pervadeth the heavens and the earth.

Know thou, moreover, that the people aforetime have produced things which the contemporary men of knowledge have been unable to produce. We recall unto thee Murtus who was one of the learned. He invented an apparatus which transmitted sound over a distance of sixty miles. Others besides him have also discovered things which no one in this age hath beheld. Verily thy Lord revealeth in every epoch whatsoever He pleaseth as a token of wisdom on His part. He is in truth the supreme Ordainer, the All-Wise.

A true philosopher would never deny God nor His evidences, rather would he acknowledge His glory and overpowering majesty which overshadow all created things. Verily We love those men of knowledge who have brought to light such things as promote the best interests of humanity, and We aided them through the potency of Our behest, for well are We able to achieve Our purpose.

Beware, O My loved ones, lest ye despise the merits of My learned servants whom God hath graciously chosen to be the exponents of His Name ‘the Fashioner’ amidst mankind. Exert your utmost endeavour that ye may develop 151 such crafts and undertakings that everyone, whether young or old, may benefit therefrom. We are quit of those ignorant ones who fondly imagine that Wisdom is to give vent to one’s idle imaginings and to repudiate God, the Lord of all men; even as We hear some of the heedless voicing such assertions today.

Say: The beginning of Wisdom and the origin thereof is to acknowledge whatsoever God hath clearly set forth, for through its potency the foundation of statesmanship, which is a shield for the preservation of the body of mankind, hath been firmly established. Ponder a while that ye may perceive what My most exalted Pen hath proclaimed in this wondrous Tablet. Say, every matter related to state affairs which ye raise for discussion falls under the shadow of one of the words sent down from the heaven of His glorious and exalted utterance. Thus have We recounted unto thee that which will exhilarate thy heart, will bring solace to thine eyes and will enable thee to arise for the promotion of His Cause amidst all peoples.

O My Nabil! Let nothing grieve thee, rather rejoice with exceeding gladness inasmuch as I have mentioned thy name, have turned My heart and My face towards thee and have conversed with thee through this irrefutable and weighty exposition. Ponder in thy heart upon the tribulations I have sustained, the imprisonment and the captivity I have endured, the sufferings that have befallen Me and the accusations that the people have levelled against Me. Behold, they are truly wrapped in a grievous veil. When the discourse reached this stage, the dawn of divine mysteries appeared and the light of utterance was quenched. May His glory rest upon the people of wisdom as bidden by One Who is the Almighty, the All-Praised. Say: Magnified be Thy Name, O Lord my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the splendour of the light of wisdom shone resplendent when the heavens of divine utterance were set in motion amidst mankind, to graciously aid me by Thy heavenly confirmations and enable me to extol Thy Name amongst Thy servants.

O Lord! Unto Thee have I turned my face, detached from all save Thee and holding fast to the hem of the robe of Thy manifold blessings. Unloose my tongue therefore to proclaim that which will captivate the minds of men and will rejoice their souls and spirits. Strengthen me then in Thy Cause in such wise that I may not be hindered by the ascendancy of the oppressors among Thy creatures nor withheld by the onslaught of the disbelievers amidst those who dwell in Thy realm. Make me as a lamp shining throughout Thy lands that those in whose hearts the light of Thy knowledge gloweth and the yearning for Thy love lingereth may be guided by its radiance.

Verily, potent art Thou to do whatsoever Thou willest, and in Thy grasp Thou holdest the kingdom of creation. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

BH05181: The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Inaccessible

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Inaccessible

O my beloved in Sarvistan! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful in the realm of creation. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower. We have inhaled the fragrance of your love and have made mention of you in this Prison wherein the Beloved of all worlds hath been incarcerated. They awaited My days, yet when We manifested Our Self unto them they denied it, save for those who cast away the world, turning unto God, the Lord of all men.

Unite ye in the Word of God, then remind the servants of the wisdom which hath been sent down in the Scriptures and Tablets. Say: O people! Turn ye unto the horizon of grace. By God! It hath been illumined by the Sun of the remembrance of the name of your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful. We counsel you

to sanctity and detachment and that whereby the Cause of God is exalted throughout all lands. Be ye lamps of guidance among mankind and daysprings of goodness unto all who dwell in creation. Grieve not over anything, for verily He is with you and ordaineth for you that which profiteth you, through the endurance of God, the Lord of creation. Rejoice ye in this Day!

By God! It is the Day of God, yet the people are in heedlessness and error. Recite ye the verses of God whereby the hearts of the righteous are drawn. Verily they are the Kawthar of life unto the people of knowledge and the Choice Sealed Wine unto those who have turned unto the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and there shall endure for you what hath been ordained by Him Who controlleth the winds. The glory be upon you and upon those who have attained unto the lights of the Countenance and who have stood firm in this Cause whereby all necks have been subdued.

BH07444: Wilt thou remain silent while the Divine Lote Tree…

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Encompassing over all names

Wilt thou remain silent while the Divine Lote Tree speaketh throughout the world that there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower? Be thou vocal in the remembrance of thy Lord, for through it are gladdened the hearts of them that have turned unto God, the Lord of Lords.

Act thou according to that which thou hast been bidden and place thy trust in God, the Lord of all men. Verily He is with you and heareth your call and beholdeth that which proceedeth from you in His path amidst mankind. Rejoice thou in that the Most Great Joy hath turned toward thee while imprisoned in this spot. Forget not the bounty of My days, and despair not of My mercy and loving-kindness. Verily He giveth to whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. Verily My tongue speaketh, My heart remembereth, and My pen moveth at all times. Be thou in such wise that the clamor of the people shall not prevent thee from God, thy Lord, the Lord of the Day of Return.

BH09546: The Book speaks with truth between the heavens…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Wondrous, the Most Great

The Book speaks with truth between the heavens and the earth. Whoso hath hearkened unto it is assuredly of the people of Baha inscribed in the Tablet of Eternity, and whoso hath turned away is among the people of error.

Hearken, O servant, unto that which the All-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, speaketh, that it may draw thee to the seat of holiness and nearness and beauty. Confine all matters to the remembrance of thy Lord—this shall profit thee in this world and the next, as thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, doth testify.

Pay no heed to the people and their clamor. Follow that which thou hast been commanded by God, the Cleaver of the Dawn. Thus doth the Lord of Names command thee, while imprisoned in the most remote of lands.

BH09365: Glorified be He Who hath manifested Himself as He…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

Glorified be He Who hath manifested Himself as He willeth. He, verily, proclaimeth throughout all contingent being that there is none other God but Him, the Manifest, the Speaking One, the Articulate, the All-Evident. They in whose hearts were doubts have turned away and waxed proud before God—these, verily, are among the most lost. Say: O people! He Who is the Intended One hath appeared and the proof hath been perfected. Hold fast unto God and follow not every ignorant remote one. Say: This is the Day wherewith ye were promised in the Tablets. Recognize it and be not of the doubtful. Verily the Day calleth with the most exalted call, yet the people remain heedless. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, turning away from those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH03262: All praise be to Thee, O my God, inasmuch…

He is the Everlasting, the One, the Single, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Glorious.

All praise be to Thee, O my God, inasmuch as Thou hast adorned the world with the splendour of the dawn following the night wherein was born the One Who heralded the Manifestation of Thy transcendent sovereignty, the Dayspring of Thy divine Essence and the Revelation of Thy supreme Lordship. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Fashioner of names, to graciously aid those who have sheltered beneath the shadow of Thine abounding mercy and have raised their voices amidst the peoples of the world for the glorification of Thy Name.

O my God! Thou beholdest the Lord of all mankind confined in His Most Great Prison, calling aloud Thy Name, gazing upon Thy face, proclaiming that which hath enraptured the denizens of Thy kingdoms of revelation and of creation. O my God! I behold Mine own Self captive in the hands of Thy servants, yet the light of Thy sovereignty and the revelations of Thine invincible power shine resplendent from His face, enabling all to know of a certainty that Thou art God, and that there is none other God but Thee. Neither can the power of the powerful frustrate Thee, nor the ascendancy of the rulers prevail against Thee. Thou doest whatsoever Thou willest by virtue of Thy sovereignty which encompasseth all created things, and ordainest that which Thou pleaseth through the potency of Thy behest which pervadeth the entire creation.

I implore Thee by the glory of Thy Manifestation and by the power of Thy might, Thy sovereignty and Thine exaltation to render victorious those who have arisen to serve Thee, who have aided Thy Cause and humbled themselves before the splendour of the light of Thy face. Make them then, O my God, triumphant over Thine enemies and cause them to be steadfast in Thy service, that through them the evidences of Thy dominion may be established throughout Thy realms and the tokens of Thine indomitable power be manifested in Thy lands. Verily Thou art potent to do what Thou willest; no God is there but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

This glorious Tablet hath been revealed on the Anniversary of the Birth [of the Bab] that thou mayest recite it in a spirit of humility and supplication and give thanks unto Thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-

Informed. Make thou every effort to render service unto God, that from thee may appear that which will immortalize thy memory in His glorious and exalted heaven.

Say: Glorified art Thou, O my God! I implore Thee by the Dawning-place of Thy signs and by the Revealer of Thy clear tokens to grant that I may, under all conditions, hold fast the cord of Thy loving providence and cling tenaciously to the hem of Thy generosity. Reckon me then with those whom the changes and chances of the world have failed to deter from serving Thee and from bearing allegiance unto Thee, whom the onslaught of the people hath been powerless to hinder from magnifying Thy Name and celebrating Thy praise. Graciously assist me, O my Lord, to do whatever Thou lovest and desirest. Enable me then to fulfil that which will exalt Thy Name and will set ablaze the fire of Thy love.

Thou art, in truth, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH04674: That which was previously revealed from the heaven…

In the name of the one true Friend

That which was previously revealed from the heaven of the All-Merciful Will is this: Whoso leaveth his home as an emigrant unto God and His Messenger and death overtaketh him, his reward is incumbent upon God. And that which is now revealed from the heaven of the mercy of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High is this:

They that have forsaken their country in the path of God and subsequently ascended unto His presence, such souls shall be blessed by the Concourse on High and their names recorded by the Pen of Glory among such as have laid down their lives as martyrs in the path of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsistent. Upon them rest the mercy of God and His favors, and the grace of God and His fragrances. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Generous." O Ali! God willing, through divine grace thou shalt attain unto that which God hath desired, and be detached from all else besides Him. Be not grieved at what hath come to pass. Consider the divine favor, how He caused him to attain the Most Great Horizon, and, purified and freed from all earthly conditions, summoned him to the Supreme Horizon.

At the time of his departure he appeared before the Throne in such wise that all those circling round were moved to lamentation by his weeping. Blessed is he, then blessed is he! Console all the kinsmen on behalf of this Wronged One and convey greetings to them, and say that God is nearer and more kind, and in His presence grief is not permitted, for these are the days of supreme joy. God willing, fix your gaze upon Him and place your trust in Him. Verily He will console you in that which hath befallen you. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the All-Affectionate.

BH05041: The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great, the Manifest…

The Most Holy, Most Impregnable, Most Great, the Manifest, the All-Knowing

A mention from Us to him who has turned to the ocean of utterance when the Most Merciful came from the heaven of explanation, calling out to all creation that there is none other God but Him, the All-

Encompassing, the Self-Subsisting, that this remembrance might draw him to a station where neither the doings of the wicked nor the whisperings of those who have denied the Promised Day can hinder him.

Blessed art thou for having turned to the Countenance when those who took their desires as their god turned away from it and followed every heedless and rejected one. We have manifested the Countenance from the Most Exalted Horizon and called all unto it, yet the people turn aside from it. The sun of certitude has shone upon them from the horizon of the loving-kindness of their Lord, the Most Merciful, yet they wallow in their own idle fancies. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and say: O people! Take heed lest the world and what ye possess delude you. Cast aside vain imaginings and take hold of what ye have been commanded by God, the Mighty, the Loving. Let not the people and their clamor grieve thee.

He will verily exalt thee through the truth and abase those who have waxed proud against Him and disdained to worship Him. Thy Lord is indeed the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Call thou the people with wisdom and mention to them what We have revealed in Our Most Holy Book, that they may follow the commandments and ordinances of God. He is verily the All-Loving, the All-Forgiving. Thus have We shown thee Our mighty signs and caused thee to hear Our sweetest call, that thou mayest arise to serve the Cause of thy Lord with a power that no hosts can prevent.

BH05359: In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds! Praise be unto that Sovereign Who, through the hand of bounty and bestowal, hath bestowed upon the people of insight and knowledge the wine of understanding and recognition, and hath caused them to ascend from the lowest degrees of doubt and fancy to the loftiest stations of witnessing and certitude. Blessed are those souls who, on the wings of recognition, have soared in the atmosphere of the love of the All-Merciful. Happy are they, and again happy are they!

And then, thy letter was received in the Most Great Prison and the fragrances of love were inhaled therefrom. God willing, mayest thou be adorned with such an adornment as shall cause the exaltation of God’s Cause among His handmaidens.

The outward life hath an end ordained for it. Beseech thou God, exalted and glorified be He, that thou mayest be assisted to achieve that which is the cause of the permanence of existence and which will endure forever in His earthly kingdom and the kingdom of heaven.

These days have no parallel or likeness, yet all are veiled and heedless thereof save whom God willeth, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having made me to know the Dawning-Place of Thy bounty and the Dayspring of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee to make me, under all conditions, to fix my gaze upon Thee and to be detached from all else besides Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

BH08923: Thy letter hath arrived and We heard what thou…

He is the One singing upon the branches!

Thy letter hath arrived and We heard what thou didst call unto God, as did My loved ones who are there, and We answered you through My mercy which hath preceded all worlds. We found from it the fragrance of thy sincerity to God, Lord of the mighty throne. Give glad tidings to My loved ones on My behalf, then recite unto them what hath been sent down from My kingdom, the inaccessible, the mighty. Say: Give thanks to God for having caused you to know My Most Glorious Self, and shown you My most exalted horizon, and made you to hear My sweetest melody. By the life of God! Not one of these can be equaled by whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and earths. Say: Be united in the Cause of God and hold fast to His mighty cord. Verily the glory from Us be upon thee and upon them and upon My maidservants who have followed the Command of God and walked His straight path.

BH10805: Reflect upon the bounty of thy Lord, that He…

He is the Most Exalted, the Most Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Reflect upon the bounty of thy Lord, that He remembereth thee by virtue of thy remembrance of Him. I swear by My life, wert thou to recognize this bounty as it deserveth to be recognized, such joy and gladness would seize thee that neither the misfortunes of the world nor the clamor of souls would sadden thee. He, while in prison, remembereth His loved ones and sendeth unto them, at all times, the sweet savors of the All-Merciful, that He may draw them nigh unto the Mighty, the All-Loving.

BH10851: There has come before the Wronged One a letter…

In His Name, the One Who has dominion over the world!

There has come before the Wronged One a letter containing the names of those who have turned toward God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention of them in truth as a bounty from Our presence, for verily He is the All-Merciful, the All-Forgiving, the Kind.

The One Who is mentioned makes mention of thee in return for thy mention of Him. Verily His grace encompasses both the unseen and the visible. Be thou thankful to God for this, then remain steadfast in His Cause and place thy trust in Him in all matters.

BH10760: Give thanks unto God for that thy name hath…

He is the Mighty, the Beloved!

Give thanks unto God for that thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne and there hath been sent down for thee, from the heaven of thy Lord’s bounty, that which no earthly thing can equal.

Be thou a speaker in the name of thy Lord and content with whatsoever hath been ordained for thee in His preserved Tablet. Grieve not at anything—rather, rejoice in that He Who calleth thee from this praiseworthy station.

Thus doth the Most Great Pen cause thee to hear its shrill voice, from the presence of this wronged Exile.

BH11284: We have heard your call and have answered you…

He is the Caller in all times

We have heard your call and have answered you with this exalted Tablet, that you may be assured of His mercy that has preceded all created things and His grace that has encompassed the unseen and the seen. Swim upon the ocean of your Lord's loving-kindness and glorify His name, the Mighty, the Beloved.

BH02667: Praise be to God Who hath adorned the ledger…

He is God, exalted be His station—His is the Glory and the Power

Praise be to God Who hath adorned the ledger of all created things with the Pen which was named the Most Exalted in the kingdom of creation and the Dawning-Place of Revelation by those who have clung to the Crimson Ark sailing upon the sea of might through the Name which God hath sanctified from all names and through which He created what He created and rent asunder what was joined. Exalted be the All-Merciful Who illumined contingent being with the light shining from the horizon of manifestation and made His exalted Word the Salsabil of life for the people of understanding and a straight path for whoso turneth unto Him in humility and certitude. And the essence of remembrance and praise be upon His Branches and Twigs and upon those who have proclaimed His Cause and arisen to serve Him, then upon those who have believed in Him and were martyred in His path and who emigrated for love of Him and His good-pleasure. Verily He is the Mighty, the Bestower.

My spirit be a sacrifice for the Twigs of God! This evanescent servant hath been blessed by the fragrance of your exalted words in such wise that neither my tongue nor the tongues of humanity can describe. It was presented at the Throne and what was therein was laid before His Presence. He spoke, and His word is the truth:

> "Blessed is he in that he hath gathered from the Lote-Tree of certitude the fruits of knowledge and plucked from the Tree of reunion the flowers of wisdom and utterance. Verily We, in the prison, have remembered and do remember them, for My remembrance is as the breath of the All-Merciful which, when it passeth over the Twigs, moveth them and stirreth them and sustaineth them in the remembrance of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."

This servant submitteth that God willing you will never withhold from this evanescent one the wine of your loving-kindness.

Moreover, this is to be submitted: that which thou didst send hath arrived, in conformity with His blessed handwriting. The glad-tidings this servant beareth is that, upon its receipt and in obedience to the command, one qaba and one kalijah, of white broadcloth, have been cut and sewn, set apart for the Most Holy Beauty—though, since the departure from 'Iraq, He hath worn no cloth of that kind save black, until, on this occasion, He specially instructed it.

Likewise, the chest and its contents have reached Switzerland, and word thereof hath been written; and these days they will dispatch it. Furthermore, from the friends—each one who is in attendance upon His presence—I offer greetings and magnification. Exalted be the Glory, above the mention of all else, upon His Branches and His Boughs, throughout the continuance of His Kingdom and His dominion.

The servant, 4 Rabi'u'l-Avval 1292

BH01306: Regarding what was written about Aqa Rajab-ʿAli, that he…

…Regarding what was written about Aqa Rajab-ʿAli, that he had passed away, and likewise the inquiry about his inheritance—it was ordained that whatever remains should be given to his children. We have pardoned the Huqúqu'lláh and other rights of the kindred, in view of these being the days of God and his having been among the emigrants. Thus was it specifically revealed from the Supreme Pen concerning him….

As to what was written concerning the scribes and the differences in copies, this is what hath shone forth from the horizon of utterance in reply: O Zein! The verses of God have been revealed in such manner that none could verify them at the time of revelation. What was revealed in Iraq and Adrianople was never reviewed. Often this servant, present before the Throne, observed care according to his capacity, yet mistakes occurred nonetheless. Many of the copies made by scribes differed from one another. Now people know not which variations from the Most Holy Court were revealed as such, and which arose from the scribes' inattention. What hath been revealed from God is truth without doubt, but since Jinab-i-Nazir (upon him be the Glory of God) wished to print some of the books, We therefore commanded the Greater Branch and this servant in attendance to compare them and submit whatever variations they found, for most people were and are not aware of these matters and are not informed about the nature of revelation.

This care was taken lest it cause the perdition of souls, although it increaseth naught for the wrongdoers save loss. The Surih of the Temple was revealed in the Land of Mystery and later renewed in this land. This is what was written before; verily He is the Renewer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed….

What We meant in referring to those who oppose the people were the ignorant ones who are known as scholars, and they consider whatever they cannot comprehend to be contrary to the truth. Otherwise, whatsoever hath been sent down from the heaven of divine oneness is in conformity with correct Arabic grammar, though the differences among scholars of Arabic are beyond counting.

22 Rabi' al-Awwal 1292

BH03599: In the name of the peerless Lord! Numerous Tablets…

In the name of the peerless Lord! Numerous Tablets were previously sent through messengers, with the purpose that you might arise to serve the Cause of God and quicken lifeless, withered souls through the divine fragrances. These days have no likeness or equal. Soon all that is visible will become non-existent and lost. It is necessary, nay incumbent upon one such as yourself to offer in these days, through the blessed name of the Self-Subsisting, the sealed wine to the heedless servants, that perchance those who

are lost in the valley of error and deprivation may turn to the horizon of the All-Merciful and drink from the water of life.

The Dawning-Place of Revelation, the Lord of Names, is imprisoned in Akka and, despite countless afflictions, summons at all times the people of creation to the truth. The more severe the trials, the louder His call. It hath been heard: "Tribulation hath not prevented the Baha from that which God hath commanded Him, the Lord of Names. He speaketh at all times: There is none other God but He, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting."'

Arise to make mention of God and to aid His Cause in such wise that souls and minds will take flight. We love to see thee among those whom no blame of the blamer nor scorn of the scorner nor rejection of any heedless one deterreth in God. The world and all that is therein shall perish, and there shall endure for thee what appeareth from thee in service to thy Lord, Who overshadoweth all that was and shall be.

Remind the servants with joy and fragrance, that perchance they may arise from slumber and turn unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus have We illumined the horizon of utterance with the sun of the remembrance of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, that it may attract thee to the praiseworthy station. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away the world and turned toward God with befitting submission.

BH04806: He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing! This...

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing! This is a Book We have sent down in truth unto him who hath turned his face toward God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, in days wherein the mountains of vain imaginings were scattered and perturbation seized the servants who were debarred from this praiseworthy station.

Thy letter hath come before Us, and We have taken it and read it, and have answered thee with this decisive Book that thou mayest thank thy Lord and arise to make mention of Him amongst His servants. He, verily, is the Almighty, the Protector over what was and what shall be.

As to what thou hast asked concerning the honored stone—whether it be copper or lead or something else—know thou that it hath been called by all names, but most people understand not. The people's intention regarding copper was not the copper of the common folk, nor their lead, nor their gold. Thy Lord is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

We have sent down concerning this knowledge diverse epistles in an eloquent Arabic tongue and a lucid Persian language, and We have sent thee that which will make thee independent of every possessor of knowledge and wisdom. Read it and ponder upon it, that thou mayest find the knowledge of thy Lord encompassing those who are in the heavens and on earth.

We do not desire that any of the loved ones occupy themselves with it. Rather, it behooveth thee and those who have believed to make your chief concern in these days the remembrance of God and the promotion of His decisive and wise Cause. His love is verily the supreme elixir and the most glorious crown, whereby the base metals of hearts are transformed into pure gold.

Thus have We explained for thee what thou didst seek from the bounty of thy Lord. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing.

BH08341: We have heard your call and witnessed your turning…

He is the Interpreter, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

We have heard your call and witnessed your turning to the Most Exalted Horizon, and We have answered you with that which has diffused the fragrance of God throughout the kingdom of creation. Glorify thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou steadfast in the Cause through His Name, the Guardian over the worlds. Verily, We make mention of everyone who has turned towards the Countenance and give him glad-tidings of that which is ordained for him in the Kingdom of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. O Ali! Hearken unto the call from the precincts of My Most Great Prison—verily there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Great. Hold fast unto the cord of God and the handle of His Cause that He may protect thee from those who have denied the Day of Judgment. Be thou so firm in the love of God that the croaking of every accursed satan shall not prevent thee. Verily, He inspires His loved ones as He inspired in the ancient centuries. Shun it and place thy trust in the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH08203: He is the One Who dominates all names!…

He is the One Who dominates all names! A remembrance from Us to the one who has found the fragrance of the Garment when the All-Merciful came with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the heavens and earths, that the breezes of revelation might draw him to the Supreme Horizon, the station wherein the Lote Tree of the Furthermost Boundary proclaims: “There is no God but Him, the Expositor, the All-Knowing.”

Your mention has been made before the Throne, and this manifest Tablet has been sent down for you. Read it with the melodies of the birds of Paradise—they will draw you to a station wherein you will hear the Call from all things in remembrance of this blessed and luminous Horizon.

Remember your Lord in such wise that neither the turning away of any ignorant one nor the objection of any hypocrite shall hinder you. Verily your Lord aids whoever aids Him and remembers whoever remembers Him amongst His heedless servants.

Give thanks to God for having been mentioned before the Wronged One, and for having been sent down that by which your name shall endure through the eternity of His exalted and inaccessible Kingdom.

BH10625: The call of the All-Merciful has been raised throughout…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

The call of the All-Merciful has been raised throughout all contingent being, yet most of the people hear it not. The Supreme Horizon hath been illumined by the lights of the countenance of thy Lord, the Lord of all names, yet the people understand not. Give thanks unto God for having aided thee to attain recognition and for causing thee to hear that which the Tree of Sinai doth utter. Hold fast unto God, thy

Lord, and shun those who have turned away from this Sealed Nectar. Praise be unto thee for having remembered the Prisoner, unto whom this Forbidden Tablet hath been revealed.

BH00466: The dewdrops of revelation have trickled from the leaves…

In the name of the All-Knowing Interpreter

The dewdrops of revelation have trickled from the leaves of the Divine Lote Tree, through the aid of the breeze of the Will of the Lord of Names, taking the form of these words: O My Name! O My Bounty! The Sun of generosity has risen from the horizon of the world. God willing, the intervening veils of darkness that have caused the people to turn away and object shall be dispelled by the fragrances of the robe of the All-Merciful, that all nations may turn with perfect love, fellowship, affection and unity toward the Most Great Ocean. Most people have suckled at the breast of heedlessness and been nurtured on the waters of idle fancies and vain imaginings. Therefore, those assured souls who are well-pleased and accepted, who have drunk from the ocean of certitude and attained the exalted station of assurance, must, with perfect wisdom and kindness, refresh and revive these withered servants from the spring of divine mercy. This is the most exalted station with God, the Lord of all beings. Blessed is he who has detached himself in the path of God and guided the people to this clear and straight path.

Let it be known to you that most of what has been and is being discussed among the people stems from their vain imaginings, from which God is sanctified and exalted. With God is a kingdom of utterance that is hallowed above the understanding of all contingent beings. Thus was a drop from the depths of this ocean cast upon you and Shaykh Sultan, who has ascended unto God, in the land of Taff. What is necessary today is that the heart must be sanctified from all the phrases and allusions that are mentioned among the people, and be fixed upon the Tree of Revelation and whatsoever appeareth from His presence. Verily, this sufficeth the peoples of the world.

How many divines and philosophers, after years of searching and waiting, failed to attain their goal, while how many heedless souls, upon merely hearing the verses of the Lord of Names, turned to the Most Exalted Horizon! The example of one who has acquired knowledge but not attained unto the Known is like unto one who might gather countless precious stones yet remain unable to recognize true gold—that is, he knows not gold itself whereby he might test those stones. This refers to one who is truly learned—how much more so those who are even deprived of outward knowledge! For centuries they occupied themselves composing fanciful books and speaking of the signs of the Manifestation. Yet when the ocean of meanings appeared, the stream of reunion flowed, and the sun of grace dawned, all remained veiled save whom God, thy Lord, willed. Such is the state and station of the people.

Most of the knowledge possessed by men neither nourishes nor profits. The essence and substance of knowledge has been the recognition of the Known One, and without this, that which benefits mankind is naught. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. Would that the divines might become aware of the defects in their deeds and words! Pride hath so veiled them that they have forsaken that which is with God for that which is with them. Were you to reflect carefully upon what they have said and continue to say, you would testify that it hath issued from the source of fancy and idle imagination. For twelve hundred years and more they made mention of the Qa'im and related countless traditions and

reports, yet failed to comprehend even a single letter of the signs of His appearance as they truly were. Every learned one who shut himself out from the ocean of knowledge hath lost, while every heedless one who hastened and drank hath said: “Praise be unto Thee, O Quickener of the worlds!”

For years these souls were occupied with manifest and subtle misbelief, yet never perceived it. Those who were created by a single word from God’s Messenger they regarded as his peer or even his superior. Though outwardly some would not admit this, yet from their statements and expressions this matter is clear and evident. Through ignorance they attributed the Most Great Infallibility, which belongeth solely to the True One, to His subordinates. They thus set up partners with God unknowingly, for they were among the ignorant. The station of the Most Great Infallibility is the station wherein God doeth what He willeth. In that realm there neither is nor hath been any possibility of error. Whatsoever proceedeth from the Source of the Unseen and the Dawning-Place of Revelation is and shall be the truth, and naught else is mentioned at this station. For were they to deviate even as much as a needle’s point from what He hath commanded, their works would be rendered vain in that very moment. Verily thy Lord is the Speaker, the Faithful One.

Likewise consider the other claims held by that people, that ye may become well aware of their vain imaginings. The Most Exalted Pen hath been reluctant to mention these matters, but perchance the people of that land and others who remain veiled from the Divine Manifestation and the Dayspring of His verses by illusory allusions might detach themselves from creation and all that is with them, and turn toward the horizon of truth.

O My Name! The fragrance of revelation hath been diffused in such wise that it hath perfumed even inanimate objects, and yet most of the servants remain deprived thereof. The call of the All-Merciful hath been raised at all times, leaving not a single one among kings and subjects but that He summoned them unto the Lord of all being with His most exalted call. Blessed art thou, O My Name, in that thou hast arisen, turned towards Me, heard the call and responded by saying:

> “Yea, verily yea, O Beloved of the worlds! Here am I, here am I, O Desire of them that know!”

This is that call for which the chosen ones laid down their lives in their longing to hear it. Some heard it but saw not, whereas thou, through God’s infinite grace, didst hear His call at the spiritual dawn and beheld its Dawning Point.

Remember what We revealed unto thee before. O My Name! Thou hast associated with Me and witnessed the ocean of My tranquility and the mountain of My patience. Consider what caused Me to raise the cry between the heavens and the earth. O My Name! The station of this Most Great Revelation hath not been mentioned, nor hath anything flowed from the Most Exalted Pen concerning this most glorious and most holy station. By thy life! That which was mentioned before or will be mentioned hereafter cannot be compared with it. Were the veil to be lifted, the Kingdom of Names would be thrown into commotion. God is sufficient witness to what I say.

O My Name! Tribulations and trials usually extinguish the fire of longing, yet in this Most Great Prison tribulations are observed to be as oil, causing the flame of God to burn more fiercely. Exalted is He Who changeth whatsoever He willeth by His Word that prevaileth over all things. Observe the people of the

world: despite this effulgence, this Revelation, and this utterance which hath caused the Kingdom of Utterance to tremble with joy, these earthen clods have sought to veil the lights of the Sun of Truth. Evil is that which they have desired. Soon shall their dominion be rolled up, and they themselves shall perish, while that which hath flowed from My mighty and authoritative Pen shall endure.

O My Name! Today the Sun of bounty is shining, the ocean of grace is surging, and the heaven of providence is adorned with the luminary of loving-kindness and favor. If thou wouldst observe carefully the Most Holy Book, thou wouldst see how God's grace hath encompassed all creation in such wise that all means of avoidance and withdrawal have been removed, so that all peoples may associate with one another in perfect love and fellowship. Say: May my soul be a sacrifice for Thy generosity, O Thou the Most Generous of the worlds! The purpose of this utterance is that all may attain unto what is with God. Were the decree of avoidance to remain in effect, nearness would in this case be forbidden, and after such prohibition no one would become aware of that which hath been revealed, and all would remain deprived of the divine verses' fragrances and the diffused perfumes of the Merciful's garment. We have decreed with wisdom, yet most have not understood God's purpose in mentioning it. All corruption, conflict and disputation have been forbidden, so that all may, with spiritual qualities, draw heedless souls to the court of oneness.

During these few years, petitions from all regions have been arriving at the Most Holy Court, with inquiries regarding divine ordinances. We withheld the Pen from mentioning them until the appointed time arrived. Then from the horizon of thy Lord's will, the Sun of Commands and Laws dawned as a grace upon humanity. Verily, He is the All-Forgiving, the Generous. For divine ordinances are as an ocean and the people as fish, would they but know it. Yet these must be implemented with wisdom. For instance, among the ordinances is the permissibility of music and song. However, should a person from among the people of Bayan openly engage in this practice, it would be unwise, as it would cause the servants to withdraw and create turmoil among the people of the land. Most are weak and far from God's purpose. Wisdom must be observed in all matters, lest something arise that causes clamor and the braying and croaking of heedless souls. His mercy has preceded the world and His grace has encompassed all beings. People must be reminded of the ocean of inner meanings with utmost love and patience.

The Kitab-i-Aqdas itself bears witness to divine mercy. It has been revealed with such expansiveness as cannot be described, and it is the supreme magnet for attracting the hearts of the world. God will soon manifest His dominion on earth. Verily, He is the Almighty, the Powerful.

Those souls who today gaze toward the Most Exalted Horizon and are certain of the truth—if they show laxity in certain deeds or deem them inconsistent with revealed wisdom—should not be dealt with harshly. Verily, thy Lord is the Generous, possessed of great bounty. For example, We have forbidden the public baths of those lands, aiming to keep all pure and sanctified from what is unseemly. Yet this is not possible today, as in no city exists a bathhouse that would be acceptable in God's sight. Therefore, if someone frequents existing bathhouses, no blame attaches to them. Some ordinances cause no harm if implemented today and all must observe them. Others would cause public outcry, and thus their time is deferred.

For instance, teaching the Cause of the Rich, the Exalted One is the crown of all deeds. Yet if someone were to arise openly and speak what would cause people to withdraw and servants to turn away and object, they would have departed from wisdom. For when someone who has clung to certain beliefs for years suddenly hears their opposite without understanding the reason, it will surely cause them to withdraw and object. People must be educated with kindness and forbearance and drawn to the eternal realm. Reflect on the mercy and compassion of this Revelation. By thy life! Mercy itself is ashamed to be attributed to Him, and all discerning souls prostrate before His mercy which they are powerless to comprehend.

We remember thee often and recall the days when thou wert present before the Throne. We beseech God to make thee a magnet for His Cause, that minds and souls may be drawn to thee. He is the One Who caused thee to know His Countenance after all things had perished. Be grateful to Him for this peerless favor. Today, what is incumbent upon all, after recognition of the Manifestation, is steadfastness in God's Cause—such steadfastness that neither the clamor of the world can prevent them nor the assault of hosts can hinder them. Verily, He is the Powerful, the Supreme, the Transcendent, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH01810: The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great

The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great

The Remembrance of God from the Divine Lote-Tree upon the glowing Spot hath been raised up in truth, and every people heareth from it that there is no God but Him, and He Who hath come with the truth hath been the Guardian over all the worlds. He is the Beauty of the Cause in the Most Exalted Concourse, and the Mystery of the Manifestation in the unseen cloud, and the Hidden Book within the pavilion of grandeur, and the Temple of Eternity amidst the world, and the Most Great Name unto him who is powerful in the Cause.

O people of creation! Know ye your Lord, the All-Merciful, and be not veiled from Him Who hath come in the shadows of the Names with a sovereignty that encompasseth all the worlds. At His right hand marcheth the Kingdom of divine knowledge and at His left hand the Realm of utterance, and before Him the hosts of revelation and inspiration. Thus hath the matter been decreed by the Pen of might in truth.

Say: O people! Fear ye the All-Merciful and follow not Satan, for he is far removed from truth.

O people of the earth! Hearken unto that which the Spirit hath imparted to the heart of the Bayan and that which the Tongue of Eternity speaketh at the midmost heart of the world, when the Beauty of the All-Merciful was established upon the throne of power with a command that was mighty in its concealment. Hasten ye to the Kawthar of revelation and the choice wine of inspiration. This is what ye were promised in the Tablets, did ye but know it. By God! Whoso pondereth today, the melodies of the All-Merciful will draw him to the heaven of good-pleasure and purify him from human limitations and bring him nigh unto the Most Great Prospect. He is powerful over all things.

Say: Turn ye, O people, unto the countenance of God and His Cause, then rend asunder the veils of idle fancy by His sovereignty. Beware lest ye be frightened by the might of those who are veiled from the

Cause. Say: Nothing shall profit you this day, even should ye bring forth all the books of the world. Thus hath it been decreed by the Pen that was renowned by the name of God. Cast ye aside all allusions and intimations, place them beneath your feet, and turn with radiant faces unto a station that hath been illumined by the lights of the Throne.

Say: This is the One Who called out to Moses in Sinai, and the Beloved when He drew nigh unto the Most Exalted Horizon. Be ye thankful unto God for this bounty and be not among the ungrateful sinners. Through Him the spirit of life was breathed into all creation and all things spoke when the breezes of reunion wafted. Thus hath the matter been sent down in truth from the heaven of revelation.

O people of creation! Purify your ears to hearken unto My most sweet call, and sanctify your hearts from human veils, and turn unto the Most Great Prospect, the station wherein speaketh the Lord of Destiny. This is what ye have been commanded in a Tablet that hath been preserved by God's command. Behold what ye were promised in the Tablets, then behold Him Who hath appeared in truth, that ye may find a path unto God.

Say: By the Lord of existence! He is the Promised One, and when the appointed time came, He appeared with the kingdom of verses. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, turning away from every sinful one who was deprived of the fragrances of revelation.

When We heard of thy turning unto God, We sent down this Tablet for thee and dispatched it unto thee that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of the All-Merciful and arise to aid His Cause with wisdom and utterance. God is witness unto what I say. It behooveth every soul to manifest from him that which will profit him in the Kingdom and establish his name in a Tablet that hath been adorned by the Most Exalted Pen. This is a station that is not equaled by aught created on earth, and God is knowing of what I say.

Arise with the most great steadfastness, then rend asunder the veils of creation by the name of thy Lord, the Lord of all names. This is better for thee than all that thou hast wrought in thy days. The Tongue of grandeur and glory beareth witness unto this, and beyond it the denizens of Paradise and those who circle round this station that hath been known by the name of God.

BH02098: He is God, exalted is He Who bringeth relief…

He is God, exalted is He Who bringeth relief and consolation unto those who are in the Kingdom of Names.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath appeared through the power of truth is the Lord of all creation, the Educator and Helper of all mankind; He Who guideth them unto His supreme Path and enableth them to hearken unto His Most Great Announcement. And through Him the portals of His grace were flung open before the faces of all people, and the mysteries latent in the sacred Book were unravelled upon His Return, and announcers, both men and women, went forth to proclaim the joyful tidings that the splendours of His light had shone forth from above the horizon of the gracious Will of God, the Lord of creation.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who is voicing the Call within the Most Great Prison is none other but the Lord of creation, the Life-Giver of all peoples. By virtue of His supreme potency the Ocean of Divine Utterance hath surged throughout the world before the followers of all religions and through Him, earth and heaven have been illumined, and the Summoner hath raised His Voice on every side proclaiming: Majesty and grandeur, grace and tender mercy belong unto God, the One, the Peerless, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

One day We awoke in the morning and lo! We witnessed the doors of heaven wide open, and beheld the angels descending and ascending, each one of them carrying a vial of pure rose-water. Thereupon the Crier raised His voice, saying:

> "O inmates of the all-highest Paradise! O denizens of the exalted and blissful Abode! Glad-tidings! Glad-tidings! inasmuch as He Who beareth the Most Mighty Name, the King of Eternity, hath graciously purposed to bless by His Presence the habitation wherein the soul of one of His hand-maidens hath ascended, one of the leaves that had secured for herself a place within the precincts of her Lord, the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful."

During successive years she circled around the court of her Lord, and lauded Him in her anthems of praise, both in verse and prose, for which she gained the ornament of His acceptance, and received the light of His divine good-pleasure, as a token of heavenly grace from God, the Lord of this wondrous Day.

Meanwhile He who is the Desire of the world stood bestowing rose-water with the hand of bounteousness to those who, at His bidding, had presented themselves before the throne for the express purpose of carrying her body to the resting-place ordained for her in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Pen of Glory! Hearken unto the Voice of this Wronged One and make mention of the one whom thy Lord hath graciously willed to remember, and say:

The first sweet-smelling breeze that hath been diffused from the vesture of the bounty of God, the Lord of Lords, and the first perfume that hath shed its fragrance upon the dwellers of earth and heaven rest upon thee, O handmaid of God. I bear witness that thou didst hearken to His call and set thy face toward the Summit of transcendent glory. Thou wert so inebriated by the the utterances of the Lord of all beings that thou didst unloose thy tongue to celebrate His praise and to magnify His Name and His Glory by day and by night.

I testify that thou didst embrace the Truth at a time when most maid-servants had turned aside from Him, and recognized that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Will of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, when people in most countries had disbelieved in Him.

Great is thy blessedness, O My leaf! inasmuch as thou didst seize the cup of heavenly reunion from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Lord of the latter days, and drank of it at one time with His Name on thy lips, and at another time with His gracious and cherished remembrance in thy heart.

By the righteousness of God! Thou didst attain unto that which none of the hand-maids in the world nor the leaves thereof have attained, save them that the Hand of Omnipotence hath aroused as a token of grace and bounty from His Presence. Verily, He is potent to do as He willeth, through the power of His mighty and glorious Utterance.

We bear witness that, through her remembrance, the soft-flowing waters of forgiveness have gushed forth and the day-star of the grace of God, the All-Merciful, hath dawned to demonstrate the outpourings of His favour, His bestowal and loving providence, which have surpassed all that are in the heavens and on the earth.

Praised be God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH02071: When the promise came and the appointed time was…

In His Name, the One Who standeth over all things!

When the promise came and the appointed time was fulfilled, the Hidden One was made manifest through this Name which God had made the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Day-Spring of inspiration unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. Among the people are those who cling to vain imaginings, turning away from the Self-Subsisting; and among them are those who are veiled by a name from among names, disbelieving in God, the Creator of heaven; and among them are those who hold fast to their desires, heedless of guidance; and among them are those who were attracted by the breezes of revelation in such wise that they turned with steadfast mountains and took the choice wine of life in the name of the All-Merciful, detached from all else, and drank and said:

> "This, verily, is what was intended in the Books of God, the Most High, the Most Great."

Say: O people! By God, this is He through Whom the fragrance of the All-Merciful was wafted and the Hidden Treasure was revealed. Fear God and be not of them that are veiled. Fear God and reject not the truth with what ye possess of books and vain imaginings, and follow not your desires. All matters have ended in the manifestation of God and His sovereignty. He, verily, summoneth you in truth unto His straight path. Seize ye the measure of the days of God and dispute not with My proof and My testimony, then with My grandeur and My signs. Be fair in the Cause of God and ponder on that which hath been sent down from His Most Exalted Pen. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days.

Hasten with your hearts to the shore of grace and veil not yourselves with the veils of allusions. Break the idols of desire through the power of the Lord of Names and be not disturbed by those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of the Kaaba of God and His Cause. Hold fast unto the cord of grace in this Day wherein the intoxication of passion hath seized all beings except such as have turned with a pure heart unto this glorious Prospect. Thus hath the tongue of the All-Merciful spoken in the midmost heart of Paradise as a token of His grace unto thee, that thou mayest be of them that know.

When thou hast succeeded in hearing what hath been sent down unto thee from the Kingdom of eternity, arise amidst all created things, then make mention of thy Lord with such utterance as will attract

the hearts of them that advance. He, verily, aideth him who aideth Him, and remembereth him with that whereby his remembrance will endure through the eternity of His Name, the Protector over all worlds.

Say: O people! The All-Merciful is come and the proof hath appeared when heaven came with evident smoke. Fear God, O people, and follow not your own selves, neither follow your desires. Follow ye the religion of God—this is God's bidding from before and after. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: By God! The Cause hath appeared in such wise that no one hath any way to deny it, and whoso denieth hath indeed rejected God's decree from all eternity and is accounted among the ungodly in a mighty tablet.

Say: Verily, He Who hath appeared with His Most Great Name from the Supreme Horizon—He is the Glory of God unto all who are in the kingdom of names, and His sovereignty unto all who are in the realm of creation, and His proof unto all who are in the dominion of command and creation, and His enduring favor unto every fair-minded and insightful one.

When thou hast attained unto God's tablet, recite it with the most melodious of tunes. It will surely draw thee to the most exalted paradise. Thy Lord, verily, is the Almighty, the Powerful. Glory be upon thee and upon those who have taken for themselves a path unto God, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH02520: The lights of the manifestations of the Sun…

In the Name of the One True God

The lights of the manifestations of the Sun of inner meanings have risen and shone forth from the luminous horizon in the form of these words: O friends! God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful, may you drink at all times from the living waters and fix your gaze on the highest horizon. Be not grieved by the opposition of people and their turning away, for they are weak and immature. These souls must be educated with the waters of divine wisdom, that perchance they may attain to what God has ordained for them and not be deprived of His greatest bounty. Soon will most veils be rent asunder and people will arise in lamentation and wailing. Verily He is the All-Informed, the All-Knowing.

Today it is incumbent upon all to invite people, with utmost wisdom and kindliness, from the wilderness of error to the plains of guidance. With perfect eagerness and longing, be occupied with the remembrance of the Day-Star of the horizons and speak His praise. The ocean of generosity is manifest, the sun of bounty is shining, and the heaven of grace is uplifted. Deprived is the one who remains bereft today, and without portion is he who has not recognized his Lord.

Divine Tablets have been sent down time after time and again and again, and their purpose is that in this transient dust-heap you may occupy yourselves with that which is the cause of the perpetuation of existence. For today, whatsoever is manifested from any soul in the path of God shall remain and endure. Your mention is remembered before the Throne and the names of those who have turned to God are inscribed in the Tablet of eternity. Blessed is the soul that has recognized, the ears that have heard, the eyes that have seen, the hearts that have turned, and the limbs that have acted according to what they were commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Verily We make mention of you through Our grace, and We mentioned you before. He, verily, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous. Be not grieved by the clamor of the people. The Truth calls you from the precincts of the Prison—this indeed is a great bounty. Thus have We illumined the horizon of utterance with the sun of remembrance and explanation, that you may rejoice therein and be of those who are firmly established. Beware lest anything prevent you from speaking forth or the veils of the heedless hold you back. Remember God in the night season and in the days in such wise that the hearts of the heedless may be attracted.

The world and all that is therein shall perish, and there shall remain for you what has been sent down from the Supreme Pen. To this testifies the Lord of Names, yet most of the people are heedless. Turn not unto them, but rather to the horizon of Revelation. This is what you have been commanded by the One Who inspires with faithfulness. Glory be upon you and upon those who have turned to the Countenance when every sinful remote one turned away from it.

BH02783: Commemoration of the Birth of Baha'u'llah

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great!

The Birthday Festival is come and He Who is the Beauty of God, the Omnipotent, the Gracious, the All-Loving, hath ascended His throne. Happy is the man who on this Day hath beheld His face and toward whom the eye of God, the Help-in-Peril, the Self-Subsisting hath been directed.

Say, We have commemorated the Feast in the Most Great Prison, notwithstanding that the kings have risen up against Us; yet neither the ascendancy of the concourse of the oppressors can frustrate Our purpose, nor can the multitude of the hosts of the earth perturb Our mind. This is that whereunto the All-Merciful beareth witness from this glorious station.

Say, will the Quintessence of assurance be dismayed before the tumult of the people of the world? Nay, by His Beauty that hath shed its radiance upon all created things, be they of the past or of the future. This is the dreadful majesty of God that hath encompassed the entire creation. This is His transcendent power that pervadeth all mankind. Take ye fast hold on the cord of His sovereign might and celebrate the praise of your Lord, the Unconstrained, at the break of this Day, through which every hidden secret hath been brought to light. Thus hath the Tongue of the Ancient of Days spoken on this Day—the Day whereon His sealed wine hath been unsealed. Take ye heed that the vain imaginations of such as have disbelieved in God perturb you not, nor idle fancies turn you away from this Path which extendeth far and wide.

O people of Baha! Soar ye on the wings of detachment in the atmosphere of the love of your Lord, the All-Merciful. Arise ye then to render Him victorious in pursuance of that which hath been revealed in the Preserved Tablet. Beware lest ye contend with any one amongst the people of the world. Proclaim ye the truth by diffusing the sweet savours of God and by spreading abroad His holy Utterances, for through the potency of these two instruments all men would be enabled to turn their faces towards Him; however those who fail to recognize the glory of this Day, will find themselves bewildered in the drunkenness of their selfish desires and are truly bereft of understanding. Blessed in the man who, lowly and suppliant, lifteth up his face towards the Day-Spring of the signs of His Lord.

It behooveth thee to arise amidst the people and to acquaint them with that which hath been set down in the Book of their Lord, the Mighty, the Powerful. Say: Fear ye God and follow not the vague fancies of those who walk in the footsteps of the doubter and the impious. Turn yourselves with radiant hearts towards the throne of your Lord, the Possessor of names. Indeed He will graciously aid you through the power of truth. No God is there but Him, the Most Excellent, the All-Bountiful.

How strange that ye should blunder on towards but a pool, willing to forgo the Most Great Ocean which lieth before your eyes. Ponder ye attentively and follow not every ungodly plotter.

Thus warbleth the Bird of Eternity upon the branches of Our divine Lote-Tree. God beareth me witness that through a single melody voiced by it, the concourse on high and the denizens of the cities of names have been enraptured, and beyond them those who circle in adoration around the Throne in the daytime and in the night season have been enravished.

Such are the effusions of the showers of divine utterance which pour down from the heaven of the Will of your merciful Lord. It beseemeth you to set your hearts towards Him and abstain from imitating those who have cavilled at the signs of God and denied their Lord of Mercy when He did appear, invested with proofs and testimonies.

BH02882: God hath heard what thou didst utter in remembrance…

In His Name, the All-Evident, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

God hath heard what thou didst utter in remembrance of God, thy Lord and the Lord of all worlds, and We have witnessed what hath befallen thee in His straight and manifest path. Grieve not for what hath come upon thee. Consider what hath befallen Us at the hands of the oppressors. When the idolaters desired to extinguish the light of God, they drove Us from Our homes, imagining this would profit them. How evil was their delusion! Through this God exalted His Cause and manifested His sovereignty that overshadoweth the worlds. God will soon reveal through thy departure what He hath purposed. With Him is the knowledge of the heavens and earth. There is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The clamor of those who have disbelieved cannot frustrate Him, nor can the hosts of the heavens and earth prevent Him. Thus doth the Most Exalted Pen give thee glad tidings, that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and be of the thankful ones.

That which hath befallen that honored one hath been for the sake of God's Cause. Thy reward is with Him. However, in all matters wisdom must be observed, for the people are weak and have not attained maturity. In times of trials and tribulations it is observed that even most of the loved ones become shaken and disturbed. Therefore, in view of Our previous mercy and all-encompassing grace, We have commanded all to observe wisdom, and wherever mention of teaching hath been made, wisdom hath been mentioned before and after. Were the decisive Word to be fully revealed, the people would completely withdraw. In such case, none would give ear to the divine utterances which are the cause of guidance for humanity, nor would they seek nearness to the people of Baha to attain recognition of the Dawning-Place of God's Cause. A number of ignorant ones have become leaders of the people and are counted among the learned, and these souls, in order to preserve their positions, strive with utmost

effort to prevent the people, especially if they find a pretext. Soon shall they witness the loss of their own souls and shall become aware of what they have wrought in the days of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

Blessed art thou for having been enkindled with the fire of God and followed what thou hast recognized from the Book of thy Lord, the Commander, the All-Knowing. We have mentioned thee and do mention thee in truth from Our glorious and lofty station. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained the lights of knowledge and have turned toward God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment.

BH03176: In His Name, Who is exalted above all names!...

In His Name, Who is exalted above all names! He Who is mentioned makes mention of His Lord, when He appeared with His Name through which the heaven was rolled up, the sun was darkened, the moon was eclipsed, and the Balance was set up. We make mention of him who has turned towards God, and We remind him of what the Spirit casts upon Me of the verses of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Unconstrained.

Say: We have weighed all things with a word from Our presence, and verily it is the Balance amidst all created things, and through it We have completed the reckoning of creation. Verily thy Lord is swift to reckon.

At every moment the Herald calls out, but none hear save those endowed with inner sight and hearing. O people of the earth! Hearken unto that whereunto the Lord of all beings calls you, and follow not every ignorant doubter. He has come for your salvation and to purify your souls from that which veils you from God, the Revealer of verses.

The eye was created for this Most Great Vision, and the ear for this Call which God has made the Kawthar of life for the people of Paradise and the Choice Sealed Wine for all created things. Glorified be the All-Merciful Who has granted this bounty which has encompassed all in the heavens and on earth.

Say: Beware lest ye deprive yourselves of recognizing the Dawning-Place of Names, your ears from hearkening to this Most Sweet Call, and your eyes from My Most Exalted Horizon. Cast away what knowledge ye possess and turn unto God, your Lord, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. By God! We have sent the Messengers for this Day and created creation for the recognition of this Station which God has made the Dayspring of lights.

Say: Today neither the world nor what it contains shall profit you. Leave it to its people and turn unto Him Who speaks with truth in this City wherein naught is heard from its precincts save the croaking of the raven. Say: The raven is he who turns away from the Truth and speaks according to his own desires. Thus have We detailed the matter in the Book.

Were We to mention what hath befallen Us in this Prison, it could not be exhausted by pens, scrolls and tablets. Be thou not saddened by anything. Place thy trust in God, then make mention of Him amongst the servants. We have found the fragrance of thy love and have sent down for thee that which shall cause

the mountains to soar. Take hold of the Book with the power of God, then thank Him for this bounty which equals not anything created in existence.

BH03076: He is established upon the throne of utterance! We…

He is established upon the throne of utterance! We make mention of the servants through the Most Great Remembrance, whom God has made the source of remembrance for all worlds. He is the One Who summoned humanity unto God and guided them to the Straight Path. Those who have followed God's commandments and His ways—these are the people of this Most Great Scene, to which the Lord of Destiny bears witness, though most people remain heedless. Through them have appeared the banners of divine assistance among all beings, and all things have spoken as spoke the Lote Tree of the Uttermost End in remembrance of this Clear Remembrance. Whosoever transgresses the bounds set by God has not aided Him and is among the distracted ones.

Follow, O My loved ones, My hallowed commandments which draw you nigh unto God, the True Sovereign, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Take hold of My counsels which We have counselled you in the Tablets and follow not the ways of the suspicious ones. Divine assistance has many degrees which We have detailed in truth, yet the people remain behind a clear veil. Adopt My characteristics and adorn yourselves with My shining commandments from God's horizon—this is sincere counsel, were you to know.

We have kindled the fire in all regions through the Word that has caused the hearts of the righteous to soar. Blessed is he who is set ablaze by it in the days of its Revealer, and woe to those who turn away. Gather ye together in My remembrance and praise, then unite among yourselves—this is better for you. He is the All-Seeing, the Vigilant.

We have sent down verses to you and dispatched them before, that you might give thanks to your Lord, the Forgiving, the Generous. And We have sent down this Tablet as a grace from Our presence that your hearts may rejoice and your eyes be consoled thereby. He is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Read ye the verses of God with joy and fragrance—they draw you to the Most Exalted Horizon and bring you near to the sublime station.

We make mention of the loved ones at all times that they may arise to serve the Cause and assist their Lord through the wisdom sent down in a preserved Tablet. Blessed are you for having attained unto the days of God and His knowledge. Ask Him to aid you in following His Cause that has encompassed all in the heavens and earth. Thus has the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in the Most Great Prison that you may rejoice in the bounty of your Ancient Lord. May glory rest upon you and upon those who have turned to God when He came with His exalted and mighty Kingdom.

BH03375: The Most Exalted Pen makes mention of His loved…

In the name of the peerless Lord

The Most Exalted Pen makes mention of His loved ones who dwell in Furugh, that all may be illumined and enlightened by the effulgences of the Sun of divine utterance, and may, with utmost love and unity,

engage in the remembrance of God. The renewal of the world is a clear proof of its origination, and its very origination is a manifest evidence of its ultimate extinction.

That which is everlasting and eternal is a station which no soul hath truly comprehended, save whom God willeth. Today, that which is befitting and worthy for those who have turned to God is to adorn themselves with the ornament of divine commandments and to appear among the servants with goodly and pleasing character. This is the cause of the exaltation of God's Cause. Blessed are they who attain! Strive ye, that in the days of God there may appear from you that which shall cause the preservation of souls and spirits.

Praise be to God! The ocean of utterance is manifest, the heaven of bounty is raised up, and the sun of grace is shining. Hold ye fast unto truth and become detached from all else. Associate with one another with the utmost love and kindness, and transgress not the counsel of the counselor who dwelleth in that land. By My life! This bounty sufficeth all, that the Dawning-Place of grace and the Dayspring of revelation in the Most Great Prison is occupied with your remembrance. Give thanks unto God for this and be ye of the thankful. We aid those who have turned to the Countenance, and make mention of them in the Tablet which none hath known save God, the Single One, the All-Informed.

Rejoice ye in My remembrance of you, then assist your Lord through goodly character and deeds. Thus doth command you the perspicuous Book that speaketh with truth between the heavens and the earth and summoneth all unto God, the Lord of the worlds. Verily, he from whom We behold that which We love in the Cause of God, We make mention of him with truth in this noble station. And upon you be glory, and upon those who have hearkened and turned unto God, the Sovereign, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH03336: We have enjoined wisdom upon all and forbidden…

In the name of the Beloved of all worlds

We have enjoined wisdom upon all and forbidden that which causeth souls to be perturbed. Therefore it is incumbent upon all to act in accordance with what the Intended One hath commanded. The verses have been sent down, the evidences are manifest, the proofs are resplendent, and the bounty is complete, and yet most people are observed to be heedless and veiled. This is naught but the result of negligence, vain imaginings and idle fancies.

Therefore it is obligatory and binding upon the loved ones of God who are adorned with the distinction of His grace to enkindle those who are cold with the fire of divine wisdom. After recognition of the Dawning-Place of Revelation, two things are necessary: first, steadfastness, and second, observance of the divine ordinances that have been sent down in the Book. Blessed are they that have attained! The manner and method of teaching have been revealed in the Tablets—all must act accordingly and be watchful. Today that which hath caused the perturbation and agitation of heedless souls hath been forbidden. This is of thy Lord's grace, yet most people are unaware. Ye must arise to serve His Cause with the power and might of God, and with the utmost kindliness draw people from the wilderness of perplexity to the realm of knowledge and certitude.

And if means become available, emigrate to other lands for the sake of God's Cause—this hath been and ever shall be praiseworthy, for in some countries there exist receptive souls, yet guides and teachers are lacking. He, verily, is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Drink ye, now and forever, from the wine of His favors and share it with others, that perchance the people may awaken and turn unto the All-Informed, the One. Convey to all the loved ones the greetings from the Wronged One, and forbid them all from corruption, contention, reprehensible deeds and unacceptable conduct, that the fragrance of sanctity may be diffused from all. Praise be to God, all have attained unto the remembrance of God and are honored by His grace. Glory be upon thee and upon you all.

BH03466: In the name of the All-Knowing Lord! God willing…

In the name of the All-Knowing Lord! God willing, may you be occupied at all times with the remembrance of the Peerless Beloved, and through the assistance of the Most Great Name, bestow the choice wine of divine knowledge upon all peoples, that in this Day of Return none of the various peoples may remain deprived of the sweet-scented breezes of the revelation of the Lord of Lords, and that they may attain unto that which is the primary purpose of human creation.

O Ali! Be not grieved at what hath befallen thee. Verily, Our Most Truthful Name hath attained unto that which none hath attained except whom thy Lord hath willed. Thy Lord, of a truth, doth console thee as a token of His grace. Reflect upon this most exalted station and be of the thankful ones. This is what We had previously informed him of in Our Tablet which We sent unto him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Praise be to God! Through God's infinite bounty and by His leave and will, he turned towards the Most Holy Court and time after time and repeatedly partook of the Kawthar of meeting and the choice wine of reunion. We showed him Our most exalted horizon and caused him to hear Our most great verses. We bear witness that he presented himself before the Throne as befitteth him and returned, by Our leave, purified from whatsoever is repugnant to Our good-pleasure. Thus doth God single out whom He pleaseth through His grace. He, verily, is the Recompenser, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Wert thou to become aware of what We have ordained for him, thou wouldst soar with longing and cry out saying: "Praise be unto Thee, O God of the worlds!" Upon him be My glory and the glory of all things. Blessed is the land that carried him. He is My trust therein. Soon shall We reveal from the Most Exalted Pen that which shall gladden the hearts of them that are endued with understanding and the souls of the sincere ones.

Since the Sun of Truth is shining today, you must fix your gaze upon it and arise to serve the Cause. Grief was and is not permissible. Console and comfort all on behalf of the Truth. Thus have I been commanded by the All-Knowing Ordainer. The glory of God be upon you from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH03879: The ocean of knowledge hath surged and the pool…

He is God, exalted be His station in bounty and beneficence

The ocean of knowledge hath surged and the pool of fancy hath subsided, inasmuch as the horizon of certitude hath been illumined by My Most Great Name. They that have turned unto God and held fast unto that which hath been sent down from Him—these are men of understanding. And they that have cast the laws of God behind their backs—these are a people who comprehend not. We testify that they have not heard the call of God nor found the sweetness of utterance, nay, they know not. The people are drowning in the sea of idle fancies save those who have held fast to the Most Great Cord and turned unto God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

If thou shouldst ask the atoms about the Source of verses, they would say: "He hath come with His holy, mighty and inaccessible kingdom!" Ask God to purify the ears that people may hearken unto the call of their Lord, the All-Merciful, and glorify Him whether seated or standing. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils and burned away the shrouds that withheld him from God, the Lord of the seen and unseen.

Be thou steadfast in the service of thy Lord and trust in Him in all matters. By My life! Whoso pondereth upon former ages will not be saddened by the intimations of men; rather will he be attracted by the breezes of revelation and find himself detached from those who have denied God, the Fulfiller of covenants. The lamp proclaimeth and saith:

> "Ye were created for light—how long will ye flee and remain unaware?"

This is My Most Great Day, wherein the Lord of destiny proclaimeth:

> "The Kingdom is God's, the Lord of what was and what shall be!"

Arise in My name to serve My Cause, that perchance the people may awaken and turn unto the praiseworthy station.

Preserve thou the Tablet of God, then recite it—verily it shall guide thee to the ocean of joy. Thus have We adorned the Book with the outpourings of My Most Exalted Pen. This is of My grace unto thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH03866: The lights have shone forth and the mysteries have…

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

The lights have shone forth and the mysteries have appeared and the verses have been sent down, yet the people remain in evident veils. The hidden treasure hath been revealed and the concealed secret hath appeared, yet most of the people are among the heedless ones. They hear the call and behold Him Who summoneth them morn and eve, yet they draw not nigh, for they have followed every remote scholar.

He calleth them unto God while they hasten unto the idol. They are verily among the people of the coffin in the Tablet of thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. They that lie in the graves have arisen at the call of the Lord of the Manifestation, yet they are among the dead. Say: If ye deny this Cause, by what proof do ye uphold that which ye possess? Be fair, and follow not every sinful transgressor. This is verily the

Most Great Book. He Who is the Ancient of Days hath borne witness unto it in all the Tablets, were ye of them that know. Say: Verily He is the Dawning-Place of God's verses and the Manifestation of His proof throughout all ages.

Through Him every tablet hath been adorned and every wise command hath been fulfilled. Through Him the Hour hath appeared and the moon hath been cleft asunder and the edifice of the Cause hath been established upon the throne of His Great Name. Blessed art thou for having discovered the fragrance of God and turned unto Him in His days. This is of His grace upon thee, if thou wouldst remember and not be of the heedless ones. He hath aided thee in a Cause whereby the mountain hath been crushed and the religions have been shaken, save those whom thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath willed. Remember thou Him Who is imprisoned in thy days and what hath befallen Him at the hands of the oppressors.

Lo, the Bird is in the talons of the enemies, and the Spirit is among the Jews, and the Beloved is in the midst of the deniers. Seize thou the days of God, then seize thou His grace. He is verily the Munificent, the Generous. Praise be to God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH06252: This is a Book sent down by the Wronged…

In the Name of Him Who is the Manifest, the All-Knowing!

This is a Book sent down by the Wronged One on a day when he who denied God, the All-Possessing, the Self-Subsisting, rose up against Him. Verily, he who sucketh from the breast of the world hath turned away from God, the Lord of Names, and waged war in such wise as none can reckon save the True One, the Knower of things unseen. Say: The Governor of Akka hath pronounced judgment upon God, the Creator of the heavens.

We sustained him, then seized him suddenly. He, verily, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the All-Possessing over what was and what shall be. He was named Abdul-Rahman among the people of creation, yet verily he was the manifestation of Satan. To this beareth witness this Pen whereby the Preserved Tablet hath been adorned. In his final days he committed that which caused the Concourse on High to lament, and those who circle round the Throne to weep. Say: Thou canst not prevent God from exercising His sovereignty, even as those greater than thee were powerless to do so. He, verily, is the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Thou didst desire one thing, but We desired another.

The will and purpose of God prevailed, yet most of the people perceive not. We took several persons in this city—some We banished, some We afflicted with illness, and some We seized through Our power in such wise that none discovered the cause thereof. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He pleaseth through His word "Be" and it is. Thus have We recounted unto thee what befell Us on this day as a bounty from Our presence, that thou mayest be of them that render thanks. Turn not unto the world and its conditions. Remember in all circumstances this wronged Exile Who hath accepted tribulations in the path of God, the Lord of Names, and Who speaketh that which He hath been bidden by God, the Mighty, the All-Loving.

BH03993: In the Name of the Peerless Beloved! May you…

In the Name of the Peerless Beloved! May you ever be illumined with the lights of the morn of inner meanings and be vocal in the praise and glorification of God, in such wise that the choice wine of remembrance and utterance may attract all beings and draw them to the divine realm. Today is the day of service, and whatsoever appeareth therefrom shall endure as long as God's most beauteous names endure.

Cultivate barren land—that is, heedless hearts—with the water of divine wisdom, that the ears of divine knowledge may spring forth therefrom. In this Most Great Revelation all are enjoined to wisdom, lest there appear that which would cause perturbation of hearts and aversion of souls. This hath been due to God's all-embracing mercy, for verily His mercy hath preceded all things and His grace hath encompassed the worlds.

Some time ago Nabil, upon him be the Glory of God, attained the Most Holy Presence, and a Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was revealed and sent from the heaven of the Divine Will specifically for each of you. Therefore, this time this Tablet sufficeth. Praise be to God, ye are mentioned in Our presence. God willing, through divine favor and the fragrance of His celestial Robe, ye shall quicken and perpetuate ephemeral beings. This is the king of deeds. Blessed is he who achieveth it!

In truth, regret and remorse belong to those souls who have not recognized the Day of God and from whom no deed hath appeared that would cause the perpetuation of being. Arise to accomplish God's Cause and His sovereignty, then quicken the people through this choice wine, whose seal hath been broken by the finger of the Will of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Verily, the Glory be upon you and upon those who have turned with radiant faces toward the Supreme Horizon and whose hearts have been illumined by this Luminary through which the heavens and earth have been made to shine.

BH04181: The water of life is flowing and coursing…

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds!

The water of life is flowing and coursing from the Pen that sends down verses, and from its flowing those who seek the right hand of the All-Merciful hear this word: Whosoever desires to know the Truth in this Revelation must look upon it with His eye, not with the eye of created things, for He has been and shall ever be known by His own Self, and all else through Him.

O friends! Today is the day of supreme joy, for the Beloved of the world has appeared unveiled, the gate of His mercy stands open without a gatekeeper, and His countenance is manifest without a veil. Blessed is he who has turned unto Him, and woe betide him who has turned away and denied. The gems among souls today are those who have hearkened to the Divine Word and found its sweetness. These are the inheritors of the earthly kingdom and the Kingdom of Heaven. Soon shall the bounty of these souls encompass the world even as the rays of the sun. Give praise to the Ancient Lord that He has enabled thee to turn unto Him in days when most people, learned and ignorant alike, have risen in opposition.

God willing, mayest thou shine forth like a brilliant star from the horizon of the heaven of My Name, the All-Powerful, and remain steadfast with perfect constancy in the Cause of the Lord of all beings. We beseech God to assist thee in His Cause and aid thee in His remembrance, and to ordain for thee what He has ordained for His chosen ones. Verily He is the Protector of whosoever turns unto Him with an illumined heart. We have heard thy call and have answered thee with truth from this noble horizon. His knowledge encompasses the heavens and the earth. He hears and sees. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. When thou attainest, say: Praise be to Thee, O Thou Beloved of them that know Thee!

BH04225: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

In His Name that prevaileth over all names

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses in truth and manifested clear proofs that perchance the people might abandon what they possess and turn their faces toward His countenance, shining from this manifest horizon. Say: The proof of God and His evidence have appeared, and that which was hidden in His mighty, impregnable and wondrous Book hath been revealed.

Among the people are those who saw the signs of God and turned away from them, and among them are those who heard the call and said “I love those who set”, and among them are those who cast the world behind them, turning to God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: O people, be fair in your own selves and commit not what ye have been forbidden in the Scriptures and Tablets of God, and follow not every heedless doubter. Turn to the Most Great Ocean—verily it speaketh at the heart of creation: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” I created the heavens and earth for the knowledge of God and His Cause, yet most people are lost in vain imaginings.

They follow every cawer and pursue every deluded one—verily they are among the distracted. Say: O people, abandon what ye possess and turn to God—this is what shall profit you, if ye be of those who know. By God! The books of the world and scrolls of former times shall not suffice you today. O servant! Give thanks unto God for having taught thee what is mentioned in the Tablets and guided thee to a straight path. Hold fast to the cord of God, turning away from those who have denied the All-Merciful when He came with clear proof, and who rejected God’s power when it appeared with a sovereignty that encompassed all in the heavens and earth.

BH04162: In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over…

In the Name of Him Who holdeth dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth! We give glad-tidings unto them who have rejoiced in the days of God and have taken delight in this most great joy whereby the nations were thrown into commotion, save those who cast away all else and turned unto God, the Lord of Names, Who speaketh amidst the concourse of creation:

> “Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.”

The seas have been set ablaze by the fire of the word of the Chosen One, yet the people, having followed every ignorant idol, remain heedless thereof. They who are renowned for learning have debarred men from the Lord of the Return. These, verily, are among the most lost. They have clung to vain imaginings,

turning away from the Self-Subsisting. These, verily, are recorded as the ignorant in a preserved tablet. He that hath turned unto the Most Sublime Horizon is reckoned among the learned in the sight of Him Who knoweth, while he that hath turned away is accounted among the ignorant.

Blessed art thou for having heard the call of Him Who is the Intended One and for having drunk the Choice Wine that was sealed, from the hand of the bounty of thy Lord, the Munificent, the Generous. Arise to promote the Cause with wisdom, then give glad tidings unto the people of this Name through which the ocean of knowledge hath surged and the fragrances of the All-Merciful have wafted throughout all lands. Thus doth command thee He with Whom is the knowledge of all things in a perspicuous Book.

Let not the utterances of the divines grieve thee, nor let their idols keep thee back from what they possess. Say: O my God! Aid me in Thy remembrance and Thy praise and in serving Thy Cause in Thy kingdom. I beseech Thee not to withhold from me the breezes of Thy revelation and the fragrances of Thine inspiration. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

Convey My greetings unto thy son and unto the faces of those who have turned unto this momentous News.

BH04156: The Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

The Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great

O Pen! Make mention of him who has turned to the Countenance and believed in God, the Protecting, the Self-Subsisting, that he may be assured through his Lord's grace and follow what he hath been commanded in His preserved Tablet. We have made mention of thee before, and before that before, and We make mention of thee in this Forbidden Tablet.

When thou dost inhale the fragrance of the All-Merciful from thy Lord's utterance, turn thee to the spot wherein lieth interred the first to believe in God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, and say: O thou who art the first breeze that wafted from the garment of Glory and the first fragrance that was diffused from the direction of God, the Lord of Names! Upon thee be salutations, O Dawning-Place of immortality and Source of Command unto all who are in creation! Through thee was raised the heaven of bounty, through thee appeared the countenance of the Adored One, through thee was adorned the praised station, through thee gushed forth the springs of utterance amidst all contingent beings, and through thee wafted the breezes of God unto the peoples of all worlds.

I testify that thou didst recognize the Intended One when He appeared in truth, and didst acknowledge the Hidden One, Whom none on earth could recognize save those whom thy Lord did will. Thou art the one through whom the Choice Wine was unsealed and the veil of fancy was rent asunder, until the Name of the Self-Subsisting appeared unto all who are in the heavens and on earth. I testify that thou didst fulfill God's Covenant and His Testament, and wert so attracted by His verses that thou didst sacrifice thy spirit in His path. Blessed is the earth that hath been honored by thee, and the precincts that have been ennobled by thy presence, and the air that hath been mingled with thy breath.

I beseech God through thee and implore Him to aid me in serving His Cause and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the world to come. He, verily, is the Giving, the Bountiful, the Manifest, the Responsive.

BH04568: Thy unity is inscrutable, O my God, to all…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Mighty

Thy unity is inscrutable, O my God, to all except them that have recognized Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy singleness and the Day-Spring of Thy oneness. Whoso assigneth a rival unto Him hath assigned a rival unto Thee, and whoso hath set up a peer for Him hath set up a peer for Thyself. No, no, none can withstand Thee in the whole of creation. Thou hast everlastingly been exalted far above all comparison and likeness. Thy oneness hath been demonstrated by the oneness of Him Who is the Dawning-Place of Thy Revelation. Whosoever denieth this, hath denied Thy unity, and disputed with Thee about Thy sovereignty, and contended with Thee in Thy realm, and repudiated Thy commandments.

Assist Thou Thy servants, O my Lord, to recognize Thy unity and to declare Thy oneness, that all may gather together around what Thou didst desire in this Day whereon the sun of Thine essence hath shone forth above the horizon of Thy will, and the moon of Thine own being hath risen from the Day-Spring of Thy behest. Thou art He, O my Lord, from Whose knowledge nothing whatsoever escapeth, and Whom no one can frustrate. Thou doest Thy pleasure, by Thy sovereignty that overshadoweth the worlds.

Thou well knowest, O my God, my Best-Beloved, that naught can quench the thirst I suffer in my separation from Thee except the waters of Thy presence, and that the tumult of my heart can never be stilled save through the living fountain of my reunion with Thee. Send down, then, upon me, O my Lord, out of the heaven of Thy bounty what will draw me nearer unto the chalice of Thy gifts, and make me able to quaff the choice sealed Wine, whose seal hath been loosed in Thy name, and from Which the sweet savors of Thy days have been shed abroad. Thou, in truth, art the All-Bountiful, Whose grace is infinite.

The whole universe testifieth to Thy generosity. Have mercy, then, upon me by Thy graciousness, and deal bountifully with me through the power of Thy sovereignty, and suffer me to enjoy near access to Thee by Thy manifold favors. Thou, truly, art the Great Giver, the Almighty, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Bountiful.

BH04362: In the Name of the One True God!…

In the Name of the One True God! The effulgences of the Sun of the horizon of Revelation have appeared and become manifest in the form of these words: We have enjoined wisdom upon all the loved ones, that all may partake of and receive their portion from the wine of the will of the King of Oneness. In this Most Great Revelation, the heaven of wisdom hath been raised up and adorned and illumined with the stars of utterance and expression. Therefore all must act according to that which God hath ordained, and from no one must any deed appear that would cause corruption. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Ere long the fire of the Divine Word shall ignite all. For no one hath there been nor shall there be any escape. Well is it with that soul who in this Most Great Day hath attained unto the good-pleasure of God and from whom hath appeared that which would cause the reformation of the world. By My life! All that is visible shall soon be rendered non-existent and perish, while that which appeareth for the love of God hath been and shall forever remain.

Most of the people are weak, while the True One, glorified and exalted be He, is powerful and mighty. However, He hath loved and gazed upon His Name the Most Merciful. Therefore hath He commanded all with wisdom and kindness and compassion. Otherwise, with but a single word would He have seized them all. Verily He is the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Give thanks unto God for His having turned unto thee the Face from the direction of the Prison, and for His remembering thee with this wondrous remembrance. By the life of God! Nothing can equal His remembrance, and it shall profit thee in this world and in the world to come. There is none other God but Him, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

BH04490: That which was treasured from all eternity hath been…

He is the Hidden, the Manifest

That which was treasured from all eternity hath been revealed, and that which was concealed in the Tablets of God, the Lord of all that was and shall be, hath appeared. The breezes of revelation have wafted and the winds of the All-Merciful have blown, yet most of the people perceive it not. The gate of reunion hath been opened before all who are in the heavens and on earth, yet the people have turned away from it.

The ocean of attainment hath surged before the faces of all who are in creation, but none hath gained it save whom thy Lord, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting, hath willed. Say: O people! This indeed is the Foundation intended in the Books of God, and this verily is the Basis beloved in the Tablets of God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Praised. Beware lest ye deprive yourselves through the disputations of the contentious from the ocean of reunion. Draw nigh unto Him and follow not those who have denied the All-Merciful when He came with manifest sovereignty. That which ye possess of idle fancies and vain imaginings will profit you not this Day. Say: O people! Answer Him Who calleth you for the sake of God—this is better for you, did ye but know.

We have perceived from thee the fragrance of faith and have sent down for thee this Hidden Tablet. Verily it maketh mention of him who hath turned towards Him and aideth him who hath desired to assist His Cause. All are within the grasp of His sovereignty that encompasseth all who are in existence. Make mention of thy Lord amongst the servants, that they may turn to a station wherein the atoms proclaim that there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. The glory be upon thee and upon those whom the sayings of men have not withheld from the goal and who have attained unto the Most Great Remembrance at eventide and at dawn.

BH04787: The verses have been sent down from this heaven…

In His Name, the Eternal, the Everlasting

The verses have been sent down from this heaven which hath encompassed the kingdom of earth and heaven, and the clear tokens have appeared from this Station which hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. All creation hath been shaken when the Hour came, and the decree hath been fulfilled from before God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved.

We behold the sincere ones in the Most Glorious Paradise, and the idolaters in the lowest depths. Verily thy Lord ordaineth as He pleaseth. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. The world hath been illumined with the lights of the Ancient of Days, and all things cry out: Hasten, O ye concourse of the seen and the unseen! This is a Day that shall not be followed by night, this is a Light that shall not be succeeded by darkness, this is a Certainty that shall not be assailed by doubt. Blessed the one who hath attained through his turning, and blessed the wealthy one whom riches have not withheld from God, the Lord of all that was and shall be.

He who hath attained on this Day is, before God, his Lord, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious, among the companions of the Crimson Ark, and he who hath been prevented is among the most remote of creatures in a hidden Tablet. We have found thee turning unto Him Who is the Object of all existence, and have revealed for thee this Tablet and sent it unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. Hold thou fast unto the cord of steadfastness and cleave unto this outstretched Path. Beware lest the might of the wicked frighten thee or the hints of every rejected ascetic disturb thee. Soar in the atmosphere of detachment by thy Lord's leave, the Lord of Names. This is what shall profit thee in this world and the next. Verily thy Lord is the Ruler, the Almighty, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH04628: This is the Day wherein the Call…

In the Name of the All-Knowing Bestower

This is the Day wherein the Call of the Lord of creation is raised directly from the realm of divine unity, and the hearing and sight of all beings have been created for this Day—hearing for hearkening unto this Call, and sight for beholding the Most Exalted Horizon. Know thou the value of this Day and arise to that which is worthy and befitting. Should anyone miss aught in this Day,

he shall never be able to make up for it in other days, nor shall he ever have the power to do so. Such is the bounty of God that He converses with His loved ones without any veil. Make thy breast as Sinai, that the effulgences of the light of the manifestations of the Lord of Names may become evident. This is that same Call which the Interlocutor heard from the Tree, and mention of which thou hast seen and heard in the Books. And now thou hearkenest unto it directly from the divine Tree. Ponder, that thou mayest discover the sweetness of the utterance of the All-Merciful and attain unto thy goal. All things today are in rapture and yearning at the Word of the Lord of Names, and are stirred by the fragrance of the Breath of God, while the people wander distracted in the wilderness of ignorance and heedlessness. Blessed is the soul that hath attained on this Most Great Day and held fast unto the grace of its Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Ask thou God to assist thee in His remembrance and praise, and to manifest from

thee that which shall cause thy mention to endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. Verily thy Lord is the Almighty, the Powerful.

BH04782: The springtime of the All-Merciful hath appeared…

In the Name of the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

The springtime of the All-Merciful hath appeared and by it the trees have been made verdant. Glorified be God Who hath manifested it in truth! Blessed is he who hath attained, and woe unto the heedless. Turn ye, O people, unto the mercy of God and His grace, and tarry not in this Most Great Cause. This is God's Cause, from times past and for times to come. Fear ye God and be not of them that slumber.

We have manifested the Cause and blown the Trumpet, whereupon all who are in the heavens and on earth swooned away, save them whom We upheld with a power from Our presence and preserved through a command from Our side, and I am the All-Powerful, the Almighty. O people of Baha! Blessed are ye, inasmuch as ye have drunk the choice wine of praise when God came with a manifest sovereignty. That which no one can reckon save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, hath been ordained for you. Be not disturbed by the people and their clamor. Be at peace through this bounty which hath encompassed the worlds. Hasten with your hearts unto the shelter of the Beloved. He will verily protect you in truth—He is indeed the One with power over all who are in the heavens and earth.

Thus doth the Most Great Ocean overflow, and the rains of grace pour down, and the Sun of bounty shine forth from this luminous horizon. Turn ye with radiant faces unto My most exalted horizon. By God! Whosoever turneth unto it, the Concourse on High will assuredly pray for him. This indeed is a mighty favor. When thou hast drunk the choice wine of understanding from the cup of thy Lord's bestowal, turn thou toward the Prison and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who didst remember me when I was in the prison of the oppressors.

BH04721: A mention from Us unto him who hath hearkened…

He is the All-Knowing Teacher!

A mention from Us unto him who hath hearkened unto the call of his Lord, the Most Glorious, and turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon when most of mankind turned away, that the remembrance of the Beloved may so attract him that hearts may be drawn thereby. We have remembered thee before, and remember thee in this Tablet which proclaimeth that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

Thy letter hath come before the Face, and the Servant present before the Throne hath recited what thou didst compose in remembrance of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Blessed be thy verse and prose—from both We have inhaled the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, the Mighty, the Loving. He shall verily reward thee with truth. He hath ordained for thee that which is beyond compare with aught created on earth. He, verily, is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen. Where are they who turned away from God, who warred against His sovereignty, who disputed His signs and denied His proof? We seized them unawares. Verily thy Lord is powerful over whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be" and it is.

We shall soon seize those who have oppressed today and who have risen in opposition—a promise from Us, for We have power over what We say. Neither their souls, nor their wealth, nor their traces shall remain on earth. But there shall endure for thee and for those who have stood fast that which shall not perish so long as the Kingdom and the realm above endure. Convey My greetings unto those servants who have believed in God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed be thy tongue for having uttered My praise, and thy face for having turned toward My horizon, and thine ear for having heard My call raised from this praiseworthy station.

BH05039: He is the Most Holy, sanctified from what hath…

He is the Most Holy, sanctified from what hath been and what shall be! A remembrance from Us unto him who hath turned unto God when he came with a Book wherein were set forth the Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Say: This, verily, is the Mother Book which lay concealed within the tabernacle of God's protection; then did it appear in the world and speak amongst the peoples that there is no God but Him, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

the ungodly desired to bar the Most Great Gate, and the deniers sought to extinguish the lights of eternity. They failed in what they desired. Verily We have manifested the Cause as We wished. Thy Lord, verily, is He Who dominateth whatsoever He willeth through His word "Be," and it is!

We have counselled all in what shall profit them in the hereafter and in this world. Blessed are they who act! We have sent down the Most Holy Book from whose horizon hath shone forth the sun of thy Lord's commandments, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved. Blessed is he who hath held fast, and woe unto every heedless one deprived!

Say: Act ye according to what ye have been commanded with wisdom, lest the clamor of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, be raised. Hold fast to the cord of wisdom among all people, lest there appear that which would cause hearts to be troubled.

Say: Remember ye the All-Merciful with joy and radiance, that thereby may be awakened the hearts of all who hesitate and are veiled. Thus have the rains of utterance poured down as a grace from Us upon thee, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon those who have cast away idle fancy and taken what hath been sent down from the heaven of the tender mercy of their Lord, the All-Loving.

BH04982: O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of the Single…

In the Name of Him Who is the All-Encompassing Over All Names!

O Muhammad! Hearken unto the call of the Single, the One, from this lofty Summit. Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Unconstrained. The world hath been set ablaze by the Most Great Name, yet the people have turned away from it, having followed every idolatrous infidel. Wilt thou remain silent while the Tongue of Grandeur in the Most Great Prison calleth out with the most exalted

call and summoneth all created things unto God, the Lord of Names? Blessed is he who hath heard, and woe unto him who hath turned away from God, the Lord of Lords.

Behold the world and its conditions. By My life! All that is therein shall perish, and sovereignty shall remain with God, the Lord of all men. Where are they who oppressed, and where are they who were heedless, and where are they who abandoned the commandments of God and His ways? Thus doth the Supreme Pen make mention of thee, that thou mayest remind those who slumber upon their couches. Be thou mindful amongst the people through the wisdom We have sent down in the Books and Tablets. Know thou the value of these days, then seize upon the grace of God and His mercy that hath encompassed all possibility. Beware lest the people prevent thee from the remembrance of Truth. Make mention of the servants with such remembrance as will attract the hearts of those in all lands. The Prisoner desireth naught for Himself. He summoneth all unto the Most Sublime Horizon, after God hath made Him independent of all that is with the servants. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon those who have arisen to serve their Lord, the Almighty, the Compelling.

BH04962: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! Rejoice…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! Rejoice, O My loved ones, that the Most Exalted Pen remembers you, despite those who have denied God, the Lord of all beings. Then drink, at all times, from the living waters from the hands of the bounty of your Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Generous.

Be united in the Cause of God, then act according to what you have been commanded in the Book, and be not of the heedless. Verily My commandments are the lamps of My loving-kindness amidst My creation and the sweet-scented savors of My raiment in My kingdom. Blessed is he who attaineth unto them, and woe betide those who turn away.

Reflect upon God's grace and mercy—He remembereth you while being wrongfully imprisoned amidst the deniers. He remembereth those who have turned towards Him and giveth glad-tidings to those who have drawn nigh of what God, the Mighty, the Great, hath ordained for them. Beware lest there appear from you that which would distress hearts. Hold fast unto what is seemly and put your trust in God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Give thanks unto God for having aided you to recognize the Dayspring of His signs and the Dawning-Place of His clear tokens, Who speaketh amongst mankind and calleth all to God, the Lord of the worlds. It behooveth you to manifest the most great steadfastness—verily it will protect you from the hints of those who have denied God and are among the lost.

The glory be upon you, O My loved ones! You are they who have attained unto that which most of the servants have not attained, as your Lord, the All-Seeing, doth testify. Drink from the chalice of joy and gladness in this Revelation whereby that which was hidden hath been revealed and that which was recorded in the Books of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath come to pass.

BH05502: The Hidden Book hath been sent down…

In the Name of Him Who pulsateth in the heart of the contingent world

The Hidden Book hath been sent down from the heaven of the Revelation of your Lord, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Read ye what is easily accessible thereof, then follow what the Spirit casteth of the verses of His Lord, the Mighty, the Glorious, the Ever-Present. Beware lest the intimations of those who cling to vain imaginings sadden you. Rend ye asunder the veils through My Name, the Help in Peril over those in the invisible and visible realms.

We have sent down in every matter clear verses. Blessed is he who hath heard and turned unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved. The ocean of utterance hath surged in the days of God, the Path hath been laid, and this Hidden Tablet hath been sent down. Verily thou, O thou who hast turned to the Countenance, hearken unto the call of the Wronged One from the direction of His Most Great Prison, this Forbidden Station, that the call may attract thee to a station that shall never be followed by extinction, nor be overtaken by the doubts of those who have denied God, the Mighty, the Loving. Blessed art thou for having drunk from the Kawthar of divine knowledge and turned unto God, the Lord of the visible and invisible. This, verily, is a manifest bounty. Hold fast to the Most Great Cord in the days of thy Lord, the Master of antiquity, then turn with thy heart to the Lord of all nations and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me when I was in the land of exile. Verily Thou art the Omnipotent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Truth, the Knower of things unseen.

BH05454: In My Name, the All-Sufficing

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We have sent down the Book in the form of man, and verily this is the Great Book. We have manifested Our Hidden Name and sent it forth with truth, and verily this is the Clear Temple. We have manifested the Most Great Ocean with the waves of remembrance and utterance, and verily this is the Faithful Speaker. We have sent down the verses and made manifest the evidences in such wise as to encompass the heavens and the earth.

Say: O people, fear God and deny not that which hath appeared through grace. Turn unto Him with radiant faces, and be not of them that hesitate. Beware lest ye turn God's bounty into vengeance against yourselves, and His light into fire. Fear God and be of the penitent.

Turn ye unto the Supreme Horizon, then follow that which hath come unto you from an ancient Revealer. Walk ye by this Lamp in the darkness of land and sea—verily it will guide you to the straight path. Those who call you unto vain imaginings will not profit you this day—leave them to themselves, and turn ye unto the One, the All-Informed.

Grieve thou not over anything, but be confident in the grace of thy Lord. He is with His servants who turn unto Him. No matter can frustrate Him, nor can anything veil Him. By His sovereignty He doeth what He willeth. He is, verily, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Luminous Kawthar.

BH05344: He is the One speaking in the Kingdom…

He is the One speaking in the Kingdom of Utterance! Blessed is He Who remembereth the creation as He pleaseth. Verily he who hath attained unto His remembrance and remained steadfast in His Cause hath attained unto the ultimate goal. To this beareth witness the Lord of all beings in this perspicuous Tablet. Those who are heedless—these have not profited and have lost in this world and the next. Soon shall they behold their abode in the fire. Thus hath the matter been decreed from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

O My loved ones! Hold fast to the cord of My commandments. They shall profit you in all the worlds and preserve you from the signs of the heedless. Through them were the standards raised and the banners planted upon every lofty and impregnable mountain. Soon shall all that is visible perish; then shall the sincere ones behold what hath been ordained for them in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Grieve not at anything. Put thy trust in God, thy Lord. Verily He sendeth down upon those who have believed that which hath been ordained for them from the heaven of His grace, the One Who overshadoweth all things great and small. When thou hearest the cooing of the Dove and knowest that which the Divine Lote-Tree hath uttered, make mention of thy Lord amidst the concourse of creation, that they may haply turn toward this luminous horizon. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. Nothing that hath been created in the heavens or on earth can equal it. Glory be unto those who have inhaled the fragrance of the Divine Vestment and drawn nigh unto the Most Great Ocean, detached from every ungodly and remote one.

BH05447: We have taken the mystic wine from the hand…

In His Name, the Eternal, the Everlasting

We have taken the mystic wine from the hand of power, which had been sealed from all eternity. When We broke its seal, the fragrance of the Beloved was diffused between earth and heaven. Whoso turneth unto it and drinketh therefrom shall never perish, by the perpetuity of God, the Sovereign of all being, and shall be counted as the most wealthy of people, though he be devoid of all earthly possessions.

Thus hath it been decreed by the Sovereign of all pens. They that have turned away from it, clinging to idle fancies and vain imaginings, are indeed among the lost. Say: The veils of idle fancy have been rent asunder by the finger of God, the Lord of all mankind. O people! Let not the bounty of God pass you by. Turn ye unto it and partake freely thereof. Thus have ye been commanded in the Books of God, the Mighty, the Bountiful. Nothing today can satisfy you, nor can any matter enrich you, even were all the treasures of earth to be amassed before you. Thus hath the decree gone forth from God, the Lord of all men. Take heed lest the allusions of men withhold thee. Arise from the horizon of certitude in the name of thy Lord, the Lord of all religions. Then make mention of such servants as have turned to the Countenance when the proof came and the evidence appeared. Say: Blessed are ye for having turned to the Dayspring of Revelation when most of the servants had turned away. Be ye steadfast in the love of God and His Cause—this is among the greatest of deeds in the sight of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

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BH05307: We have mentioned thee time and again that thou…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

We have mentioned thee time and again that thou mayest arise to serve thy Lord, the Lord of Lords. Blessed is the tongue that speaketh His praise and uttereth His Name, and the eye that turneth toward His horizon, and the ear that hath been privileged to hearken unto this Call which hath been raised throughout all creation. When thou hast been favored with the Tablet of God and His traces, turn thy face toward the Spot wherein lieth buried the Most Great Gate, and say:

O Thou First Light that hath shone forth and gleamed from the horizon of God's mercy, the Lord of all beings, and First Spirit that hath appeared in the name of the All-Merciful! Upon Thee, O Dawning-Place of certitude and Dayspring of bounty! I testify that Thou didst hear the call of the Divine Lote-Tree before all others, and didst turn unto it, detached from all that hath been created in the kingdom of creation, and didst drink from the first cup proffered by the hands of grace betwixt earth and heaven. My spirit be a sacrifice unto Thee, O Source of good deeds and Manifestation of clear signs! But for Thee, the verses would not have been sent down, nor would the Creator of attributes have been established upon the throne, through Whom all tribes were seized with trembling, and the Balance was set up, and the mountains passed away. I beseech God by Thee to aid me to follow His commandments, to draw me nigh unto Him, and to make me one of those who help His Cause, who visit Thy presence, who seek shelter beneath Thy protection, and who cling to Thy bounty. Verily He is the Almighty, the Exalted, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH05473: The Ancient Pen makes mention of His loved ones…

In the name of the one true Friend

The Ancient Pen makes mention of His loved ones who dwell in Turbat, that all may be enkindled by the fire of divine remembrance, act according to His commandments, and shun that which He has forbidden.

After recognition of the Dawning-Place of God's Cause and the Dayspring of His Revelation, two things are necessary: steadfastness in the Cause of God and adherence to His commandments. By these two things have the people of truth ever been and shall ever be distinguished from all others. Today you must be so enkindled in the love of God that neither the troubles of the material world nor the conditions of heedless souls can extinguish your flame. Be engaged in His remembrance and hold fast to His cord. In all conditions it is incumbent upon all to grasp the cord of wisdom and cling to the hem of sanctity, lest any matter arise that might cause disturbance and the extinction of souls. Praise ye the Beloved of the worlds, that He has remembered you in the Most Great Prison. This is a bounty with which nothing that has been created can compare. Blessed is he who has recognized this exalted station and has arisen to mention God and praise Him with the wisdom We have sent down in a perspicuous Book. Blessed are ye, O My loved ones, for having attained unto the recognition of God and having quaffed this resplendent wine.

BH05820: The Ark of the Bayan hath sailed upon…

In His Name, the One Powerful over whatsoever He willeth!

The Ark of the Bayan hath sailed upon the ocean of divine knowledge in the days of thy Lord, the All-Merciful. Whoso holdeth fast unto it is assuredly among the triumphant. Neither can the seas submerge it, nor can stones shatter it. Verily it is more steadfast than the mountains and more resplendent than the sun at noontide. Exalted be its Maker, the All-Wise Ordainer.

In the primal reality it referreth to the Temple of Pre-existence Who speaketh among the nations, and in another sense to My firm and mighty Cause. Say: O people! Turn ye unto the Ark of God and follow not the falsifiers who, when the signs appeared and the verses were sent down, denied God, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the Most Great. Say: The Temple hath been built by the hands of grace, and verily it is that which was promised in the Books of God aforetime, yet most of the people remain heedless. Every appointed time hath come to pass, every sign hath been manifested, and every promise hath been fulfilled, yet the people remain veiled by an evident veil. Blessed art thou for having rent asunder the veils and turned toward the All-Bestowing One on the Day of Return, when every remote denier turned away from Him. Hold fast unto the cord of the Cause, then make mention of thy Lord among the servants with the wisdom that hath been sent down in the Tablets of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH06331: O My loved ones in all lands! Hold fast…

In His Name, Who has dawned from the horizon of the world!

O My loved ones in all lands! Hold fast to the cord of fellowship and love. We desire to show you the dawning places of My morals among My servants and the daysprings of My mercy which have preceded all worlds. There should appear from you that which will move creation and gladden the hearts of those who hear. Be not like those who revile one another. Reflect upon My loving-kindness, My compassion and My bounty which have encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth. Blessed is he who has turned his gaze away from his brother and associated with him in spirit and fragrance, purely for the sake of the All-Merciful. By My life! He is of those who have attained.

Be brothers upon the thrones of unity, then vie with one another in good deeds. This is what ye have been commanded by One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Beware lest the affairs of the world sadden you or the whisperings of the idolaters prevent you. All shall perish and there shall endure for you what hath been sent down from the Pen of God, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Rejoice in what thou hast mentioned in the prison, and in what hath been sent down for thee from the heaven of bounty—this wondrous Book. Read it with joy and tranquility that thou mayest find therein this fragrance whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth have been perfumed.

BH06281: The Most Holy, Most Great

The Most Holy, Most Great

A Book that hath been sent down in truth from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily it is in itself the Spirit of Life amidst all created things and the Source of the Scriptures of God, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved. And it is the Wellspring of God's Command throughout all worlds and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation for what hath been and what shall be. And it is the Dayspring of Grace unto all peoples and the Sign of Guidance for those in the Kingdom.

O My servants! Hearken unto My call from the precincts of My prison. There is none other God but I, the Stranger, the Prisoner. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Me when the servants turned away, and blessed is he who hath set his face toward the Intended One when He appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty. Blessed is he who was stirred by the breezes of reunion when the Star of Beauty rose above this forbidden horizon. Blessed is he who hath attained unto the hearing of God's Word when it was raised from this praiseworthy spot. O people of Baha! Be not grieved by what hath befallen you in creation. By God! Ye are the companions of the Crimson Ark. Your mention hath flowed from the Sovereign Pen, and there hath been ordained for you that which none knoweth save God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

BH06113: Through the bounty of the Lord of Names thou…

In the name of the one incomparable Lord!

Through the bounty of the Lord of Names thou hast attained unto the most exalted of stations, which is the presence of the Beloved, and hast inhaled the fragrance of divine revelation, and hast become aware of certain matters that were previously unknown. Now is the time for service. Thou must act according to the covenant and pledge thou made before the Throne, and arise to serve the Cause with perfect steadfastness, so that all souls may gather beneath the shade of the Most Great Word in such wise that no differences remain between them.

The world and all that is therein shall pass away, and that which shall endure and last is the service rendered by the friends of God in these days. With utmost yearning and enthusiasm, kindle with the fire of the divine Tree those souls that have withered. Blessed is he who hath ascended unto God along this path. Verily he hath attained the presence of God and drunk the choice wine of reunion, and returned by God's command, the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted, until he ascended unto Him. Verily thy Lord is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Convey to all the friends the greetings from God and remind them of that which hath been revealed.

BH06615: Concerning Aqa Muhammad ibn-i-Haji, upon him be the Most…

Concerning Aqa Muhammad ibn-i-Haji, upon him be the Most Ancient, Most Great Glory of God. Blessed is he who limits affairs to the remembrance of his Lord and attains unto this sealed wine. Verily, he who enjoins what is right and acts accordingly has indeed attained unto the wine, while he who forbids it is among the most lost. However, this must be done with wisdom and utterance, not in such way as would raise an uproar in creation. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Associate amongst yourselves with love and affection, and be not of those who search into people's deeds to find fault with them. By My life! Such people are among the heedless. Do not pronounce as infidels those who have recognized God, and curse not those who recite the verses of God with humility. Thus does the Pen of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, counsel you.

Say: If you avoid grievous sins, then do what you have been commanded in the Book of God, the Evident, the All-Knowing.

We have perceived the fragrance of thy love and have sent down unto thee this mighty Tablet. Neither treasures nor mines, nor whatsoever hath been created in the heavens and earth, can equal it. When thou hast attained unto it, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged, foreign, and alone.

BH06640: The Sun hath shone forth and the verses have…

In the Name of God, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

The Sun hath shone forth and the verses have been sent down, yet the people are in manifest drunkenness. The Face hath appeared from the horizon of the prison with lights that have encompassed the heavens and the earth. They who have remained heedless of the manifestation of God and His sovereignty are assuredly among the perishing ones. The Hidden Name hath appeared, whereby God hath distinguished between religions, yet most of the people are among the slumbering.

Blessed is he who hath awakened at the call of God, and hath risen up and turned towards the Face, and hath attained unto the choice wine of life in the days of his Lord, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath been stirred by the breezes of God and hath attained unto this wondrous Day.

Be thou thankful that thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and that the Face of the Ancient of Days hath turned toward thee from this noble horizon.

Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the tribulations of Him Who is the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs to make me steadfast in Thy Cause, speaking Thy praise, clinging to what is with Thee, and detached from all else but Thee. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Glorious, the All-Bountiful.

BH06892: God remembereth His servants who have turned unto Him…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

God remembereth His servants who have turned unto Him and have set their faces toward His most exalted horizon, when the Lord of Names came with a perspicuous command. Verily His remembrance is better for them than whatsoever hath been created in the kingdom of earth and heaven, as attested by Him Who possesseth knowledge of the heavens and earths.

Say: O ye that slumber, awaken at the call of God! O ye that sit still, arise to aid His Cause, the All-Subduing, the Lord of all worlds! By God! Neither doubts nor idle fancies will profit you. Cast aside what

the people possess and take hold of that which ye have been commanded by God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He will assist you through a power that proceedeth from Him and ordain for you that which shall endure as long as His own kingdom shall endure, the Inaccessible, the Mighty. Adorn yourselves with the attributes of God, then hold fast unto the cord of His remembrance, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Wondrous.

The servants shall verily be set ablaze by the fire of remembrance and be united in this resplendent Day. Remember Him amongst the servants with such remembrance as shall cause hearts to turn unto the One, the All-Informed. Keep thy gaze fixed upon the horizon of Revelation, and in all conditions turn unto the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We have sent unto thee through this Tablet the Kawthar of life—drink thou thereof and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who givest drink unto the worlds!

BH06605: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Great

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He quickeneth whomsoever He willeth through what hath flowed from His wondrous Pen. His mercy hath preceded the world and His bounty hath encompassed all created things. Thy mention hath been made before the Throne, and that which the sincere ones shall find the fragrance of hath been revealed for thee—God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful.

When thou attainest unto the Tablet and drinkest therefrom the choice wine of revelation, arise then and turn thy heart toward the Prison and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered me in Thy mighty Prison. I testify that Thou hast arisen to promote the Cause of God and hast called all to this wondrous station. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy remembrance and praise, and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in Thy worlds which none hath comprehended save Thy all-encompassing knowledge. Look not upon the kingdom and what occurreth therein. Look unto God, thy Lord, the Powerful, the Almighty. Stand firm in the service of thy Lord—this is among the most excellent of deeds in My preserved Tablet. Should thou see one who hath believed in God, make mention of Me unto him. Verily thy Lord is independent of all worlds.

BH06593: He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing! God testifieth…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing! God testifieth that there is none other God besides Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting. He hath created all things for the recognition of the Manifestation of His Self and the Dawning-Place of His Revelation.

Blessed is he who hath heard the Call and turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, and woe unto those who have followed them that have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. We give glad-tidings unto them who have turned to the Countenance with the Spirit of God and His mercy. Verily His mercy hath preceded all things and His bounty hath encompassed those who are in the heavens and on earth.

This is a Day wherein We have not withheld the reins of the Pen—We have released it with a sovereignty from Our presence and have caused to appear from it that which God hath made the Kawthar of life for

the people of contingent being and the Choice Sealed Wine for those who have turned to this luminous Horizon.

We make mention of the servants for the sake of God—among them are those who turned away and those who turned towards Him. Verily thy Lord is He Who distinguisheth, the Almighty, the Powerful.

Arise to serve thy Lord, then rejoice in My remembrance of thee. By God! Through it the fragrance of the garment of the Beloved hath been wafted throughout the kingdoms of the invisible and visible. To this doth this wondrous Tongue bear witness. Hold fast to the cord of thy Lord's loving-kindness and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Beloved of the worlds!

BH06460: God willing, mayst thou drink ceaselessly and forever…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

God willing, mayst thou drink ceaselessly and forever from the pure water of the favors of the immortal King. Praise be to the Self-Sufficient, the Transcendent, Who assisted thee and guided thee to the highest horizon.

Most people remain veiled from the Beloved of the worlds and occupied with their own idle fancies and vain imaginings, but thou didst turn toward the Friend and didst enter the most holy court which is sanctified above the mention of what was and what will be, and with thine own ears didst hear the call of the divine Tree, and with thine own eyes didst witness the Dawning-Place of the voice. Know thou the value of this bounty and at all times occupy thyself with thanksgiving to the Lord of all beings.

How many were the divines and the learned and the jurisprudents who longed for the presence of God, yet after His manifestation remained deprived thereof, while thou didst drink from the choice wine of reunion and didst attain unto the kingdom of meeting. Blessed art thou and blessed are they who have attained unto this most sublime, most holy, most mighty, most wondrous station.

BH07040: The peerless Lord makes mention of His loved ones…

In the name of the Desire of the world

The peerless Lord makes mention of His loved ones who dwell in Azghand, that all may act with utmost sanctity and detachment according to the commandments of God and attain to His good-pleasure.

The Most Holy Book hath been sent down from the sacred Kingdom—blessed are they who have attained unto the good-pleasure of the Friend and have quaffed from the choice wine of His remembrance. They are reckoned among those who are brought nigh in the mighty Book. Ye must be so firm and steadfast in the Cause of God that all the peoples of the world shall be powerless to prevent it. Eat and drink in the name of the Friend, and be ye engaged in His remembrance. This is the most great bounty. Drink ye from the chalice of the utterance of your Lord, the Most Merciful, despite those among all created things who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds. Then unite ye in the Cause of your Master and associate with one another in spirit and fragrance. This is what We have enjoined upon all in the Tablets and in this

wondrous Tablet. And glory be upon you and upon those who have stood firm in this mighty and impregnable Cause.

BH07255: A Book sent down in truth from God…

He is the Most Holy, Most Exalted

A Book sent down in truth from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Verily there is no God but Him. His is the creation and the command, and all return unto Him. All things have testified to the Lord of Names, yet none comprehend this save those possessed of understanding. The Tree hath called out with the loudest cry, yet most of the people hear not.

The seas have borne witness to the Dayspring of Lights, yet the people understand not. Blessed is the heart that hath soared, and the tongue that hath spoken, and the eye that hath beheld the presence of God, the Mighty, the Beloved. He hath created all things for this Day—to this testify all the Books of God, yet the people perceive not. They have turned away from the Light, hastening to the fire. Verily they are a people who deny. They have no portion of this Most Great Ocean. It hath been ordained for the people of Baha who have cast aside all else, turning unto the Goal. These are not held back by the allusions of men, nor are they veiled by the veils of them that have disbelieved in God, the Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Thou, therefore, render thanks unto God for having attained unto this Tablet wherein the Most Great Remembrance hath spoken from this praiseworthy station.

BH07055: A mention from Us unto Dawud, upon him be…

In the Name of God, the Most Holy, the Most Glorious

A mention from Us unto Dawud, upon him be the Glory of God, for people who know. Verily there is no God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Balance hath appeared and the Proof hath come and the All-Merciful hath arrived, yet most people are heedless. The Most Great Bell hath been rung in My Most Ancient Name, yet most people hear not.

Say: This is the Mystery that was hidden behind the veils, and this is verily a sealed Book that was treasured in the vaults of might and power, and preserved within the sanctuaries of infallibility and patience, and inscribed by the Pen of God, the Holy, the Mighty, the Beloved. They who have inhaled the fragrance of the verses when the Dawning-Place of clear proofs appeared, they are the companions of the Crimson Ark before God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. And he who was prevented, he was deprived of the breezes of the days of attainment and the fragrances of union—verily he is among those who understand not. Thus surgeth the ocean of utterance by the command of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH07013: Blessed is He Who sendeth down the verses…

In His Name, the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth!

Blessed is He Who sendeth down the verses in truth and ordaineth for every soul what He willeth. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We give to drink unto the sincere ones, at all times, the water of life, and unto the ungodly from water that is like molten brass. Turn ye, O peoples of the earth, unto God, your Lord, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

Beware lest the conditions of creation withhold you from the remembrance of the Truth. Turn ye unto Him and follow not the doubtful ones. Verily, they know not what they say. Soon shall the breaths of chastisement pass over them from the presence of One mighty and powerful. We feed you for the sake of God. This is what We have been commanded in a preserved Tablet. Nothing shall prevent Us from mentioning that which We desire, even as nothing prevented Me when the deniers gathered against Us with manifest injustice. We speak the truth and summon the people unto the One, the All-Informed. Happy are the people of Baha for having turned unto God, the Lord of eternity, and for having directed themselves toward Him on a day whereon all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, save those whom God, the Lord of all worlds, did will.

BH06950: O ʿAli! Hearken unto the call of the Dayspring…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

O ʿAli! Hearken unto the call of the Dayspring of inner meanings, Who turneth toward thee from the Most Great Prison and maketh mention of thee with this remembrance whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth were thunderstruck, except such as thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, hath willed. This is a remembrance through which the Bridge was set up and the Balance established and the earth was shaken and every lofty and towering mountain passed away.

All things have been attracted by the fragrances of Our Most Exalted Word, yet the people are in a strange slumber. By God! This is a Day wherein the Kingdom speaketh: “The Lord of the Realm of Might hath come!” and the pebbles cry out: “The Revealer of verses hath come!” Yet the people are behind a thick veil. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veil of idle fancy and drunk the choice sealed wine through this Name whereby the horizon of Revelation was illumined and all who are in the heavens and on earth were made to shine. Give thanks unto God for having been remembered in the Prison when the Dayspring of the Cause was among those who were heedless of God, the Lord of all worlds. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this resplendent Kawthar.

BH07370: O Husayn! Hearken unto the Voice of Him Who…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great!

O Husayn! Hearken unto the Voice of Him Who speaketh in all things: “There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful!” May the wine of thy Lord’s utterance so intoxicate thee that the affairs of earth shall not grieve thee, nor shall the rejection of those who have denied God, the Lord of all names, dampen thy spirit.

We make mention of thee in truth, and remember thee in this Tablet as a token of Our grace, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the One, the Trusted, the Mighty, the All-Forgiving. Verily, they that

commit injustice this day wrong but their own souls, though they perceive it not. Soon shall We show them what they have wrought in their vain life. Thy Lord is, verily, the Almighty, the All-Compelling. This world hath deluded them, even while they witness its transience. Yet they remain heedless and veiled. Where are their fathers and their mothers? Where their lofty palaces and their elevated seats? Their thrones have crumbled and their spread carpets have been rolled up. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, that perchance the people may awaken and arise and turn toward the Supreme Horizon, the station wherein the Lord of all beings proclaimeth:

> "There is none other God but Me, the All-Possessing, the Mighty, the Compelling!"

BH07067: The Most Great, the Most Holy

The Most Great, the Most Holy

A remembrance from Us unto him who hath hearkened unto the Call of God when it was raised up in truth, and hath answered his Ancient Lord, that he may be assured through God's grace and mercy, and may arise to serve Him with a wondrous remembrance. By My life! Whoso hath attained unto true hearing hath been so attracted as to cast aside, through the power of God, all else besides Him.

This, verily, is a manifest truth. Among men are those who perceive the fragrance of the All-Merciful in whatsoever hath appeared from Him, and among them are those who will not awaken from their slumber even were all the Tablets of God, the Help in Peril, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise, to be showered upon them. He who hath no spirit hath been raised up, while he who walketh and speaketh we behold among the dead. They who have arisen through the fragrance of God are the daysprings of guidance amidst all creation. The Tongue of God, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Beautiful, beareth witness unto this. We have recognized thy love for thy Lord. We have sent down unto thee that which will gladden thy heart and solace thine eyes. This, verily, is a great bounty. Beware lest the affairs of earth grieve thee. Stand firm in the Cause and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of the worlds!

BH07114: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest…

In His Name, Who abideth after the passing of all things!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou hearest the cries of Thy yearning ones from all regions of the earth and beholdest the fire of their longing and the sighs of their hearts in Thy days. I beseech Thee by Thy Name which hath encompassed all created things, and by Thy sovereignty which hath permeated all contingent beings, to gather them beneath the shade of the Tree of Thy singleness. Then write down for them the reward of those who have drawn nigh unto the ocean of Thy reunion and have attained the Kawthar of Thy presence. Thou, verily, art the Omnipotent over what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

O Lord! Aid them to recognize the Dawning-Place of Thy oneness and the Manifestation of Thy singleness, for Thy oneness is not established except through Him Who speaketh by Thy leave, and Thy singleness is not realized save through acknowledgment of Him Who hath arisen by Thy Command and appeared from the horizon of Thy majesty. O Lord! Send down from the heaven of Thy gifts that which will purify hearts

and souls from whatsoever is repugnant unto Thy good-pleasure. Then ordain for Thy trusted ones that which shall profit them in this world and the next and draw them nearer in all conditions unto the Dayspring of Thy grace and the Dawning-Place of Thy bounty. Thou, verily, art the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

BH07199: The Book of the Dawntide hath appeared from this…

He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

The Book of the Dawntide hath appeared from this Most Great Horizon, and the Lord of Destiny proclaimeth: There is none other God but Me, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. The fragrance of the spiritual garden hath been wafted from the breezes of Revelation, and the ocean of certitude hath surged through this wondrous and glorious movement. O peoples of the world! Turn ye unto your Lord, the All-Merciful, and be not of them that slumber.

Say: Arise through My Name, then speak forth My beauteous praise. I created all things for the knowledge of the Lord of Names. Yet when the veil was lifted and the lights of the Countenance shone forth from the Supreme Horizon, they opposed and turned away from Him, save those who drank the pure wine of inspiration from the utterance of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Blessed is he who hath held fast unto that which is approved and hath wrought in the path of God that whereby the hearts of the troubled were tranquillized. Be ye a sign of assurance unto the people of possibility, and the fragrances of the All-Merciful amidst the worlds. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon those who, when they heard, responded, and when they were called, turned towards the manifest horizon.

BH07208: Verses have been sent down in such measure…

In His Name, the Most High, Who transcends the mention of what was and what shall be!

Verses have been sent down in such measure that none can reckon them save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The Supreme Pen moves in the arena of praise and remembrance. Blessed is he who hath heard and believed in God, the Lord of the worlds. The Word hath so influenced the stones that rivers have flowed from them, yet it hath not influenced those whose eyes are blinded from beholding the Most Exalted Horizon and whose ears are deafened to hearkening unto this perspicuous utterance. We summon all to that which profiteth them, yet they hasten to the Evil One and are not among those who perceive. We show them the light that shineth throughout the world, yet they pursue the fire. They are indeed among those who wander distracted.

Blessed is he who hath cast away idle fancies and taken hold of that which hath been sent down from My kingdom, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Thus have We sheltered thee beneath the shade of the Tree of Utterance as a grace from the All-Merciful. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!

BH07211: He is the One with power over whatsoever He…

He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth! There hath come upon Us in this Prison that which none knoweth save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Tribulations have encompassed Us from every direction. We give thanks unto God at all times—no decree hath prevented Us from the remembrance of God and His sovereignty. We have been speaking at all times that there is no God but Him, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

We have summoned the people unto God—among them are those who have turned toward Him and those who have turned away. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is he who hath rent asunder the veils at his final destination and hath turned his face toward the countenance of his Lord, the Luminous, the Radiant.

The people have been deluded by their wealth and it hath prevented them from My Straight Path. Among them are those whom knowledge hath prevented from the Known One, and those whom vain imaginings have veiled from the horizon of certitude.

We counsel Our loved ones to manifest supreme steadfastness in this Cause through which the limbs of the world have quaked and every lofty mountain been scattered in dust. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this Most Great Prison.

BH07095: In His Name, the Everlasting after the extinction…

In His Name, the Everlasting after the extinction of all things! Glorified be He Who sendeth down the verses as He willeth. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. He hath specially distinguished them in all the Tablets through this Most Great Revelation. Blessed is he who findeth the fragrance of the Promised One in the Books of God and, when He appeareth, turneth unto Him with a pure and illumined heart.

Whoso attaineth unto the Most Great Book hath attained unto all the Books of God, and whoso turneth away from it hath veiled himself from the Cause of God, and naught shall profit him though he call upon the Object of all desire throughout the eternity of God, the Lord of all worlds. O concourse of creation! Drink ye the water of life from the cup of My bounty and follow not them who have disbelieved in the Hour when it appeared with manifest sovereignty. When the cry was raised, all creation was shaken and smoke enveloped the face of heaven. This is that whereof We informed you in the Tablet, if ye be of them that understand. O servant! We have heard thy call and perceived the fragrance of thy turning unto Us. We have sent down for thee this glorious Tablet. When thou hast received it, say: Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of them that know!

BH07152: Blessed is he who has risen, detached from vain…

He is the One Who warbleth upon the branches

Blessed is he who has risen, detached from vain imaginings and arisen to serve humanity—he is indeed of the people of this glorious horizon. Choose ye for others what ye choose for yourselves. Thus doth the

Pen of God, the Ever-Moving, the All-Knowing Mover, counsel you. Through It the world hath been moved and that which lay hidden in the treasury of knowledge and utterance hath been manifested.

Blessed are they who possess understanding. It behooveth whosoever hath held fast unto this Cord to be a source of good to all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have intended by "heaven" in certain stations the most exalted stations, that ye may become aware of that which your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, hath purposed. Say: O people of creation! Put away hatred and animosity, and adorn your temples with the raiment of love and unity and your heads with the crowns of amity and concord. This is what ye have been commanded by the Ordainer, the All-Knowing. Thy mention hath been made at the Most Great Horizon, and this luminous Tablet hath been revealed for thee. Read it with joy and delight, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Mighty, the All-Praised.

BH07499: O Jamal! The All-Possessing, the Most High, makes mention…

He is the One Who speaks in the Kingdom of Utterance!

O Jamal! The All-Possessing, the Most High, makes mention of thee at this time that thou mayest be set ablaze and by this fire the hearts may be attracted. We have mentioned thee before, and We mention thee in this Tablet that thou mayest witness what God Himself hath witnessed, that there is no God but Me, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

The heavenly table hath been sent down in such wise that none can comprehend its worth save those endowed with penetrating vision by God, the Lord of existence. The thirst of yearning in those who are sincere cannot be quenched even were We to give them all the waters of the earth to drink. To this testifieth He Who speaketh from this glorious station.

Were people to recognize the excellence of this Most Great Remembrance, they would sacrifice their wealth and their lives that but one word might be revealed unto them from this Pen which God hath made the Source of all knowledge.

Know thou the value of the verses of God, then act as befitteth the days of thy Lord. He counseleth thee in truth and mentioneth thee with that whereby thy name shall endure in His mighty and inaccessible Kingdom.

BH07767: The Banner of Pre-existence hath been raised through…

He is the One Who endureth after the passing of all things

The Banner of Pre-existence hath been raised through the Most Great Name upon the mount of the world. Blessed is he who hasteneth unto it with his heart. Verily, those who are heedless this Day—these shall have no portion of this Sealed Wine. The seas have been set ablaze by the fire of the Word of the All-Chosen One, yet the evil ones perceive it not. The limbs of existence have trembled with the fear of God, yet the people understand not. They play with their vain imaginings and rejoice in what they possess and think they will abide forever. Soon shall We seize them with justice from Our presence, for verily We

are the Mighty, the Jealous. Thus have We given thee the choice wine of utterance—drink thou in the name of thy Lord, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling.

Say: O ye who tarry! This is not the day for tarrying. Hasten with illumined hearts to the court of the mercy of your Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. Know ye the value of these days and follow not every veiled learned one. Thus have We remembered thee and sent unto thee the fragrance of the All-Merciful through this inscribed Tablet.

BH07851: Hearken unto the Divine Call in the Persian tongue…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds

Hearken unto the Divine Call in the Persian tongue, that thou mayest discover its meanings and partake of the choice wine of inner significance that lieth concealed therein. O Isma'il! The glorious Call is raised at all times, and though the Wronged One is seen to be imprisoned in the Most Great Prison, He summoneth all peoples to the Ancient King. Today the Dawning-Place of bounty and grace is manifest and radiant through the blessing of the Most Great Name. Blessed is he who hath detached himself from the world and its peoples and hath turned unto Him. Soon shall all that existeth pass into nothingness. Strive thou to attain eternal stations in this fleeting world. Praise be to God that the ocean of knowledge hath appeared and the sun of grace hath dawned. Blessed is he who hath remained steadfast in the Cause and hath spoken forth in praise of his Lord with the wisdom that hath been sent down in the Tablets of God, the King, the Protector, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH07514: O leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! Hearken unto…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

O leaf of the Divine Lote-Tree! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Oneness. He hath turned toward thee from this Prison and remembereth thee with the verses of God, the King, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Remember thy Lord in thy days, for He remembereth His servants and those handmaidens who have believed in His Self, the One Who prevaileth over the worlds.

We love to remember the loved ones in all conditions, as attested by that which hath been sent down from My Most Exalted Pen in numerous Tablets which none can reckon save God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou steadfast in the Cause in such wise that the allusions of them that are on earth shall not withhold thee. Then act according to that which thou hast been commanded in His Mighty Book.

Ye are the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree. It calleth unto you. It behooveth you to hold fast unto it and unto that which ye have been commanded from its presence. He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Thus have We sent down the verses and dispatched them unto thee that thou mayest thank thy Lord at all times. Glory be upon thee and upon those handmaidens who have followed the Command of God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH07887: Behold God's faithfulness in the visible realm…

In the Name of the Kind Friend!

Behold God's faithfulness in the visible realm, in that He hath not forgotten thee, and at the times when seekers turn toward Him, mention of thee hath flowed from the Supreme Pen and thy name hath been recorded in holy Tablets. This is the station of outward faithfulness which hath become manifest in the world of earthly dominion. Now ponder upon inner faithfulness. I swear by the Dawning-Place of Revelation, shouldst thou become aware of it, thou wouldst behold thyself in a station that is sanctified, holy and pure from the clouds and conditions and vain imaginings of the world of creation. No tongue is capable of rendering thanks for this station. Therefore thou must arise to that which is befitting and worthy. Thus doth the Beloved of the world make mention of thee, even as He mentioned thee before, and before that. Be thou grateful and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hearest my call from Thy remote prison!"

Convey to all the loved ones the greetings of God. Verily He maketh mention of them in this mighty stronghold.

BH07954: O Tahir! Hearken unto the purifying Call through whose…

He is the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing

O Tahir! Hearken unto the purifying Call through whose name God has purified the hearts of those near unto Him. Verily He speaks the truth amongst creation and summons them unto God, the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Blessed is he who in His days has found the fragrance of God and remained steadfast in His love amidst all worlds. We make mention in the prison of him who has turned towards the Countenance, and We give him to drink of the choice wine of verses from the presence of One mighty and powerful.

Remember thy Lord, the Most Merciful, with such remembrance as will attract the hearts of the servants, that they may arise from the slumber of heedlessness and turn towards God, the Most High, the Most Great. Whoso quickens a soul, verily he is among the most exalted of creation in the perspicuous Book. Hold fast unto the Sure Handle, then speak forth in remembrance of God, the Lord of all humanity. This is what the Supreme Pen commands thee in this mighty scene. Give thanks unto God for having been remembered by the Tongue of Grandeur, and for the Wronged One having turned toward thee from the direction of His mighty prison.

BH07833: In My Name, the Protector over all names

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How many a servant hath occupied himself with the world, heedless of its transience, and how many a servant hath forsaken it, turning unto his Ancient Lord! How many a servant hath been prevented by wealth from his ultimate end, and how many a servant hath spent it in this straight and manifest Path!

How many a servant hath engaged with it by Our command—verily nothing shall withhold him from God, the Lord of all worlds! That which withholdeth you from God is indeed the world. Shun it through My binding and firm command. The world was created for those who have turned to the Supreme Horizon—they derive enjoyment from it in the name of their Lord, and it preventeth them not from this wondrous Remembrance. Remember God at all times. Verily, He remembereth whoso turneth unto Him with a pure and radiant countenance. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who have inhaled the fragrance of the All-Merciful from this manifest and luminous Quarter.

BH07826: This is a Book sent down in truth…

In the name of God! He is the Powerful, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!

This is a Book sent down in truth to him who hath turned toward the Most Sublime Horizon and believed in God, the Lord of all worlds. Say: The Mother Book hath appeared and speaketh forth on the Day of Return: “There is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” I created creation for My knowledge, yet when I manifested My Self they denied and turned away, save whom God, the King, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, desired. All awaited the days of attainment, yet when the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, appeared, they turned away from Him and followed every ignorant remote one. All things speak in remembrance of the Lord of Names, yet most among the people are asleep. Blessed is he who hath been awakened by the Call of God and hath cast aside all else, turning toward the One, the Single, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Be thou in such wise that the veils of the world withhold thee not, nor the doubts of the nations prevent thee from this noble prospect. Thus doth He teach thee Who taught Adam all the names. Verily thy Lord is the Powerful, the Almighty.

BH07807: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is exalted above mention and description

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down as a token of His grace unto him who desired to drink the living waters in this wondrous Revelation. We counsel thee to remain steadfast in the Cause of God, and We make mention of thee through this remembrance whereby is remembered he who hath drawn nigh unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee. Verily, it shall abide with thee in all conditions, if thou be of them that are steadfast. The world and all that is therein shall perish; then shall the sincere ones find that which hath been ordained for them in the Most Great Paradise from God, the Forgiving, the Generous. Verily, they who are heedless this day of God and His sovereignty shall ere long find themselves in grievous loss. He hath indeed prospered who hath turned towards the Most Sublime Horizon, and he hath lost who hath occupied himself with his passions and turned away from the Lord of all mankind. Thy Lord is verily the All-Explaining, the All-Knowing. Thus have We sent down the verses that thou mayest discover their fragrance and be of them that remember.

BH08156: In His Name, Who is manifest above all things!…

In His Name, Who is manifest above all things! Glorified is He Who hath adorned the Tablets with the name of this Revelation, through which the fountains of wisdom have gushed forth amongst all created things, and the Divine Lote-Tree hath called out from the blessed spot:

> "Verily, there is none other God but Him, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting."

Those who have turned away are as ones asleep, comprehending nothing, and are numbered among the ignorant. Among the people are those who cling to words while turning away from the Munificent One, and those who grasp at learning while remaining heedless of God, the Lord of what was and what shall be, and those who were stirred by the stirring of the breezes of the All-Merciful throughout creation and drew near, saying "I believe in Thee, O Lord of the seen and unseen!" Say: O people! Answer Him Who calleth you unto truth, and associate not with God, your Lord, the Mighty, the Beloved. We remind you for the sake of God—follow ye Him Who guideth you unto this extended Path.

BH08328: The fragrance of God hath wafted toward thee through…

In His Name, the Manifest, the All-Knowing!

The fragrance of God hath wafted toward thee through this Tablet whereby every soul hath turned, every one that sat hath arisen, every sleeper hath awakened, every sluggard hath hastened, and every speechless one hath spoken. Verily, there is no God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Those who have attained today unto the tablets of their Lord and have held fast unto them are numbered among those nigh unto God, and through them their names shall be remembered throughout the duration of the kingdom and the heavenly realm. The Tongue of Grandeur beareth witness to this from this far-distant station. Those who were persecuted but did not persecute—these are of the people of Baha. Upon them rest My mercy which hath preceded all worlds. By the life of the All-Merciful! The contingent world shall pass away, but that which hath been ordained for whosoever hath turned with a pure and luminous heart toward the horizon of certitude shall endure. Thus hath the Dove warbled and the Divine Lote-Tree called out from this glorious station.

BH08038: Verily the bird of heaven proclaimeth: This day…

In the name of Him Who speaketh forth in the kingdom of utterance

Verily the bird of heaven proclaimeth: This day is my day, and I sing forth in the name of God in the kingdom of creation, for He hath caused me to be associated with His throne, a throne which hath been manifested in the midmost heart of the world and upon which the countenance of the All-Merciful hath been established. He proclaimeth at all times: The Dayspring of Divine Revelation is come, endowed with a sovereignty that hath encompassed the worlds!

Verily the mystic dove calleth out, saying: This day is my day, for I warble upon the twigs of the Divine Lote Tree in the name of My Lord, the Most Glorious, conveying unto all people the glad tidings of this Revelation which hath shed its radiance upon all who are in heaven and on earth. The pen sayeth: This

day is my day, for I have been set in motion between the fingers of the All-Merciful, announcing unto all men the advent of this wondrous day.

Verily We say unto all who have turned their faces towards God: This day is His day. Blessed is he who hath hearkened to the call of God and turned unto Him with a pure and radiant heart.

BH08387: We have sent down this Book in truth…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Great, the All-Knowing

We have sent down this Book in truth that those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, may rejoice through it. Blessed is he who holdeth fast to Our Most Holy Book and followeth that which hath been sent down therein from the presence of One Who is All-Knowing, All-Informed. Those who have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs—these shall have no portion of this mighty grace.

Say: We desire naught from it save your turning unto God and your drawing nigh unto the exalted station. Rejoice thou in that thy name hath been mentioned before the Throne and this perspicuous Book hath been revealed unto thee.

Ask thou God to lift the veils that have fallen over the faces of the servants and to make them recognize the Dawning-Place of His Cause Who speaketh in the world: “There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.” We love those who have turned towards the Countenance and We make mention of them with that which shall cause their names to endure in the Kingdom of their Lord, the Mighty, the Bountiful.

BH08086: He is the One Who rules over all who…

He is the One Who rules over all who are in the world through His Most Great Name! We make mention of him who has turned to the Countenance even as We mentioned those who cast away idle fancies and turned toward the horizon of certitude when the All-Merciful came with a sovereignty that encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

The proof hath appeared and the stream of paradise hath flowed, yet most of the people remain heedless. They have abandoned the choice wine, hastening to brackish water—verily they are from among the distracted ones. Blessed is he who hath forsaken the imaginary and held fast to His Name, the Self-Subsisting, through which the stars have fallen and the Straight Path of God hath appeared.

Say: O people! Why do ye turn away from Him Who created you and turn to those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of the worlds? Abandon the dawning-places of idle fancies—the Sun of proof hath risen from the horizon of the utterance of your Lord, the All-Knowing.

Thus have We made mention of thee as a favor from Our presence, that it might draw thee to the Truth and cause thee to speak forth in His Great Name.

BH08020: Today the veil has been lifted, and the exalted…

In the Name of the One True God

Today the veil has been lifted, and the exalted Truth, without any concealment or barrier, is calling out and summoning all to the highest horizon. If the ears of the people of the world were ready and receptive, this one Word would suffice them all and would draw them from the lowest depths of ignorance to the highest horizon of knowledge and wisdom.

The first Word that appeared from the Dawning-place of utterance of the Lord of Oneness was “Thou shalt not see Me,” but now He saith “Behold and thou shalt see Me.” Where are the attentive ears that they may hear as they ought to hear, and where is the pure taste that it may savor the sweetness of the utterance of its Lord, the Lord of Names? The Lord of Days hath appeared and the Master of mankind speaketh with the most exalted utterance. Blessed is the one who hath attained to the recognition of the All-Merciful and hath drunk from the living waters. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord for this remembrance through which every mountain hath soared in its longing for the meeting with God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Evident, the All-Knowing.

BH08352: The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

The gate of meeting hath been opened and the Dayspring of Names proclaimeth: Enter ye with illumined hearts, O people of insight! The ocean of attainment hath surged and the Dayspring of Beauty calleth: Drink ye, O concourse of loved ones! My most exalted Paradise and the Ridvan have appeared, saying: Enter ye therein with peace and tranquility! The Kingdom of Utterance hath stirred in the days of the All-Merciful, and the Spirit proclaimeth: Behold, O people of clear vision! The Call hath been raised from the direction of Sinai, and the Lord of Names proclaimeth: Hearken, O concourse of companions! The horizon of Revelation hath been illumined by the lights of the Countenance, and the Bird of the Throne calleth out: Turn ye towards it, O people of understanding! Thus hath the Dove warbled on this darksome night, as a grace from His presence upon thee. Verily thy Lord is the Mighty, the Bestower. Grieve thou not at anything, but put thy trust in God. Verily He aideth whom He willeth, and He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the Helper.

BH08282: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who speaketh with truth is indeed the Mother of the Book in the Kingdom of Command, and the Mother of the Bayan in the Heaven of Eternity, and the Temple of Pre-existence in this Perspicuous Name. Whoso hesitates concerning Him for less than what can be counted hath followed vain desire and turned away from the Lord of all mankind. To this doth testify this Faithful Pen.

Blessed is he who hath turned toward the ocean of God's mercy and faced His luminous horizon. Beware lest the affairs of the world hold thee back. Leave the world behind thee and arise to serve thy Lord, the Ancient One, Who remembereth the loved ones of God in His Most Great Prison and calleth them to the sublime station.

Read thou the verses of God by night and by day. By My life, they draw the sincere ones unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH08583: O Most Ancient and Most Great Pen! Move…

O Most Ancient and Most Great Pen! Move in remembrance of him who has turned to God and found the fragrance of the Garment when it was wafted throughout the worlds, that the utterance of the All-Merciful may draw him to a station which God has sanctified from the mention of every knowing rememberer. Remember thy Lord with wisdom, that perchance the servants who wander in the wilderness of heedlessness and are among those who are bewildered may be awakened thereby.

We, in all conditions, summon the servants unto God, the Single One, the All-Informed. Among them is he who has found the sweetness of utterance, and among them is he who has turned away from the All-Merciful, having followed every ignorant doubter.

Say: Seize ye these days! By God, the eyes have not seen their like, as attested by him who possesses a preserved tablet. Thus has the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of grace, that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Verily, glory be upon those who have turned to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH08207: This is a mention from God unto her who…

In the Name of Him by Whose utterance the tongues of all created things have spoken

This is a mention from God unto her who hath heard the call of her Lord and turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds, that the call of the All-Merciful may draw her nigh unto the station which God hath sanctified from the mention of every mentioner and the description of every describer. He, verily, is the Expositor, the All-Knowing.

We have heard thy call and witnessed thy turning unto the horizon of Revelation. We make mention of thee in this wondrous Tablet. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the All-Merciful, for this mention whereby the hearts of them that are endued with understanding have been attracted, and all things have turned towards God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

This is the Word which the Interlocutor heard aforetime, and it is verily the Sun whereby the horizon of Divine Unity hath been illumined. Give thanks unto thy Lord for this bounty, then make mention of Him. Verily, thy Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Blessed is the servant who hath believed, and the handmaiden who hath attained unto this wise Remembrance.

BH08696: Concerning the handmaiden of God, the daughter of Bibi…

He is the Everlasting, the Eternal

Concerning the handmaiden of God, the daughter of Bibi, upon her be the Glory of God. He is the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting. We make mention of those who have turned towards the Countenance and We aid them in their love of God and the Manifestation of His Cause. Verily, He does not allow to be lost the reward of them that act.

We have called all mankind unto God. Among the people are those who have heard the Call and turned towards it, and among them are those who heard and turned away, and among them are those who did not hear. Thus has the matter been detailed in a Clear Tablet.

Those who denied the Proof of God and His evidence, and turned towards every distant idolater, have indeed suffered loss. Blessed is every handmaiden who has drunk the choice wine of life in the days of her Lord, the Most Merciful, and woe unto her who remained heedless of God, the Lord of all worlds. Thus has the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, when the seat of the Throne was in His Great Prison.

BH09008: This is a Book sent down in truth, whereby…

He is the Protector of all who are in earth and heaven

This is a Book sent down in truth, whereby God guideth whom He willeth. Verily He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Through it hath been illumined the horizon of inner meanings and the Divine Utterance hath spoken: The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

All things speak forth His Name, the Protector of all names, yet the people remain in manifest ignorance. Verily those who were slain but slew not, these are numbered among the people of Baha in a guarded Tablet. We enjoin upon Our loved ones that which is befitting, that thereby may be tranquilized the hearts of those who are troubled. Those who have corrupted and caused corruption, these are they whom their own desires have overcome. We testify that they are among the sinful ones. Take hold, O My loved ones, of the Tablet of God with a power from Him, then recite it by night and by day. Verily it is the Straight Path.

BH08758: He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great! By God! The Lote Tree of the Far Boundary hath been stirred by the breezes of the revelation of Him Who is the Lord of Names, and the remembrance of the Most Remote Mosque hath been raised up through this Remembrance whereby all things have proclaimed: The sovereignty belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

Verily the mountains remember their Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and the trees give voice in praise of the Chosen One, yet most of the people remain heedless. They who have cast away desire and turned unto guidance—these are the people of Paradise inscribed in a perspicuous Book. Blessed is he who hath cast aside the people and what they possess, and taken what was given him from God, the Forgiving, the Generous. Thy remembrance hath been mentioned in the prison, and this Tablet hath been

revealed for thee that thou mayest find from it the fragrance of the mercy of thy Lord, the Kind, the Merciful. Make mention of thy Lord among the servants, that perchance they may awaken and turn unto God, the Mighty, the Praised One.

BH08940: The verses have been sent down and the Hidden…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!

The verses have been sent down and the Hidden Treasure has appeared, yet the people do not understand. The fire of the Divine Utterance has been kindled at the heart of contingent being, yet mankind perceives it not. They imagine they see, but I swear by My life they are a blind people. They hear the call of God, yet turn away from it.

Say: O people! Fear God and purchase not for yourselves the torment of the fire. Turn ye and ponder on that which We have truthfully revealed, that haply ye may recognize it. He who turns away from God has lost, while he who turns to Him has gained. Soon shall he find his treasure with his Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.

We have remembered thee for the sake of God, that thou mayest arise to serve Him and make mention of Him with such remembrance as will cause hearts to soar. Grieve not at anything, for verily He is with whosoever turns to Him, and He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

BH08932: The atoms have testified to God's sovereignty and power…

He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The atoms have testified to God's sovereignty and power, yet most people are counted among the dead. The dwellers of the graves have arisen, as the Greater Resurrection hath appeared, while those who walk upon the surface of the earth We behold among the heedless. The ocean of utterance hath sent forth its waves amidst all created things, yet the people remain in manifest ignorance.

The horizon of knowledge hath been illumined by the sun of wisdom and understanding. Blessed is he who hath turned towards it, and woe unto those who have turned away. Blessed art thou for having turned to the Desired One, when every ignorant and remote one turned away from Him. Hold fast to the hem of thy Lord's loving-kindness and cleave unto His Name, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Thus hath the Sun of Revelation shone forth that thou mayest be illumined by it and be of those who arise to serve this mighty Cause.

BH09007: A Book sent down in truth to him who…

In the Name of Him Who is established upon the Throne

A Book sent down in truth to him who hath attained the light of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, that joy may seize him in such wise that he will arise to aid the Cause of his Lord and say:

> "O people! Follow Him Who hath come to you with manifest sovereignty."

Verily, they who have veiled themselves from the lights of the Throne—these are heedless. They have lost in their trading and are a bewildered people.

Arise to make mention of thy Lord amongst His servants, that perchance they may turn unto God, the Mighty, the Beloved. Blessed is he who hath turned in this Day, and woe unto every denier who hath followed every rejected misbeliever. When thou receivest the Tablet of God, place it upon thy head and say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for that Thy Most Exalted Pen hath moved to make mention of me. I testify that Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving."

BH08879: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He giveth life and causeth to die, then causeth to die and giveth life. He, verily, is the Ruler over whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Knowing.

Verily, he who hath been born again through the breezes of the revelation of the Lord of all beings, he is among the people of guidance in a preserved tablet. He who hath recognized the bounty of this Day, by God, will arise with his eyes fixed upon the Cause of God, the Lord of all worlds, and will stand firm in the Cause in such wise that neither the might of the world nor the allusions of the deluded ones shall deter him.

They who have laid claim to knowledge have lost, except they repent and return unto the Forgiving, the Generous.

When thou hast attained unto this manifest Book, read it, then give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH09370: Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Glorified be He Who hath sent down the verses and revealed the clear evidences, when He was established upon the throne through His Name, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. No hindrance of any hinderer nor cawing of any cawer hath prevented Him. He hath spoken and continueth to speak that which hath been sent down in His beloved Tablet.

O My handmaidens! Remember your Lord at all times, and glorify this Name through which the Promise hath been fulfilled and the Promised One hath appeared. Be ye of such constancy that neither the veils of the wicked nor the might of the evil ones shall hold you back. This behooveth everyone who hath turned towards this praiseworthy station. Be ye steadfast in the Cause of God and in His love. This is My counsel unto you, whereunto beareth witness circling servants.

BH09483: The Most Exalted Word hath appeared, and through it…

He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth!

The Most Exalted Word hath appeared, and through it the Dove hath warbled upon the Lote Tree beyond which there is no passing. Verily He is He. Turn ye unto Him and be not of the patient ones.

Among the people are those who have turned away from Us, and among them are those who have turned towards Us and drawn nigh until they attained unto the horizon of God, the Mighty, the Wise.

Those who have turned away from the Countenance, these are in grievous loss. Soon shall they know what hath escaped them in the vicinity of God, whereupon they shall wail and lament, and shall find for themselves no way.

Those who have held fast to the cord of God, these are of them who are nigh unto Him. God will assist them with a power from His presence and will raise up their names—a promise from God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09467: The Most Ancient, the Most Great

The Most Ancient, the Most Great

The Cock of the Throne has crowed at the settling of the All-Merciful upon the thrones of possibility. O heedless ones! The Lord of Names has come and My manifestation with grandeur and power is more excellent than the worship of all created things and that which the Daysprings of Names, the dwellers in the cities of eternity, and the Concourse on High have done. This is what hath been decreed in truth in the Hidden Tablet which hath been sealed with the seal of protection from One All-Knowing, All-Wise. Hasten, O people of earth, toward the precincts of the Throne with hearts wherein naught is remembered save His beauteous remembrance. Rejoice in this Most Great Day. By God! The eye of creation hath never seen its like. Then remember Him with such remembrance as will attract the hearts of the mystics.

BH09544: This is a Book sent down from the heaven…

In the name of Him Who hath supreme dominion over the kingdom of names and attributes!

This is a Book sent down from the heaven of the Will of God, and its frontispiece hath been adorned with this Name through which commotion hath been caused in all regions, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken: Blessed is he who hath attained unto the Kawthar of reunion at the time when the Sun of Beauty dawned forth from Mine illumined horizon. Beware, O people of the earth, lest ye abandon that which ye have been commanded to observe, or break the covenant ye have made in My holy and impregnable presence. Commit not that which was committed by the people before you. Fear God, and be not of them that join partners with Him. Thy mention hath been made before the Face, and there hath been sent down for thee that which set ablaze the hearts of them that have turned towards Him. Render thanks unto God for having attained unto My days and for having turned toward Him when every denier remote from truth turned away.

BH09192: Previously the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent…

In the Name of the peerless Lord!

Previously the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet was sent down from the heaven of divine will, and this is yet another time that thou mayest give thanks to thy Lord, the All-Bountiful. Thou must, God willing, be occupied at all times with the promotion of the Cause of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High, and in all matters be mindful of wisdom, for the people are weak and God is merciful and kind.

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the heaven was raised up and the Kingdom of Names was adorned and the Divine Lote-Tree spoke forth, to aid me in the service of Thy Cause and enable me to accomplish that whereby my remembrance may endure amongst Thy creatures. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09235: He is the One Who has power over whatsoever…

He is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth, in His name, the Protector over all the worlds

Verily, the leaf calls out to the Tree: There is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed is the leaf that has clung to it in such wise that the winds of trials caused it not to fall. She is indeed among the most excellent handmaidens in the sight of God, the Lord of Names. To this testifieth every discerning soul.

We have found the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord and have sent down unto thee this Tablet through which the horizon of the world hath been illumined and every one who hath turned towards God, the Lord of all worlds, hath been drawn nigh. When thou attainest unto thy Lord's Book, render thanks unto Him with such thanksgiving as to attract thereby the denizens of Paradise. Verily, thy Lord is He Who ordaineth, the All-Knowing.

Glory be upon those who have believed and upon those handmaidens who have believed in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH09281: O beloved friend! He saith: Be not grieved…

In the Name of the One Friend!

O beloved friend! He saith: Be not grieved by that which hath come to pass from God aforetime. Ye have been and are beneath the shadow of God. They who are endowed with vision and who gaze upon the Most Great Horizon are content with whatsoever proceedeth from God. Be ye confident in the favors of God. Ye are reckoned as His own and unto Him shall ye return. Ye must serve the Cause of God with heart and tongue and limbs and deeds. He is with you under all conditions. Verily, He doth not suffer the reward of the doers of good to be lost. Verily he was of Us and hath ascended unto Us. Thy Lord, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting, beareth witness unto this. It behooveth you to rejoice in that which hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen in this Preserved Tablet. The splendor of God be upon you from God, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH10047: O My handmaiden! Bear thou witness unto…

He is the One Who speaks with truth and judges with justice.

O My handmaiden! Bear thou witness unto that which God hath testified concerning His Own Self by His Own Self, before the creation of His names and attributes: that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who hath come with the truth is indeed the Ultimate Tree, the Most Exalted Horizon, and the Primal Word. Whoso hath turned unto Him hath turned unto God, and whoso hath turned away is verily among the most lost of men, though he produce the deeds of all creation.

Drink thou from the chalice of utterance in My Name, and from the cup of mystical knowledge through My beauteous remembrance. Verily, glory be upon those handmaidens who have turned unto the Intended One in such wise that the allusions of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, have not prevented them.

BH09904: Blessed art thou, O Mihdi, inasmuch as thou hast…

He is the One Who speaketh in the Kingdom of Utterance

Blessed art thou, O Mihdi, inasmuch as thou hast drunk the choice wine of inner meanings and hast turned unto God, the Lord of all worlds. God will soon make manifest the stations of those who have attained to the lights of the Countenance when it appeared between the heavens and the earth.

Strive, O My loved ones, that there may be manifested from you in My days that whereby your mention shall endure in My Kingdom and My dominion. This, verily, is a great bounty.

Rely not upon those who follow their lusts. Follow him who calleth you unto the station which God hath made sanctified from the defilement of every doubting dreamer.

Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice within thyself and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

BH09832: This is a mention from Us to him who…

In the Name of Him through Whom the fragrances of divine unity have been wafted!

This is a mention from Us to him who hath attained unto the lights of faith when the horizon of certitude was illumined by this Luminary through which the heavens and earth were made to shine. He calleth out with the most exalted call in the kingdom of creation:

> “Verily, there is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting.”

We summon the peoples in this Most Great Prison unto God, the Lord of the Ancient Days, yet they have turned away and waxed proud, save those whom God, the Lord of the Promised Day, hath willed.

Blessed art thou for having drunk the choice wine of revelation and attained unto His recognition, when every ignorant and rejected one turned away. Give thanks unto God for this supreme bounty and say:

"Praise be unto Thee, O God of the seen and the unseen!"

BH10188: We make mention of him who has turned towards…

In the Name of Him Who has power over all who are in the heavens and on earth

We make mention of him who has turned towards the Dayspring of grace, and We aid him through Our bounty, for verily We are the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

The call of the All-Merciful has been raised amidst all created things, yet most of the people are as dead. Blessed is he who has been stirred by the breeze of Revelation and has arisen to serve his Lord, Who has come with His wondrous Cause.

Beware lest the might of the world frighten you or the utterances of the deniers sadden you. Thus have We adorned the preamble of inner meanings with the light of wisdom and utterance. Blessed is he who has turned towards it, and woe unto the heedless ones.

BH10305: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

In His Name, the Ever-Abiding, the Everlasting

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him. He hath ever existed in the heights of might and power, in the loftiness of majesty and transcendence. The hosts of the world cannot withhold Him. He summoneth all peoples, through His Most Great Name, to His highest horizon and His most glorious appearance. Exalted is the Lord of Names! He doeth what He willeth through His sovereignty and ordaineth what He pleaseth through His power. Within His grasp is the Kingdom of earth and heaven, and in His hand the dominion of creation and command. There is none other God but Him, the Most High, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH06935: He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great!…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great! The Secret crieth out: "He hath come at Whose knowledge all existence hath proved powerless, except whom God willeth, the Almighty, the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing." And the Hidden Mystery proclaimeth: "He hath appeared, Whom none in the heavens and on earth could comprehend, save those who have turned unto Him with a radiant heart." And the Book declareth: "He Who revealeth Me hath come. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe betide every remote denier."

All things have testified to the Lord of Names, yet most of the people remain heedless. The ocean of assurance hath appeared, yet the people are in manifest doubt. They claim faith within themselves, yet they object to the One True God, the All-Informed. Thus have their souls enticed them, and they are truly among the lost.

Shun those who prevent people from God, and remind those on whose faces thou beholdest the radiance of bliss. Thus doth the Supreme Pen command thee from the presence of God, the Creator of heaven.

Verily, He is the Ruler over what He willeth. There is none other God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH09425: God beareth witness that he who speaketh the truth…

He is the All-Knowing Expositor.

God beareth witness that he who speaketh the truth is indeed the Hidden Treasure, and the Concealed Mystery, and the Preserved Tablet, and the Inscribed Book. But for him, My sovereignty would not have been made manifest in creation, nor would any from among the religions have turned toward My horizon.

Whoso hath attained unto him hath attained unto all good. Whoso hath turned away from him is indeed among those who turned away from My sovereignty in the beginning that hath no beginning, who disputed My verses, who warred against My Self, and who denied My proof, the All-Compelling over all the worlds.

Blessed is he who hath testified to that whereunto God hath testified, and who hath, with manifest certitude, quaffed this choice wine. Thus have We sent unto thee the breezes of revelation, that thou mayest inhale therefrom the fragrance of the Intended One and be numbered with them that render praise.

BH02735: The waves of the ocean of utterance…

In the Name of the One, the Single One

The waves of the ocean of utterance, by the will of the Lord of all creation, have appeared in the form of these words. In most years, the fragrances of the garment of the All-Merciful were sent forth from the direction of the manifest Prison, that ye might quicken the dead through that holy fragrance and draw them to the realm of oneness, that all who dwell within the realm of possibility might not remain deprived of the living waters nor be forbidden the outpourings of the ocean of inner meanings.

This is a Day that hath no peer or likeness. Every soul that hath today turned toward the most exalted horizon is accounted as one of the fruits of the divine Tree, and likewise every handmaiden of God who hath attained unto faith in God is numbered among its leaves in the Book. This is of God's grace, which He bestoweth upon whomsoever He willeth. Indeed, even this mention is itself counted among all mentions, even as it hath been said aforetime that "the believer cannot be described."

This is a Day wherein God hath made the highest among the people lowest, and the lowest highest. Observe how many souls who deemed themselves to have ascended to the loftiest heights of knowledge and learning remained yet veiled from the Sun of Truth, while how many whose names were never mentioned, after the call of the Lord of Names was raised between earth and heaven, turned to the most exalted horizon and quaffed the purest wine.

Whatsoever appeareth in this Day shall remain and endure. Hearken unto the call of this wronged One, imprisoned, and arise to serve the Cause with such steadfastness as cannot be followed by sitting. These

numbered days have been and shall be fleeting. Strive ye that some trace of you may appear in the days of God. He is your companion and intimate friend in all the divine worlds.

In truth I say: the eye of favor hath been and shall be, God willing, fixed upon you. Therefore in every year mention of you hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Know ye the value of this divine bounty and heavenly feast, and occupy yourselves with the remembrance and praise of God, that perchance the living waters of mention may awaken the heedless and rouse the sleeping ones. The Command is in God's hands—He doeth what He willeth and ordaineth what He pleaseth.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee among them that have believed in God, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH02981: There hath been and continues to be no doubt…

In the Name of the One God, Lord of all worlds!

There hath been and continues to be no doubt that the purpose of creation hath been the knowledge and praise of the Beloved of the worlds. And when the appointed time was fulfilled and the Ancient Beauty rose above the horizon of the world, all parties rose up in opposition. Some clung to their vain imaginings and remained veiled from the Dayspring of certitude, while others held fast to learning yet were deprived of its Source. Had these heedless, wayward souls turned, free from all hints and allusions, to the Most Exalted Horizon, all would surely have attained to the recognition of the Source of Names.

In their primal reality, ears and eyes were created for the hearing of divine verses and the beholding of the lights of oneness. Therefore, all must today, when the Manifestation of the All-Merciful is established upon the throne of utterance, turn their ears to His call that they may attain to hearing it, and observe with their own eyes the evident matters in the days of His manifestation, and reflect with pure hearts upon the signs of power made manifest from the Source of divine Will. Should they act upon this merciful counsel that hath been sent down in the revealed Tablets out of pure bounty and grace, all shall attain to the wine of certitude and turn with complete assurance toward the All-Merciful.

We beseech God to grant the divines of this age fairness, for these souls have become the cause of their own veiling and that of others from the Truth. Any learned one who hath today partaken of the most pure wine is accounted before God among the people of knowledge, and apart from such We testify that he is among the ignorant.

Praise be to the Inaccessible God Who assisted thee to recognize the Dayspring of His verses. God willing, thou shalt at all times drink from the cup of divine love and remain turned toward His direction. After recognition and acceptance, steadfastness is the most mighty of matters. Ask thou of God that thou mayest remain steadfast in His love, for the evil ones have ever been and continue to be lying in wait, striving with the utmost effort and diligence to lead astray sanctified and accepted souls. We beseech God to confirm thee in His love and ordain for thee that which shall profit thee in this world and the next.

BH03202: The ocean of meanings from the fountain…

In the name of the All-Knowing Expositor

The ocean of meanings from the fountain of the Pen of the All-Merciful is ever-flowing and surging. We beseech God not to withhold it from the thirsty ones nor deprive the seekers thereof.

O friends! In truth I say, this Day has no peer or likeness, for the ocean of bounty is surging and the Sun of generosity is shining resplendent. Strive that perchance ye may attain unto that which shall cause the perpetuation of your existence.

Consider how many divines, learned ones, princes, rich and poor were awaiting the Day of God, lamenting and bewailing night and day, yet when the Most Great Luminary appeared from the horizon of the will of the Ancient King, all remained veiled save whom God willed.

Give thanks unto the one true God that He aided you and guided you to the highest horizon, and that in these numbered years He hath, through His grace, mentioned and continues to mention you in the Most Great Prison. Although the worth of this bounty is not known today due to mankind's lack of capacity, yet ere long God, exalted be His glory, will make manifest this station. He is, verily, powerful and mighty over all things.

Beseech ye God for steadfastness, for the cawing of the raven shall be raised from every horizon, as We have forewarned in previous Tablets. Likewise seek ye divine confirmation that ye may act according to what hath been commanded.

Before the dawning of the Sun of Laws no one was under obligation, but after its appearance all were and shall continue to be bound thereby, that all may attain unto His infinite divine bounties and drink from the Kawthar of His mercy.

Ye must all observe wisdom, lest that which might cause disturbance to weak souls should occur. We counsel you for the sake of God—to this testifieth the Tongue of Revelation in this Most Great Prison, and beyond it the tongues of the Concourse on High.

Blessed is he who remembereth the verses of his Lord—he is assuredly among those who are nigh unto God in a perspicuous Book.

BH03483: In this Most Great Revelation most of the loved…

In the name of the All-Wise Judge

In this Most Great Revelation most of the loved ones have been commanded to teach the Cause of the Lord of Names, that is, teaching has become obligatory upon all, so that perchance all the friends of the All-Merciful may attain to that exalted and most glorious station expressed in the words "Whoso quickeneth a soul is as though he had quickened all mankind."

However, all must observe wisdom in the matter of teaching. Without it, it is neither permissible nor allowed. For instance, if today someone were to call out at the top of their voice commanding people to

rend asunder their imaginary veils, such a soul would not be considered among the teachers in the sight of God, for they would have acted outside the bounds of wisdom.

For when someone has spent years following a way and has been brought up in it, one cannot forbid them from it all at once. Rather, one must gradually, with the utmost kindness and mercy, present teachings from their own tradition, so that through these teachings and stories they may attain to the horizon of the Cause and rend asunder their imaginary veils. God's mercy has taken precedence and His grace has encompassed all. This is why He has commanded all to observe wisdom, lest anything occur that might cause minds and souls to be troubled.

Before the martyrdom of Badi', upon him be the most glorious Glory of God, We commanded a group to call out without concealment or veiling, and they acted according to what God desired and drank the cup of martyrdom from the most exalted of vessels. But after his martyrdom, all have been commanded to observe wisdom. Today, deviation from it is not permitted.

Read thou this Tablet to those who have believed in God, that they may be informed of what hath been sent down from the Ancient Revealer. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Wronged One, Who hath sent down for thee this wondrous Tablet. Say: All praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH11757: The atoms have spoken even as the Revealer…

In the Name of the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious!

The atoms have spoken even as the Revealer of Verses spoke when He came with clear proofs such as none in the heavens and earth could bring forth the like thereof. The Ark of Names hath sailed upon the sea of My Most Exalted Name, and the tongues of all created things have uttered that which was sent down in the Tablet from God, the Sublime, the Great.

The ocean hath surged with longing to meet Me, and the winds have been stirred, seeking My straight and manifest path. All things have been moved by the call of God, the Lord of all things, yet the people remain in strange slumber. The realities have taken flight and the horizon of the Cause hath been illumined, yet the people are in evident drunkenness. Among them is he whom the world hath withheld from the Lord of Names, and among them is he who hath followed vain desires, turning away from guidance, and among them is he who hath taken the books of idle fancies and cast behind him that which was sent down from God, the Lord of the worlds, and among them is he who hath said "He hath fabricated a lie against God." Say: O thou rejected one! By God! Through this Revelation the darkness hath been illumined and all things have been drawn unto God, the Single One, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And among them is he who hath risen in opposition in such wise as to rebel against the One, the All-Informed, and among them is he who hath condemned Us to the Most Great Prison after We had called all to God, the Lord of the visible and the invisible, and the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Nothing whatsoever hath deterred Us. We have arisen to promote the Cause with a sovereignty that hath subdued all who are in the heavens and on earth. We have perfected Our grace, made manifest Our proof, and shone forth from the horizon of Revelation with a light that hath illumined all lands. Blessed is he who hath turned unto Him, and woe betide them that are far removed.

When thou hast been privileged to hear the call of thy Lord and hast been honored with the Tablet sent unto thee, arise from thy place, turning unto Him, and say: "Praise be unto Thee, O Lord of those who know!" Thus have We expounded the verses for thee and sent them unto thee as a grace from Our presence, and I am verily the Bestower, the Bountiful, the Mighty, the Generous.

BH04036: The Sun of the Will of the Lord…

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all worlds!

The Sun of the Will of the Lord of Names hath dawned from the horizon of the Supreme Pen, that all who are in the world may attain, through the Will of God, and be not deprived or withheld from the lights of the Sun of Truth and the waves of the ocean of His grace. The cause of this withholding hath been the vain imaginings of the people, which in every age and time have kept them back from the Lord of mankind. Blessed is the soul that rendeth asunder the veils of idle fancies with the hand of certitude, and, detached from all else but God, turneth toward the Dayspring of Revelation and the Dawning-Place of His Cause.

Mention of thee hath been made before this Prisoner, and We have remembered thee in this perspicuous Tablet that thou mayest not be deprived of the fragrances from the gardens of inner meanings and the sweet-scented breezes of the Merciful's utterance. Shouldst thou ponder somewhat upon the revealed verses and manifest signs, thou wouldst pass beyond the world and all therein, and witness thyself steadfast in the Cause of God.

This is a Day wherein if any deed or word appeareth from anyone for the sake of God, it shall endure throughout the duration of the kingdom of earth and heaven. The world hath never had, nor hath it now, any constancy, as is evident to them that are endowed with vision. Take thou the Kawthar of life in the name of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink thereof in defiance of such as dwell within the realm of possibility who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great.

Sacred Books have been sent down from the heaven of God's Will—request them from the loved ones and study them, that ye may become aware of the greatness of this Cause and arise to exalt the Word of God. We beseech God to assist thee in His remembrance and praise, and to manifest through thee that which shall cause thy mention to endure in His mighty and inaccessible Kingdom.

BH04866: Praise be to God that through the grace…

In the Name of the Beloved of the world

Praise be to God that through the grace of the Lord of creation you have inhaled the fragrance from the garment of utterance and turned to the horizon of the All-Merciful. Know the value of this most great favor and be occupied with His mention and praise amidst the peoples.

Divine verses have rained down like copious rain upon that land and its people, such that in every year revealed verses have been sent to that region and other regions, that all might attain to what God has willed and receive their portion from the ocean of His generosity. Consider the favor of God—though He is wronged and imprisoned in the Most Great Prison amidst the peoples, at every moment He guides all who are in the world to the most exalted horizon. And anyone who has the slightest perception will surely know that there has been no purpose except the guidance of creation and no aim except the manifestation of the Cause of Truth. God willing, you will be set ablaze with this fire which is light itself—an enkindlement that the seas of the doubts and idle fancies of the people cannot extinguish—until all the world becomes enkindled by that newly kindled warmth which is the very love of God, and turns to the horizon of manifestation. Truly I say, in this Day steadfastness is accounted as one of the most mighty affairs with God, and likewise acting according to what He has ordained in the Book. Blessed are they that have attained! Blessed are they that act! And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05115: The horizon of manifestation has dawned with this Luminary…

He is the Most Ancient, the Most Great

The horizon of manifestation has dawned with this Luminary, through which the Aqsa Mosque was stirred and the Mount called out: “The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Single, the All-Forgiving!” Were We to make mention of the bounty of these days, minds and hearts would be thrown into confusion.

This is the Day which God hath made the Dayspring of grace unto all who are in the heavens and on earth, the Orient of knowledge unto all who are in the realm of creation, and the Manifestation of generosity unto all who dwell in the seen and unseen. Blessed is he who hath cast away all else save Me, who hath stood firm in My Cause, who hath inhaled the fragrance of My raiment, who hath drunk the Kawthar of My loving-kindness, who hath attained unto My commandments, and who hath spoken My praise—he is of the people of My hallowed and forbidden Kingdom.

We have bestowed the Wine of Life upon all who dwell in the realm of creation. Among the people are those who turned away from it, and those who partook and drank thereof, exclaiming: “Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Best-Beloved!” The Most Great Scene hath been adorned, and therein doth the Lord of Destiny call out and summon all to the Frequented Fane.

Give thanks unto God for that the Most Exalted Pen remembereth you in this impregnable Prison and draweth you nigh unto the praiseworthy station. Be steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the clamor of the ignorant nor the croaking of those who have disbelieved in God, the Lord of all that was and shall be, may deter you. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a token of His grace. Verily, He is the Truth, the Knower of the unseen.

BH05314: In the Name of the Beloved, the One! I…

In the Name of the Beloved, the One! I pray to God that thou mayest at all times be enkindled with the fire of the love of the All-Merciful. This fire is in truth light, and light is identical with fire. At times it is designated as the Breath of God, for the manifestation and growth of divine knowledge and inner meanings in sanctified hearts and illumined minds depends upon the wafting of this spiritual breeze. And in certain instances it is known as the Living Waters, for through it the true life of the contingent world is made manifest and realized. It is the cause of the connection and commingling of all things. It hath countless names with God, the Lord of all names. Were its details to be mentioned, the existing Tablets would not suffice.

Today is the day of striving and endeavor, that thou mayest attain to that which shall ensure the perpetuation of thy being. All that exists on earth shall perish and be brought to naught, save those souls who are enkindled with this fire and stand firm in the Cause of God.

Praise be to the Beloved of the world that thy name was mentioned in the Most Great Prison before this Wronged One, and that thou hast been favored with these exalted words which have shone forth from the Dayspring of Revelation.

Be not grieved by separation and remoteness. Arise to serve. This is the foundation of all deeds in the estimation of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High.

BH06191: Glorified art Thou, O my God! The atoms bear…

He is the All-Sufficing, the Protecting, the All-Wise!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! The atoms bear witness to Thy grandeur and sovereignty, and all created things to Thy might and power. Thou hast manifested the Hidden Mystery and the Treasured Secret to demonstrate Thy dominion and exalt Thy Word. Thou didst command him to arise to promote Thy Cause amidst Thy creatures and Thy realm. When he heard, he arose to the most exalted station and summoned all peoples to the ocean of Thy bounty and the sun of Thy grace.

Thereupon the sincere ones were seized by the rapture of Thy verses in such wise that they detached themselves from their wealth and their lives in Thy love and in the path of Thy good-pleasure, and circled round Thy will even as a shadow circles round the sun. Then the people of hypocrisy throughout all regions arose to extinguish Thy fire and quench Thy light, until they seized Thy loved ones in most lands and imprisoned them for their acknowledgment of Thy unity and oneness. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Sovereign of nations, by Thy Name through which Thou didst subdue the world, to ordain for those who have been afflicted with trials in Thy path the good of this world and the next, to exalt their mention among all creatures, and to seize their enemies with utter abasement and retribution. Verily Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH07281: The Tongue of Ancient Days hath spoken…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

The Tongue of Ancient Days hath spoken in the Most Great Prison a word whereby the Concourse on High and the dwellers of the cities of eternity were enraptured, yet the people understand not. We have manifested the Word in the temple of man, and verily it is this Speaker Who calleth aloud throughout contingent being in the name of the All-Merciful. Glorified be He Who speaketh the truth—verily He is the Preserved Tablet and the Hidden Book and the Treasured Mystery. He beareth witness to that whereunto He hath testified from time immemorial that there is no God but Him, the Almighty, the All-Powerful. Through Him the heaven was raised up, and the Dove cooed, and all things gave utterance, yet the people remain in evident veil.

Take ye, O My loved ones, the bounds and ordinances of God. Beware lest the intimations of such as have been heedless of God through following the promptings of self and desire debar you. We testify that they are among those who wander distracted. Hold fast to the Sure Handle—verily it hath appeared in truth through a command from One Who is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Despair not of the Spirit of God and His mercy. He is with you. There is no God but Him, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH08225: Glorified be He Who hath come with the truth…

Glorified be He Who hath come with the truth and revealed Himself as He pleased, that all may know that He, verily, is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. Neither bounds nor hosts nor the intimations of those who have disbelieved in God, the Exalted, the Great, can restrain Him. The divines assembled to harm Us, but God seized them with justice—verily He is the Mighty, the Powerful.

And when their time came and they returned to their abode, there arose after them one named Baqir who committed such oppression as caused the eyes of those who circle round the Throne to weep. He, verily, is the All-Knowing, the All-Recording. We have cast him down, and We shall seize him as We please and return him to a place from which even hell itself will flee. Say: Verily, He is the One with power over whatsoever He willeth. He doeth in His dominion as He hath ordained. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Sovereign, the Powerful, the All-Wise. Give thanks unto God that the Supreme Pen hath turned toward thee from this luminous station.

BH08280: God testifies that there is none other God but…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

God testifies that there is none other God but Him, and that He Who has appeared is the Beloved of the world and summons all peoples unto God, the Single, the All-Informed. Whoso turns to Him has attained unto the Day of God and His presence, and whoso turns away is accounted among the deprived ones. Blessed is the mighty one whom vain imaginings have not withheld from his Lord, the All-Knowing, and who has turned to the Face with an illumined heart. We make mention of the loved ones of the All-

Merciful at all times, and send down upon them in every moment that which causes the hearts of them that have recognized Him to soar. Joy be to him who has adorned himself with the ornament of steadfastness in this momentous Cause. The Kawthar and Salsabil have flowed, and the Path has appeared through this Name that holds sway over all the worlds. Thus has the Sun of Revelation shone forth from the horizon of thy Lord's will, that thou mayest turn toward it with thy heart. This is of His grace upon thee—render thanks and be of them that praise.

BH08944: Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Him…

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Him Who accepted tribulations in Thy path and summoned all to Thine all-highest horizon while imprisoned amidst His enemies, such that no king or subject remained except He made known to them Thy way and proclaimed to them Thy sovereignty and power—to give me to drink, at all times, from that which floweth from the fountainhead of Thy Pen and the heaven of Thy utterance. I am he who, O my God, hath turned toward Thee and hath acknowledged Thy oneness and Thy singleness. Ordain for me through Thy grace and bounties that which befitteth the sublimity of Thine exaltation and the transcendent glory of Thy cause. Verily Thou art the Lord of the worlds and the Beloved of them that have known Thee. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH09499: Say: O my God! I am the one who…

In the Name of Him Who has power over what was and what will be!

Say: O my God! I am the one who has turned to the Ka'bah of Thy knowledge and the sanctuary of Thy union and meeting, turning away from those who denied Thy proof and disputed Thy signs. I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the ocean of Thy mercy surged and the fragrance of the garment of Thy grace wafted, and through which the heaven of Thy power was raised up and the sun of Thy might shone forth, to protect me from those who warred against Thy Self and disputed Thy sovereignty.

O my Lord! Thou seest the Beast opening wide its mouth and pursuing Thy loved ones who have believed in Thee and Thy signs, and who have turned to the horizon of Thy revelation and inspiration. Deal with it as befitteth Thee. Verily, Thou art the One Who has power over whatsoever Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Mighty, the All-Conquering, the Powerful.

BH09201: Praise be to God that through divine grace…

In the name of the all-knowing God

Praise be to God that through divine grace and merciful bounty thou didst hearken to the divine call and didst attain faith in Him. This is a station which all upon earth have sought and do seek, yet none have attained it save a few.

Be not grieved by the calamity that hath befallen thee. "Supreme joy" is a word that proceedeth from the tongue of the Lord of eternity, and He saith: "Be not sorrowful, for verily God is with you." If thou wert to

comprehend the value of these words, thou wouldst be detached from the world and all that dwell therein, and wouldst occupy thyself with the praise of the Wronged One of the horizons.

The glance of God's loving-kindness is directed towards thee. Rest thou assured of this manifest grace. The Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

BH09308: Today you should be so carried away…

In the Name of God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

Today you should be so carried away by the sweet savors of the divine verses and the fragrances of the robe of the All-Merciful that no sorrow can overtake you. The source of sorrow is heedlessness of the Truth, and the wellspring of joy is faith in the Self of the Manifestation. Praise be to God that you have attained to this greatest bounty and have drunk from the cup of His love. All that is visible in the world will soon vanish and is not worthy of mention, and that which endures and remains is the remembrance that flows forth from the Divine Pen in His days. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this bounty and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art wronged in the path of God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH09763: O Fath-i-A'zam! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of wisdom and utterance

O Fath-i-A'zam! The Wronged One maketh mention of thee from this noble station. Let nothing grieve thee. Be thou confident through the grace of thy Ancient Lord.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which the Tree called out and the Rock spoke forth, to aid Thy servants who have turned towards Thy most exalted horizon and drawn nigh unto Thy most sublime Word. Then preserve them, O my God, from those who have denied the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Dayspring of Thine inspiration. Moreover, ordain for them that which shall profit them in all the worlds of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the Exalted, the Giving, the Mighty, the All-Bountiful.

BH09950: In My Name which is sanctified above all names!

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Say: O my God! Thou seest me turning toward the heaven of Thy bounty, and the ocean of Thy generosity, and the sun of Thy bestowal. I beseech Thee, O King of Kings and Compassionate to the oppressed, to ordain that I may be one who remembers Thee with Thy remembrance and speaks forth Thy praise.

O Lord! I am he who hath inhaled the fragrance of Thy garment and heard Thy most sweet call when it was raised amidst the concourse of creation. I beseech Thee to assist me to aid Thy Cause among Thy creatures in such wise that the power of princes shall not weaken me.

Verily, Thou art the Potent over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Giving, the Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09731: Praise be to God, through God's infinite bounty thou…

In the Name of the one God!

Praise be to God, through God's infinite bounty thou hast been blessed again and again with the dewdrops of the Supreme Pen. Such is His favor that the Dawning-Place of Light from the horizon of manifestation calleth thee to the Lord, the Kind, the All-Forgiving.

I swear by the horizon of revelation, wert thou to become aware of this bounty, thou wouldst arise with soul and spirit to serve the Beloved of all creation.

The world is but a fleeting shadow and a faithless companion. Therefore must one strive to attain everlasting stations in this transient realm.

We beseech God not to deprive His loved ones, nor deny them their portion of the waters of immortality. Verily He is the Bestower, the Ordainer, the All-Wise.

BH09949: O my God! I beseech Thee by the shrill…

He is the all-knowing, life-giving Manifestation

O my God! I beseech Thee by the shrill voice of Thy Most Exalted Pen and the Call that hath been raised from the Divine Lote Tree to grant me at all times the heavenly sustenance which hath been sent down from the heaven of Thy Will and the clouds of Thy Purpose.

O Lord! Protect Thy Afnan from the evil of Thine enemies who have disbelieved in Thy proof, turned away from Thy Manifestation and Thy signs, and ordain for each one of them to assist Thy Cause among Thy creation and to make mention of Thee with wisdom and utterance before the people of Thy realm.

Verily, Thou art the Powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09947: Say: O my God, I praise Thee for having…

He is God

He is the All-Glorious, the Most Glorious

Say: O my God, I praise Thee for having caused me to turn towards the horizon of Thy bounty, the heaven of Thy grace, and the ocean of Thy bestowals. How can I thank Thee, O my God, for having related me to Thyself, after all relationship had been severed in Thy days? Thy mercy hath preceded me and Thy grace hath encompassed me in such wise that no tongue can describe it and none in all creation can recount it. I beseech Thee, O Possessor of existence and Educator of the seen and unseen, to preserve me through

Thy sovereignty and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art the Almighty, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09953: Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee…

He is God, the Ever-Standing, the Self-Subsisting!

Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having guided me to the ocean of Thy knowledge, to the Dayspring of Thy Cause, and to the Dawning-Place of Thy signs, and for having given me to drink of the sealed wine by the hand of Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting, in Thy days when the Temple of Thy All-Merciful nature was established upon the throne of Thy grandeur. I beseech Thee, O Creator of the heavens and Lord of Names, to make me at all times turned toward Thee and speaking in remembrance of Thee. Then ordain for me that which befitteth Thy bounty and generosity. Thou art He Who, O my God, hath mentioned me in Thy Tablets and made me one of Thy branches. It behooveth Thee to deal with me according to that which beseemeth Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

BH10236: Thy servant Mihdi hath appeared before the Countenance…

In the Name of the Desire of the world

Thy servant Mihdi hath appeared before the Countenance and been illumined by the lights of the Throne. He hath made mention of thy steadfastness and love in the Cause of God. This is of God's grace unto thee.

Each year thy remembrance hath been voiced in the presence of the Wronged One, and thy name hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. God willing, thou shalt in all times drink of the choice wine of certitude from the hands of the bounty of the Lord of all being, be gladdened by His mention and be made joyous by His name.

This is a mighty grace and ere long it shall be made manifest to all the peoples of the world. Glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

BH10246: Praise the Beloved of the world that in these…

In the Name of the Kind Friend!

Praise the Beloved of the world that in these numbered years thou hast attained unto the effect of the Pen, the Revealer of verses. Today steadfastness in the Cause of God is accounted as the most great of deeds. God willing, at all times drink ye of this manifest nectar which is the cause and reason for the quickening of the worlds, and be ye occupied with the remembrance of the true Object of all desire. Be ye not saddened by frozen hearts. The cause of their prevention hath been this ephemeral world, and God is powerful over its transformation. Soon shall appear what He hath willed through His sovereignty. Verily He is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH10180: O Pen! Make mention of him who turned…

He is the One Who appears to all who are in earth and heaven!

O Pen! Make mention of him who turned to God, the Lord of Eternity, when most of the peoples turned away, that he may rejoice in thy remembrance. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Rememberer.

Say: O my God! Praise be to Thee for having caused me to turn to the horizon of Thy bounty and to speak forth Thy praise. I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by Thy Self, to manifest through me in Thy service that which will cause my remembrance to endure in Thy dominion and Thy heaven of might. Thou art, verily, powerful to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10183: O speaking book! Make mention of him who believed…

In His Name, the Most Exalted above all names!

O speaking book! Make mention of him who believed in God, the Lord of the worlds, when most of the servants turned away from Him, following every remote transgressor.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation, the Dayspring of Thine inspiration, and the Source of Thy Command, to make me, in all conditions, one who soars in the atmosphere of Thy remembrance, detached from all else but Thee. Then ordain for me, through Thy bounty and grace, that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily, Thou art He Who doeth what He willeth through Thy sovereignty. There is none other God but Thee, the Mighty, the Glorious, the All-Forgiving.

BH10323: Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition…

He is the Dawning-Place from the horizon of eternity!

Blessed art thou for having attained unto the recognition of thy Lord, the Lord of all names, and for having turned toward the Most Exalted Horizon.

Say: O my God! Praise be unto Thee for having caused me to recognize Thy Beauty and given me to drink from the chalice of Thy knowledge, and made me to turn toward the horizon of Thy Revelation and to direct my steps to the Dayspring of Thy recognition. I beseech Thee to assist me in Thy love and good-pleasure and in serving Thy Cause in Thy days. Then ordain for me, O my God, that which is best for me and draw me nigh unto Thee under all conditions. Verily Thou art the Almighty, the Ordainer. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10359: Say: O God, my God, Lord of all things…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of eternity!

Say: O God, my God, Lord of all things and Creator of names!

I beseech Thee by the breathings of Thy revelation and the breezes of Thine inspiration and the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy favors to make me at all times stand firm in Thy service and remember Thee with that remembrance whereby the world was illumined and the clamor of the nations was raised.

Thou art He Who, O my God, hast guided me unto Thyself and related me unto Thee. Write down for me, then, what Thou hast written for Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the One powerful through Thy sovereignty.

All existence testifieth that Thou art the All-Compelling, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH10311: God testifieth that there is none other God but…

He is God, the Interpreter in the Kingdom of Utterance.

God testifieth that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared is verily the Savior of all nations and the Quickener of the world. The clamor of the people doth not prevent Him from that which He desireth, nor doth the croaking of those in the lands. Whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto the impenetrable Mystery, and whoso hath turned away, is assuredly among the perishing ones.

O my Lord! I beseech Thee by Thy Self to aid me to serve Thee amongst Thy servants, and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Verily Thou art the Bestower, the Forgiver, the Merciful.

BH10629: Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy…

He is the One Who Warbles upon the Branches

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Name through which Thou didst create the world and subdue the nations to render me detached from all else save Thee and to enable me to hold fast to the cord of Thy bounty. O my Lord! Thou art He to Whose exaltation and power every tongue hath testified, and to Whose sublimity and majesty every heart hath witnessed. I beseech Thee to withhold me not from the outpourings of Thy days, and to ordain for me that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Thou, verily, art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the All-Wise.

BH10603: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is established upon the Throne

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who calleth out is verily the Ocean of Grace and the Heaven of Justice. He is indeed the One Who hath arisen at the midmost heart of the world and summoned all beings by His Most Great Name in such wise that all the tribes of the earth were stirred up.

Behold Him, O people of possibility, with illumined eyes, then turn toward Him with pure hearts, that ye may recognize the Dawning-Place of Power and the Treasury of Might that hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth.

BH10630: Say: O my God, I beseech Thee…

He is God, the All-Explaining, the Most High, the All-Knowing.

Say: O my God, I beseech Thee by the heaven of Thy loving-kindness and the heaven of Thy utterance and the Dawning-Place of Thy revelation and the Day-Spring of Thy inspiration, to grant me the choice wine which Thou hast unsealed with the fingers of Thy might and bestowed upon the people of Thy kingdom through Thy bounty and favors. O Lord! Deny me not the heaven of Thy generosity and the ocean of Thy grace. Ordain for me that which befitteth Thy majesty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Bestower, the Ancient Giver.

BH01282: O thou who hast been named the Exalted! Upon…

In the name of the All-Knowing Expounder

O thou who hast been named the Exalted! Upon thee be the Glory of God! God willing, thou hast ever drunk and wilt continue to drink from the pure crystal stream of the knowledge of the eternal Beloved, and wilt cause others to drink thereof. Thy letter was presented before the Throne, and the eye of loving-kindness was directed towards it. Blessed art thou for having been mentioned before the Throne time and again, and for having been vouchsafed that which diffuseth the fragrance of divine favors throughout the everlasting dominion of both the seen and the unseen.

That which is incumbent upon thee and obligatory in this day is to arise to serve the Cause of God and, detached from all else that exists, to occupy thyself with the promotion of the Cause of the Lord of all being, and to bestow upon the peoples of the world the choice sealed wine which hath been unsealed by the finger of the Self-Subsisting.

The outpourings of divine revelation continually and successively drip from the leaves of the Divine Lote-Tree, appearing and shining forth in the form of words in the divine Tablets. Blessed is he who hath attained unto them, discovered their fragrance, spoken in praise of their Creator, and arisen to serve their Fashioner and Originator.

Those who possess a sense of fairness have ever inhaled and continue to inhale its fragrance. Consider that in this Revelation all know that He attended no school, acquired no learning, and sprang not from a house of learning. Moreover, most of His days were spent in affliction, confined in various prisons. Yet His pen hath become the wellspring of infinite divine knowledge. Were one to observe with an eye purged from the ophthalmia of base desire, in every drop thereof one would behold the ocean of knowledge and wisdom surging. And just as God's knowledge encompasseth all things, so too do all His other names and attributes.

These verses represent but a single manifestation among the manifestations of Truth. Were the details of these stations to be mentioned, these tablets would not suffice. Were all the learned ones of the earth to be present at the time of the revelation of verses, be assured that all would acknowledge them, for they would find no escape or refuge save God, the Speaker, the Articulate, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Soon shall ye witness the penetrating influence of the divine Word and the encompassing power of His might. Though even now it is evident and manifest that while imprisoned among the heedless, He hath openly and clearly, without allegory, summoned with utmost power both kings and subjects alike to the direction of His choice.

Due to the weakness of the servants, the station of this Revelation hath not been fully described save according to their capacity. “They have not estimated God according to His true measure.” Some among the weak ones, not having attained to the lofty station of true understanding and not having become aware of the greatness of God’s verses, have therefore composed certain phrases and made vain claims, considering the station of Truth to be limited to these. As hath been revealed: “Among them is he who imagineth that verses must end with the All-Knowing’ or the All-Wise’, or must have an alif’ added to their end, or must have an additional nun’ appended to similar endings, supposing these to be words which the All-Merciful hath revealed in his heart. Nay, by God! Rather hath Satan whispered in his heart. Those who have denied the proof and openly rebelled have indeed lost.”

If people were truly seeking the Truth and recognizing it as it deserves, they would forsake the entire world and all within it, turning their faces toward the All-Merciful.

Your honor should, God willing, be engaged at all times in serving the Cause and reminding the people. Divine confirmations have been and continue to be present. As you observe, though outwardly confined in prison, We are occupied with your remembrance. This is solely for the sake of God, that perchance you may arise to serve the Cause and guide those who have lost their way in the wilderness of error to the horizon of guidance.

Likewise observe the inner confirmations which have been and will continue to be directed toward the loved ones of God. Most people are as infants; they must first be nourished with the milk of wisdom and gentle foods, and afterward with stronger nourishment. Thus doth wisdom dictate. Verily, thy Lord is the Educator, the All-Knowing.

Previously, the Most Holy, Most Great Tablet was revealed specifically for your honor and is being sent with this tablet. Be assured of thy Lord’s favor, for He remembereth thee as He remembered thee before. Strive to quicken the dead with this water which God hath made the cause of life to the worlds. Say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

The souls that were mentioned in your book—all are blessed with the remembrance of God. Give them the glad tidings of Our remembrance of them and acclaim them face to face, that they may rejoice in the acclamation of their Lord, the Most High, the All-Conquering, the Almighty, the Powerful. Verily the glory be upon you and upon them and upon those who have attained unto this Mighty Announcement.

BH01401: We have taught men that which profiteth them…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

We have taught men that which profiteth them and have laid down for them the laws of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Among men are those who have recognized the fruits of what hath been sent

down in the Tablets, and among them are those who have taken it in vain and disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the All-Loving. Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, for ye are they who have turned towards the Most Exalted Horizon and have heard the call of God, the Lord of Names. Through you hath circulated the wine of unity, and through you hath flowed the Salsabil, and through you was broken the seal of the choice sealed wine. Rejoice ye in that ye have known the Beloved and no veil of any heedless soul hath hindered you.

Consider those who claim to belong to the Bayan. They have turned away from the All-Merciful and speak that which causeth the heavens and earth to laugh at them. Among them is he who hath said that He hath claimed Divinity, and that we must not believe in this exalted station. Say: He Who gave you glad tidings of His Own Self hath said that He speaketh in all things, "there is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Well-Beloved." We see them to be more lost in understanding than the people of the Furqan, nay than those of all religions. Well is it with the people who understand.

Ponder, O people of Baha, upon their words, then remember when We delivered you from the wilderness of idle fancies and sanctified you from the imaginings of men, and brought you nigh unto the Horizon wherefrom was raised the call between earth and heaven: "There is no God but Me, the Mighty, the Witnessed One."

Say: O people of the Bayan! Come, then tell Me truthfully: Who was it that spoke on Sinai to the Manifestation of the Revelation whom We named with Our name "He Who conversed with God" and sent unto him who disbelieved in God, the Lord of the Unseen and the Seen? If ye say the Tree spoke of its own accord, how then do ye deny this Call which hath been raised in truth? And if ye say He spoke in it, then He it is Who now speaketh: "There is no God but Me, the Forgiving, the Generous." By My life! Were they to reflect for less than a moment, they would abandon what they have heard and taken, and would turn unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

Say: This is a Revelation the like of which hath never appeared in creation. The Tongue of Revelation beareth witness to this, yet the people are in an evident veil. We have veiled Our Self, and what We have explained to the servants is but a drop from this mighty Ocean. Reflect on that which the tongue of Muhammad, the Apostle of God, spoke aforetime:

> "I am He and He is I, except that I am that I am and He is that He is."

Thus was the matter decreed, and ye are of them that hear.

And in the station of "I am He," the Tree proclaimeth: "Verily, I am God, there is no God but Him, the Mighty, the Praised One." And in the station of "He is I," the Tongue of Grandeur speaketh among creation: "He is God, there is no God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed." And in the station of "Verily He is He," He speaketh and saith: "There is no God but Him, the Most High, the Most Great." And in the station of "I am I," He speaketh: "Verily, I am the first to turn unto Him, and speak His praise, and hear His call, and arise to His Cause, and drink the Kawthar of His bounty, and be illumined by the Sun of His manifestation, and be adorned with His knowledge. Whoso hath known Me hath known Him, and whoso hath acknowledged My sovereignty hath acknowledged His sovereignty, and whoso hath confessed My Revelation hath confessed the Revelation of God, the Lord of the Day of Judgment."

Say: O people of the Bayan! Ye have reached a station wherein We impart unto you that which was revealed in the cycle of the Furqan, that haply ye may turn unto the All-Merciful Who hath appeared in truth with manifest sovereignty. Say: Ye have imagined within yourselves that ye have attained the ultimate goal in the knowledge of your Lord, the Lord of all beings, yet ye deny that which the people of the Furqan have acknowledged. Woe unto you, then destruction be upon you, O company of the heedless! Say: Die in your wrath! Verily, the Hidden Mystery hath appeared through this Name, the Manifest, the Speaking, the Mighty, the Wondrous. Were it not for Him, the Hidden would not have been revealed, nor would the tradition of the Treasury have come forth, were ye of the fair-minded.

By My Self! The atoms have spoken in remembrance of the Revealer of verses, and by My Name have the pebbles glorified and all things have testified that there is no God but Me, the Almighty, the Powerful. Thus have We recounted unto thee that which the rejecters have spoken, they who have turned away from the Countenance, that thou mayest be acquainted with them and what they possess, and that thou mayest give thanks unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Say: O my God and the God of the worlds, my Goal and the Goal of the mystics! Praise be unto Thee for having made the people of Baha sanctified from these ones and purified from their mentions and their knowledge. I testify through Thee that the Sun of Wisdom hath dawned and the Ocean of Knowledge hath surged among creatures. Thou doest what Thou willest by Thy sovereignty, and teachest Thy servants what Thou desirest through Thy grace and bounty. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Manifest, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

BH01505: Praise be to God Who is one in might…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Praise be to God Who is one in might, power and majesty, and single in grandeur, strength and glory. He hath ever been sanctified beyond the mention of all created things and shall forever remain exalted above the description of all beings. He hath made manifest the Way and made clear the Evidence, and hath called out with the most exalted Call between earth and heaven, summoning all to His most glorious horizon and His most resplendent station. Among the people are those who were attracted by His verses and acknowledged His sovereignty; among them are those who were thunderstruck by the Call, then recovered through the sweet savors of the manifestation of the Lord of Names; and among them are those who were thunderstruck and recovered not—these are accounted among the dead in the Book of their Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Praise be to God Who hath made manifest from the Point the standing Alif, and verily it is the One standing upon the two Causes, manifest with the two Names, speaking of the mystery of the Manifestation in the two Most Great Remembrances, and appearing between the two Letters. By the first were the heavens folded up, and by the other were new heavens raised up. Exalted be God, the Lord of all mankind, through Whom the signs appeared, the stones glorified Him, and all created things between the earth and the heavens spoke. The Promised One hath appeared and the Worshipped One hath shone forth from His praiseworthy station upon all existence, both the unseen and the seen, through His most beautiful names and His most exalted attributes. Blessed is he who hath turned to this most luminous

station and recognized the favor of God, the Lord of the Beginning and the End. Woe unto him who hath turned away and denied—he is of those who have gone astray, fallen into error, turned aside and become wretched.

I pray and glorify those who have cast away vain imaginings, abandoned idols, turned to the Lord of all beings, arose to serve His Cause, spoke His praise, chose His good-pleasure, attained His presence, and drank the choice wine of reunion with Him. These are among the firm ones, the steadfast, the upright. Upon them be the glory of God, the Lord of all worlds.

My spirit be a sacrifice for the burning fire of Thy love! The representation of this evanescent servant is that for some time no trace of your epistolary pen has passed before me. Some time ago this servant submitted a petition and dispatched it from the direction of Ha. A few days ago when his honor Amin, upon him be the glory of God, was departing, this servant found no opportunity, as from the Source of Command came the command for his remaining in this land, and later he himself decided to go to attend to his affairs and return quickly. As he departed suddenly, this servant had no chance to submit a petition. And now, as the Tablets of God were being sent to the land of Sad and that land, therefore this brief missive was ventured. It is hoped to be pardoned.

God willing, through the sweet savors of your utterance, may all the dead in those regions be adorned with the garment of eternal life and the everlasting robe. Although the people are observed to be in such heedlessness that its mention is beyond both pen and tongue, yet the divine Will and Purpose has been and shall ever be triumphant and all-pervading. Furthermore, this evanescent servant conveys greetings to your relatives, both male and female, young and old, and likewise to the loved ones of that land. I beseech and hope from the Truth that He may cause all the loved ones to be enkindled with the fire of His love, that all on earth may be set ablaze by the warmth of their love and turn to the most exalted horizon.

Another submission is that all those circumambulating offer limitless greetings to your honor. The blessed Tablets have been revealed from the heaven of divine Will and dispatched. God willing, may they attain unto them. One Most Holy, Most Glorious Tablet was revealed specifically for your honor and was sent a few days ago in the company of his honor Amin, upon him be the glory of God, and this time it is specifically for those related to your honor.

Verily the glory, the praise, the spirit and the glorification be upon you, O thou who hast turned unto God and remained steadfast in His firm and mighty Cause, and upon those who are with thee and love thee for the sake of God, the King, the Omnipotent, the All-Pervading, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

The servant of God, 19 Jamadiyu'th-Thani 1292

I glorify the honored friend, his honor Aqa Mirza Haydar-ʿAli, upon him be the eternal glory of God, with stirring salutations from the Most Holy, Most Glorious Paradise. He has always been the object of the Most Great gaze and God willing, shall ever be.

BH01733: Your letter was seen and your call was heard…

He is the All-Wise Teacher

Your letter was seen and your call was heard. You have ever been and will ever be, God willing, in Our sight. Yes, in the days when the Sun of favor was dawning from the horizon of the Land of Mystery, permission was granted to all to ask whatever they wished from the Divine bounty, and questions of every kind were asked and answers were revealed and sent down from the Dayspring of Knowledge.

After arrival in the Most Great Prison, the Most Holy Book was revealed from the sacred Kingdom, wherein We commanded all to ask from the Exalted Truth whatever divine commandments and heavenly ordinances they needed today, for it was observed that most of the sciences, rules and beliefs of people yielded and yield no fruit. For example, today the people of Baha have no need for commentary on previous Books. Today one must strive to understand the ordinances that have been revealed and engage in teaching God's Cause. This has been and will be the greatest bounty, for all need it and it has been and will be the cause of life and preservation of all.

During the sojourn in Iraq, many aspects of interpretation were revealed, such that if a discerning knower were to reflect on the Book of the Uncle [the Kitab-i-Iqan] and likewise on the interpretation of the disconnected letters and other matters, he would comprehend all previous verses and find their meaning. What has been mentioned in this Tablet is in view of the favor shown to you, that you may encourage all people toward what is necessary today.

For example, some have asked about numerology, and likewise about the elixir, and likewise about the poetry of poets and sayings of mystics, and the Supreme Pen has mentioned what should be mentioned and answers to all have been revealed. However, today these sciences are not and have not been beloved, for these sciences have been and will be the cause of delay and hindrance. Many who engaged in the elixir and numerology lost their minds from excessive delusion and reflection, and signs of madness appeared in them.

Furthermore, consider the mystical knowledge of previous mystics. By My life, all wander in the wilderness of delusions and are immersed in the ocean of idle fancies. For example, today if someone were to study geometry, this would be more beloved in God's sight than memorizing all the books of the mystics, for in the former there is evident fruit and in the latter it is absent—how much more so for sciences more beneficial than that.

Knowledge of divine books has been and will be beloved in God's sight, for it is the very Word of Truth revealed aforetime through the tongues of the Messengers. However, since it is now incumbent upon all to become aware of and act upon that which has been revealed from the heaven of the Divine Will, which is the reality and spirit of all books, We therefore commanded you to engage in what is intended today and is the cause of ease and salvation for all. Now the Supreme Pen has revealed specifically for you what It willed, and after that the matter is in His hand. Verily He is the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the Mighty.

In the Most Great Prison, divine verses are continuously being revealed and sent to all regions, that perchance the fragrances of the Divine Robe may take hold of all. Soon it will seize all and draw them near unto God, the Lord of all worlds.

Convey greetings from the Truth to all the kindred. You are all remembered in the glance of favor and are mentioned before the Throne. Upon you be My glory and My mercy.

BH01999: This is expressed in the Persian tongue so…

He is God, the Single, the One, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed

This is expressed in the Persian tongue so that the purpose may become evident and manifest without veil or covering to those who seek the Kaaba of their heart's desire.

There has never been any doubt that the creation of the world was for the knowledge of God, and the knowledge of that Hidden Essence is not attained except through knowledge of the Dawning-Place of His verses and the Dayspring of His evidences. In every age and cycle when the Manifestation of Revelation appeared from the horizon of divine will, the people arose in rejection and protest. Thus have you heard how most of the Prophets and chosen ones drank the cup of martyrdom in the path of love for the Lord of Names and ascended to the Supreme Companion. And in all ages the cause of people's veiling has been the divines, as mentioned in the Books.

Consider the appearance of the Seal of the Prophets, may the spirit of all in the kingdom be sacrificed for Him. After His appearance from the horizon of Hijaz, all the divines of that age from among the Jews and Christians, despite their anticipation of His appearance, after His manifestation raised the standards of discord and arose in utter opposition. One who was among the most learned of divines remained deprived of the Sun of Truth, while one who was but a shepherd attained the knowledge of the Manifestation of the All-Merciful, and drank from the water of life.

Likewise observe this before Him in Jesus son of Mary. After the appearance of that Most Great Luminary, all the Jewish divines turned away, while at first only a few souls who were fishermen turned to the horizon of faith and attained the knowledge of the All-Merciful. Among them was Simon Peter who was known in previous Books as Peter, who was occupied with fishing, and after hearing the divine word from Christ did not hesitate for a moment but attained the ocean of knowledge.

Now observe what caused people in those ages to be deprived of the path of the Chosen One. If you reflect a little, most hidden matters will become clear and evident to you. The suppositions and imaginings of most of the servants have prevented them from the knowledge of the Lord of all beings.

Hear the counsel of this Wronged One and deprive not yourself of the bounty of this Day. Soon all that is visible will become non-existent and perish. Strive that you may attain to that which is enduring and lasting. God willing, in these days you will attain the fountain of knowledge at the Dawning-Place of the Cause and turn to the horizon of revelation. Take the cup of knowledge in the name of your Lord, the All-Merciful, then drink thereof despite those who have hesitated in the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds. Beware lest the allusions of the divines veil you or the dark veils of the opposers prevent you.

Arise to serve the Cause of your Lord and say:

> "O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy most excellent Names and Thy most exalted Attributes and by Thy most sublime Horizon and the Manifestation of Thy Cause in the kingdom of creation, to make me detached from all else save Thee and turning toward Thee, speaking in Thy praise and glorification. Then assist me in Thy service that there may appear from me that whereby my mention shall endure in Thy kingdom and Thy dominion. Verily Thou art powerful over what Thou willest. There is no God but Thee, the Giving, the Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous."

BH02142: Praise be unto the Eternal Beloved Who is worthy…

In the name of the Everlasting Knower!

Praise be unto the Eternal Beloved Who is worthy and deserving, Whose all-encompassing mercy hath preceded all created things and Whose grace hath encompassed all beings, and Who hath caused the hidden treasure and concealed mystery to appear manifestly and brilliantly amidst all creatures with utmost oppression, in such wise that no matter hath prevented Him from His will and no veil hath concealed Him. From the most exalted horizon He proclaimed "Verily I am the Lord of all beings" and from the dawning-place of the prison He declared "Verily the prison is God's." At all times He hath bestowed the living waters upon the people of the contingent world and in all instances caused the Kawthar of utterance to flow from the fountain of the Most Merciful Name. Nevertheless the people remained veiled and heedless, deprived and forbidden from this mighty gift and these infinite bounties.

Pass by the people of the Furqan and observe the party of the Bayan, how some have objected to the Truth saying He hath claimed Divinity. Fie upon them and upon what their tongues have uttered! God hath sealed their hearing and their sight. They have not yet understood that the advent of the Prophets culminated in the Manifestation of God, as the Point of the Bayan foretold: "Verily He speaketh in all things: 'There is no God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting."' Would that they had understood as much as the people of the Furqan, for that group acknowledged the cry "Verily I am God" that was raised from the Tree, yet they remain heedless of the bounty of this Day. This is the Day wherein the Friend declared "my heart is at rest" and Moses uttered the words "I have attained unto Thy presence." Observe the baseness of those souls who have failed to comprehend even the tradition well-known and accepted among the people of the Furqan which states "I am He and He is I" and so forth.

God willing, ye must be set ablaze with the fire of the Divine Word in such wise that the veils of the vain imaginings of the people of the Furqan and the people of the Bayan may all be consumed and they may become illumined with the lights of recognition. May they abandon the sayings of the past and hold fast unto that which is manifest. In truth most people are withered, nay rather dead. Ye must draw these forsaken souls unto the Kingdom of eternal life through the fragrances of the Merciful Raiment. He verily will aid thee in all conditions. He verily hath power over all things.

Thy letter was received and the fragrance of love was inhaled therefrom. God willing, may ye ever be mindful of His remembrance and speaking His praise. We have remembered thee before and remember

thee now. Thy Lord is verily the Rememberer, the Manifest, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to make thee a helper of His Cause, speaking His praise and giving drink unto His servants. He is verily the Almighty, the Protector, the Most Exalted, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

And the Glory be upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and His signs on this Most Holy and Wondrous Day.

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BH02320: O Rida! Hearken unto the call of the Lord…

He is the One Who shineth from the horizon of power.

O Rida! Hearken unto the call of the Lord of Names. He calleth thee from the prison of Akka with a call whereby the Concourse on High were attracted, all things spoke forth, and the pebbles glorified God, the Powerful, the Peerless, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. By My life! Wert thou to be present before the Throne and hear the Call from the Dayspring of Grandeur and Glory, thou wouldst forsake all creation and turn to the Most Exalted Horizon in such wise that through thy turning every denier would turn unto God, the Lord of the worlds.

It behooveth thee to arise today for the Cause of God and to remind the people through this Remembrance whereby the fragrance of the All-Merciful hath wafted throughout creation and the faces of those near unto God have been illumined. Thou hast been mentioned before the Throne and My Most Exalted Pen hath moved at thy name that thou mayest confine thy affairs to teaching the Cause of thy Lord, the Powerful, the Mighty. This is thy station and what God hath ordained for thee. Hold thou fast unto it. He will assist thee under all conditions. Verily His grace hath encompassed all in the worlds.

This indeed is the Most Great Elixir. Cast it upon the nations that they may detach themselves from the world and turn unto God, the Manifest, the All-Informed. Remind the people of what We have reminded thee, then impart unto them what We have imparted unto thee. This verily is a great station. Soon shall what thou seest perish, and there shall endure for thee what hath been revealed in the Tablet of God, the Bestower, the Giver, the Bountiful, the Gracious.

In the Persian tongue it is mentioned: Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto the ornament of recognition and hast turned unto the horizon of the All-Merciful. And now what is worthy and befitting is that thou shouldst quicken and sustain the people of creation through the living waters of utterance and the breaths of the All-Merciful, for today every service rendered in the Cause of God shall endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. At all times fix thy gaze upon this exalted and most high station. Most people have been prevented from the Lord of Days by their vain imaginings. Thou must strive to rend asunder these thick veils. The Most Great Elixir and the Crown of Victory have been and shall ever be the love of the Dayspring of the Light of Oneness. Thou must bestow this sacred elixir, which transcendeth description, upon the base metals of contingent beings, that all may attain the golden

station which is the kingdom of things, and be honored with pure gold which is the station of divine recognition.

Thy call was heard and thy purpose became known. However, what God hath chosen for thee is what was mentioned, and what God hath chosen, it behooveth thee to choose for thyself. He is verily the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Be thou the cupbearer of the water of life throughout creation and the expounder of this Cause to both high and low. He will send down upon thee what is ordained for thee. He verily rewardeth the wages of those who act according to what they are bidden. Thy Lord is verily the Recompenser, the All-Knowing. May glory rest upon thee and upon those who have spoken forth this wise Remembrance.

BH03374: The Supreme Pen in the Most Great Prison makes…

In the name of the peerless Lord

The Supreme Pen in the Most Great Prison makes mention of His loved ones, that all may drink, with utmost sanctity and detachment, from the Kawthar of utterance which flows in the days of the All-Merciful.

Most of the friends have not attained the presence of the Most Holy Court and have not understood, as they ought, the meanings of the divine words. Therefore, today they remain deprived of the fountain of God's commandments. Likewise, some have committed reprehensible deeds according to their carnal desires and have attributed them to the Truth, and the helpless servants who were unaware of the essence of the Cause have, by following such souls, strayed far from the straight path.

It is incumbent and obligatory upon you to arise to serve the Cause and to purify and sanctify weak souls from the defilement of selfish desires. The Most Holy Book hath been sent down from the holy Kingdom and the divine commandments are manifest therein without veil or concealment. All must act according to it. Any person of understanding who reflects even slightly will recognize that the Cause of God has been and ever shall be sanctified from selfish desires. Strive that all may drink from the Kawthar of sanctity and, with utmost detachment, gaze toward the highest horizon and act according to that which hath been revealed by God.

We have mentioned thee in truth that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, and We have sent down unto thee this Tablet that thou mayest arise to serve thy Lord and assist thy Lord, the Most High, the Most Great. Speak thou with truth, then remind the people of what We have taught thee in this Clear Book, that perchance they may abandon what they possess and take hold of that which they have been commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

God hath pardoned what is past. He, verily, is the Forgiving, the Generous. Henceforth it behooveth every soul to act according to what hath been commanded in the Book of God, the Lord of all worlds.

Convey My greetings to My loved ones, then gladden them with the mention of My remembrance of them. Verily thy Lord is the Rememberer, the Giver, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

BH03783: Praise be to God that through the grace…

In the name of the Sun of Truth

Praise be to God that through the grace of the Self-Subsisting Name thou hast drunk of the sealed wine, and attained unto the recognition of God which is the cause and purpose of creation. We made mention of thee before, and this is yet another time. Verily thy Lord is the All-Remembering, the All-Knowing.

Even as We have remembered thee time and again, it behooveth thee to drink from the cups again and again. Take thou the cup of success in the name of Him Who causeth the dawn to break, and drink from it once in My Name, at times in remembrance of Me, and yet again by My sovereignty which prevaileth over the worlds. Grieve thou not over anything, for He hath purified thee from transgression and immersed thee in the ocean of forgiveness. Verily thy Lord is the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

God willing, thou wilt continue to be and remain illumined by the lights of the dawn of inner meanings, and engaged in that which thou art engaged in. Thus hath commanded thee the Commander, the All-Knowing.

How many were the holders of high office who attained to the service of God's Cause and assisted His loved ones to the utmost possibility in creation, and how many were the divines and jurisprudents who, at all times, claimed to celebrate His praise and awaited the days of His manifestation, yet when the horizon of the world was illumined by the Most Great Light, all remained veiled. Would that they had been content with this, but they even pronounced the verdict for His death. Verily they are among the most lost.

Blessed art thou for having attained unto the days of God and turned toward the wronged, the stranger. We have ordained for thee the reward of them that have attained unto My presence, drunk the choice wine of reunion, and circled round My mighty throne. Be thou thankful unto God for this. Verily He giveth what He pleaseth unto whom He pleaseth, and ordaineth what He willeth for whomsoever He desireth, through His all-pervading grace. And verily the glory be upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this luminous Day.

BH04057: The Supreme Pen speaks in the name…

The Supreme Pen speaks in the name of the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Creation hath been created for the knowledge of the True One, and today the Manifestation of Power, the Dawning-Place of Revelation, the Dayspring of Inspiration, and the Source of Command is speaking openly and clearly among the people of the world. He it is Who speaks "I was a Hidden Treasure," and through the wonders of His grace He has revealed Himself to all things through all His beauteous names. In this Revelation, He Who spoke the blessed words "Thou shalt not see Me" now speaks "Look and thou shalt see Me." Exalted, exalted be His grace that has encompassed all created things! Exalted, exalted be His mercy that has preceded all contingent beings!

Blessed is the soul that has attained to this supreme grace and has taken the most pure wine from the hand of the mighty Giver, drinking it in complete detachment from all else. This Day has no equal or likeness, nor will it have any peer or opposite. Strive that thou mayest be illumined by the lights of His countenance and be nourished by the fruits of the divine and heavenly Lote-Tree. Long has thy acceptance endured, and when thou didst turn, thou didst attain unto this Book that nothing can equal. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Thou must occupy thyself with the remembrance of God and guide people to the Law of the All-Merciful through wisdom and utterance. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before the Wronged One, Who has sent down for thee this Most Impregnable, Most Holy, Most Wondrous and Luminous Tablet.

Convey Our greetings to thy mother and thy wife. We testify that they have turned to the Supreme Horizon and believed in God, the Creator of the heavens. Verily We hear their cry and behold them in their love for God, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Upon them be the glory of God, now and in the future and in the past.

BH04200: In the Name of the Desire of all worlds!…

In the Name of the Desire of all worlds! Praise be befitting and worthy of that Beloved One Who hath been from everlasting and will continue unto everlasting. His mercy hath encompassed all who dwell in the realm of existence and hath taken precedence over all else. This mercy, in its primary degree, is the manifestation of proof which dawns from the Dayspring of the loving-kindness of the All-Merciful, that all may attain to the recognition of that Ancient Ocean which is the principal purpose for the creation of the world. And in its secondary degree are the divine commandments, that all may ascend by this most great and mighty ladder to the sanctuaries of pure detachment and the places of holy unity.

Blessed are those souls who arise today with spiritual qualities and goodly deeds to aid the Cause of the Lord of all creation. All the loved ones should, God willing, manifest perfect love and affection and not fall short in helping one another.

The meaning of “fellowship” that hath been revealed in the Book of God is this: that each of the believers should regard others as they regard themselves, that is, they should not consider themselves superior, and the wealthy should not deprive the poor of their wealth, and whatever they choose for themselves of good things, they should choose the same for other believers. This is the meaning of fellowship. The limit of fellowship extendeth to this degree, and to exceed it is reckoned before God as proceeding from selfish desires and carnal inclinations.

God protect us and you from all that He loveth not. God willing, all should remember Him with utmost sanctity and purity. Verily He is the Commander, the Hearing, the All-Knowing.

BH04166: God willing, may you ever be joyous and happy…

In the Name of the one true God

God willing, may you ever be joyous and happy through the grace of the Best-Beloved of the world, and at all times be engaged in the remembrance and utterance of the Lord of all beings, that perchance the fragrance of the garment of remembrance may perfume the world and all peoples may turn to the supreme horizon and drink of the pure wine.

All the loved ones of God must act according to what hath been revealed in the Book. Before the dawning of the Sun of divine ordinances, no one bore any obligation, but after Its rising all must hold fast to the cord of His command and act according to that which hath been sent down from the heaven of the Divine Will as a token of grace. The benefit thereof returneth to the souls who act upon them. Verily thy Lord is independent of all the worlds.

Among the most mighty ordinances is that all should unite and, with perfect wisdom, engage in teaching the Cause. Convey My greetings to all those souls who have drunk from the Living Waters and have turned toward the direction of the All-Merciful.

If some have not received a Tablet specially revealed for them from the heaven of divine favor, let them not be saddened. By My life! Whoso hath turned unto Him, verily he was mentioned in the presence of the Throne. Every person of insight and certitude beareth witness to this. Ere long the rays of the Sun of Truth shall encompass all who dwell on earth. He, verily, is the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

Previously, Tablets were revealed and sent to certain ones, and again divine fragrances embodied in sublime Tablets are being sent. God willing, may you all attain unto them and receive your portion from the ocean of inner meanings.

Glory be upon thee, and upon thy son, and upon those who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH04497: Say: Prosperity hath appeared and the Lamp hath been…

In the Name of Him Who is Supreme over all Names

Say: Prosperity hath appeared and the Lamp hath been lit, and by it were illumined the hearts of them that have detached themselves from all else except God and have turned unto the Dayspring of His grace, the Mighty, the Inaccessible. Verily in My seat upon the throne in the Most Great Prison and My call in grandeur and power to all who are in the world are signs for those who are endowed with discernment.

Blessed is he who hath pondered the power of God and His sovereignty, and hath turned unto Him with a luminous heart. The world hath united to harm Us, and the Daysprings of Power to cause Us grief, yet We are in manifest joy. My Most Exalted Pen moveth at all times upon the Luminous Tablet in such wise that neither the might of them that are on earth nor the power of the aggressors can prevent it. We do what We will and ordain what We please, and We are the Powerful, the Mighty. O people of Baha! Be ye manifestations of might amongst mankind, such that the affairs of tyrants shall not disturb you. Verily, He is with His steadfast servants.

Say: It behooveth no one to object against anyone. Put your trust in God. Verily He will manifest His Cause as He pleaseth, and He, verily, is independent of all the worlds. Despite such might, be ye sources of

humility and manifestations of meekness, that others may perceive from you the fragrance of My characteristics, whereby every knowing and discerning one is adorned. Consort with all peoples with joy and fragrance, then remind them of that which ye possess of wisdom and utterance. Verily He is the Teacher, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This is a Book We have sent down in truth and dispatched unto thee, that the servants may read it and drink therefrom the Kawthar of My mercy that hath preceded all the worlds.

BH04487: He, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most…

He, the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Exalted

O Afnan, Siyyid Husayn! There hath come before the Throne the letter of one of My Afnan who hath drawn from the lamp of the Bayan and attained recognition when the All-Merciful came with His sovereignty over all worlds. We answer him with this Tablet that the traces of the Pen of Revelation may draw him to a station which God hath sanctified above every wondrous mention.

We have read thy letter and heard thy call. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Blessed is the word spoken in praise of God and blessed the speaker who hath spoken with His wise remembrance. We made mention of thee before and make mention of thee at this time when the Ancient Beauty is established upon His mighty throne in the Most Great Prison. We beseech God to make thee steadfast in this Cause whereby the feet of the mystics have slipped. By My life! Were it not for My protection, the feet of the loved ones would slip. Thy Lord is verily the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. There is no strength nor power for anyone save through God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

We beseech Him to make thee steadfast in His Cause in all conditions and to give thee to drink, at all times, from the Kawthar of His knowledge, the Mighty, the Luminous. Thus doth the ocean of revelation surge from this holy, exalted, wondrous and impregnable spot. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have held fast to this mighty cord. In thy letter was mention of one who hath turned towards God, the Lord of the worlds. Remember him on My behalf and give him the glad-tidings of this remembrance whereby all who are in the heavens and earth have been illumined. Say: This is the Day of Remembrance. Make mention of the tribulations of the All-Merciful with wisdom and utterance, even as He remembereth thee through His abounding grace.

BH04491: In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

In My Name, the Most Ancient, the Most Great

The Will hath appeared and the Manifestation of God’s decree, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting, hath come. And verily it speaketh in the contingent world in human form, yet most of the people hear not. The proof itself calleth all who are in the realm of possibilities unto God, yet the people comprehend not. The horizon of the world hath been illumined by the Most Great Light, and all who are in the heavens and earth have been enlightened thereby, yet the people perceive not. They have cast the ordinances of God behind their backs, following every rejected ignorant one.

Say: O people, fear ye God and follow not the desires of those who have turned away from the Cause when it appeared with manifest sovereignty. Arise from the couches of heedlessness—this is the Dawning-Place of the Light of Oneness Who hath spoken in His hallowed, mighty and beloved Kingdom. We summon the people unto God while they summon Us to the Most Great Prison wherein We dwell. We remember them with goodness while they speak concerning Us that whereby all in the heavens and earth curse them. Leave them to themselves and turn unto God, the One, the All-Informed. Blessed art thou for having attained unto thy Goal and recognized thy Ancient Lord. Ask thou God to make thee steadfast in this Cause and to give thee the choice wine of reunion in these days wherein all things cry out:

> "Reunion, reunion, O concourse of the enraptured! Reunion, reunion, O concourse of the yearning! Reunion, reunion, O concourse of the mystics! Reunion, reunion, reunion, O concourse of the lovers! Reunion, reunion, O concourse of the seeking! Reunion, reunion, O concourse of the earnest!"

BH05007: You are among those souls who in most years…

In the Name of God, the One

You are among those souls who in most years have attained unto the tablet of God and been adorned with the ornament of mention by the Supreme Pen. This bounty is very great and this grace is most mighty. The divine bounty has been bestowed to such a degree that there is fear that some people may remain heedless of its station and ignorant of recognizing its worth.

Say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who hast remembered Thy loved ones at all times and dost remember them as a favor from Thy presence. We testify that Thou hast ever been and will ever remain the All-Bountiful, the Ever-Bestowing. This mention is according to my poverty and lowliness, and what Thou art none knoweth save Thyself. Thou doest what Thou willest and ordainest what Thou desirest through Thy sovereignty which pervadeth the worlds.

Thy call was heard and Thy letter was observed, and Ism-i-Mihdi mentioned thy remembrance before the Throne. Verily He will reward thee with the best of rewards for what thou hast done in His path. Be thou assured and be of the thankful ones. Soon will the fruits of the mention of the Peerless Beloved appear unto His servants in the kingdom. Then will the idolaters say:

> "Oh, woe unto us for what we neglected in the days of God and for what we were heedless of that which appeared."

Thus doth inform thee the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Verily the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05124: A Book sent down by the All-Merciful, and verily…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

A Book sent down by the All-Merciful, and verily it beareth witness even as God hath testified concerning His Own Self that there is none other God but Him, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. The Dove hath warbled upon the Divine Lote-Tree, while behind it the wolves do howl and the dogs do bark. Thus hath the matter been decreed in this forbidden Prison.

We have remained steadfast in the Cause in such wise that neither the harm of the world nor the opposition of those who have disbelieved in God, the Mighty, the Loving, hath deterred Us. And at a time when We were immersed in an ocean of tribulation, We summoned all unto God, the Creator of the heavens, as do testify such servants as are endued with knowledge. We have seen thy letter and heard thy call, and have answered thee through this Tablet whereby every soul that hath turned to God, the Mighty, the Best-Beloved, hath been guided. Thou hast attained unto the mention of God and His favors in such measure as none can reckon save God, the Lord of what was and what shall be.

Blessed is he who hath gathered from this Divine Lote-Tree celestial fruits, sublime and wondrous. He is assuredly among those who have attained, as inscribed in a preserved Tablet. We beseech God to aid thee in all conditions and cause thee to make mention of this Wronged One. Convey My greetings unto My loved ones in that place and remind them of that which hath been sent down from My unerring Pen. The glory be upon thee and upon those who have quaffed this sealed nectar. Remember, O My loved ones, those who have been imprisoned in that place. We make mention of them in this Prison and send greetings upon their faces from this praiseworthy station.

BH05189: He is the Dawning One from the horizon…

He is the Dawning One from the horizon of utterance! O God of Names and Creator of heaven! Thou knowest and seest that there hath come to the prison a letter from one of Thy loved ones, who hath held fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clung to the hem of Thy mercy and favors, who hath acknowledged Thy oneness in Thy days and confessed Thy singleness when most of Thy servants turned away from Thee.

O Lord! Give him to drink, at all times, of Thy sealed wine, whose seal was broken by Thy Name, the Self-Subsisting. Then cause to appear through him, in Thy service, that whereby the people of Thy realm shall turn unto Thee and those who were heedless in Thy days shall be awakened. O Lord! Even as Thou didst adorn the beginning of his letter with Thy verses, do Thou adorn his breast with the light of Thy wisdom. Then ordain for him the reward of attaining Thy presence. Verily Thou art the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

As to what thou didst ask about the Ocean of the Cloud (ʻAma), know that it is an ocean which God hath placed above the seas of names, and the people of creation have not comprehended it. Were We to expound this station and interpret it as befitteth, the Tablets would not suffice, by thy Lord, the Cleaver of Dawn! And the River of Glory (Sana) is a river which God hath made the mother of all seas, and from it appeared the four rivers mentioned in the Book. Verily thy Lord is the Possessor of both the beginning and the return.

Grieve not because of tribulations. Through them God hath distinguished between the sincere ones and the doubters. Erelong shall the believers behold the glory of their souls and the loftiness of their station, and that which hath been ordained for them from the presence of a Mighty, Powerful One.

BH05845: May God console thee in that which hath befallen…

In His Name, the Consoler, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful

May God console thee in that which hath befallen thee and remember thee with that which dispelleth grief. Nothing whatsoever escapeth His knowledge. He ordaineth in His dominion whatsoever He willeth. He is, in truth, the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing.

Our servant hath ascended unto Us when We shone upon him with the lights of this Countenance whereby the horizons have been illumined. We were with him at the time of his ascension, and We raised him to a station which is, in truth, sublime. Verily, bounty is in His hand—He giveth and withholdeth. He, verily, is powerful over all things.

The Tongue of Grandeur addresseth him at this moment, saying: Upon thee be the glory of God and the glory of the Concourse on High, inasmuch as thou didst fulfill God's Covenant and His Testament. Thou art he who attained the presence of God and quaffed the choice wine of reunion while every heedless one remained far from the Truth.

Verily, He rewardeth those who have turned towards the Countenance and mentioneth them with such mention as causeth the ocean to surge and the fragrance to waft. God is, indeed, witness to what I say.

We made mention of thee before, and We mention thee in this Tablet that thou mayest be assured of thy Lord's favor. He doth, verily, watch over thee. Glory be upon thee and upon whosoever hath attained unto this Cause which hath shone forth from the horizon of might in manifest glory.

BH05792: He is the One manifest from the horizon…

He is the One manifest from the horizon of utterance. Blessed is he who hath found the sweetness of the Call raised from the direction of grandeur and acted according to what he was commanded by the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. By My life! Whoso findeth the sweetness of utterance will surely act according to what is commanded in the Tablet. The Tongue of God, the All-Powerful, the Most High, the Most Great, beareth witness to this.

The veils have been rent asunder and the All-Bestowing hath appeared with a sovereignty that neither the hosts of the world nor the clamor of nations can withhold. He speaketh at all times: "The Kingdom belongeth unto God, the Lord of all worlds." Verily he who hath turned to the Dawning-Place of verses hath turned unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Say: O people, abandon what ye possess and help yourselves through that which ye have been commanded by God, if ye be of them that know. Nothing will profit you this Day, nor is there any refuge for your souls except that ye repent and return unto God, the Mighty, the Most Praised. Say: Did that

which Chosroes possessed of treasures profit him, or Caesar of palaces? No, by My life, if ye be of them who understand!

We make mention of those who have turned unto God—God will make this mention a treasure for them. Verily it will profit them in His mighty and wondrous Kingdom. When thou art honored with God's Tablet, recite it by night and by day. Verily it will draw thee nigh unto the most exalted station.

BH06211: Blessed is thy father in that he fulfilled…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Blessed is thy father in that he fulfilled the Covenant of God. Verily, for him is reserved a station in a mighty Book. And blessed art thou in that thou hast become the mystery of thy father. Guard thou this glorious and exalted station.

In the Most Holy Book We have commanded all people to acquire sciences, crafts and such other things as will benefit mankind. By sciences is meant beneficial sciences, not those which begin and end in mere words. The science of medicine hath been, in the sight of God, the most distinguished and exalted of all sciences. Indeed, it is through His leave the preserver of human bodies from diverse ailments. Therefore, whosoever engageth in and acquireth this noble science is well-pleasing in the sight of God. Verily, the reward of him who healeth the servants is with God, the Lord of the worlds. And whatsoever he receiveth from the people is lawful and pure unto him.

Praise be to the Best-Beloved of the worlds that in His days thou hast attained unto His recognition, and neither doubts nor idle fancies prevented thee or deprived thee of the truth. Verily, the glory be upon thee and upon thy father and upon all who have attained unto this wondrous Cause.

BH06094: O Abdullah, who precedeth all in the field…

O Abdullah, who precedeth all in the field of meanings and utterance and who is the dyer of all that are in the contingent realm! He says: Reflect upon what We have sent down before:

> "The dye of God, and who is better than God in dyeing?"

And by this dyeing was not meant, and is not meant, the dyeing of metals, but rather the adorning of pure hearts with the dye of God, and that is the sanctification and purification of souls from the various colors of the world.

Strive that thou mayest become perfect in this greatest of crafts and mayest adorn the people with the divine dye. Today this most great matter is obligatory upon you and the other loved ones of God. Beseech God that ye may be assisted and may adorn the people with divine characteristics and pleasing deeds.

Take from the essence of love and, through the blessing of the Most Great Name, bestow it upon the mines of the hearts of the servants, that all may become pure gold—that is, that they may attain to the recognition of God, which is the ultimate station in the world of existence.

Occupy thyself with service to the Friend. Verily He ordaineth for thee what He willeth. He is indeed the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Remember thou the calamities among the people—We have permitted this to thee, but make thine intention this Wronged One, the Imprisoned, the Stranger.

BH06696: In the Name of the Peerless God. The Supreme…

In the Name of the Peerless God. The Supreme Pen hath been ceaselessly engaged in the mention of the friends of God, pausing not for a moment. Blessed is he who hath quaffed therefrom the choice wine of inner meanings and utterance, and hath attained unto the recognition of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

Praise be to God that thou hast been and art remembered in the Most Holy Court. We behold thee in thy station and hear from thee the mention of thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Blessed art thou for having been faithful to God's Covenant and His Testament, and for having quaffed the Choice Wine that had been sealed, when it was caused to flow in His Name, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

God willing, mayest thou at all times be blessed with the breaths of divine revelation and be engaged in His remembrance. Soon shall the world and all that is therein perish, and that which is everlasting and enduring hath been and shall ever be the recognition of Truth.

We beseech God to assist thee and to grant thee at all times that which descendeth from the heaven of grace and bounty. He, verily, is the Bestower, the Munificent, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

And now, may the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto that which God hath desired in His wondrous Book.

BH06766: Blessed be the one who has today turned towards…

He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Blessed be the one who has today turned towards the most exalted horizon and has been nourished by the fruits of the divine Lote-Tree, which are His profound knowledge and consummate wisdom. The world and all that is therein—its foods and delicacies, its ornaments and imaginings, its conjectures and hopes and riches—all shall pass away, and that which shall endure is a mention that hath been sent down from the Most Exalted Pen specifically for His loved ones.

Well is it with him who hath attained unto this mighty station. We counsel all the loved ones in that land to occupy themselves, with utmost sanctity and detachment and in the highest state of love and unity, with the praise of the Lord of Names, and to hold fast unto the cord of steadfastness. He is the All-Knowing Counsellor, the All-Bountiful. Thy letter and what thou didst send have been received, and We have heard thy call and have answered thee with this wondrous Tablet. From this Prison We send Our glorification upon the faces of those who have believed in God in that place, and We give them the glad-tidings of God's mercy that they may rejoice and be of the thankful ones.

BH06613: Blessed are ye, O people of the letter Nun…

In the Name of the One True God

Blessed are ye, O people of the letter Nun, in that ye have attained unto faith in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Drink ye of the Water of Life, despite those who have denied this irrevocable Cause. We have made mention of you in the Tablets and make mention of you in this Tablet.

God willing, be ye at all times gladdened by the remembrance of the Lord of all possibilities, and attain unto His service. The world is evanescent in its wake, while the loved ones seek after the immortal Kingdom. Know ye the value of this most great bounty and act according to the divine commandments which have dawned from the horizon of the Most Holy Book. This shall profit you in this world and the next. The divine laws are a luminous lamp amidst the servants and living waters for those who have turned unto them and act upon them. Await ye the grace of God, then seek His mercy which encompasses the worlds. Thy letter was presented before the Throne and was adorned with the lights of His countenance. God willing, may ye ever be blessed with the infinite favors of the one true God. We counsel you not to forget My servant whom We named Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin in My perspicuous Book. May the glory rest upon you, O My loved ones in that land.

BH06614: Blessed is he who hath arisen detached…

He is the Ruler over whatsoever He willeth

Blessed is he who hath arisen detached from the world and turned towards God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. How many a servant hath been deprived of the Most Great Bounty, and how many a servant hath attained unto this destined Remembrance! Say: The bounty is His manifestation amongst His servants and the revelation of His Cause to His creation. To this testify faithful servants.

We have revealed in the earth that which appeared before and that which had not appeared, yet most of the people do not understand. When verses are sent down to them, they say: "These are forgeries," and when there appeareth a matter which the servants are powerless to accomplish, they say: "This is manifest sorcery." They have lost who denied God's proof and His authority, and he hath prospered who turned toward His extended path. We have called all purely for the sake of God to the Dawning-Place of revelation, yet they turned away and objected, following every rejected ignorant one.

Be thou thankful to God for having been mentioned by this Pen through which the world hath been set ablaze with the love of God, the Lord of eternity, and the seal of the choice sealed wine hath been broken.

BH06606: The Most Holy, the Most Great. God testifies…

The Most Holy, the Most Great. God testifies that there is none other God but He. He sends down from the heaven of grace whatsoever He willeth and desireth. He is, in truth, the Revealer, the All-Wise.

The holy Kingdom hath been adorned with the Most Holy Book. Blessed is he who holdeth fast unto it, and woe betide the heedless. He who acteth in accordance with that which hath been revealed therein is truly of the people of Baha in this wondrous Tablet.

Beware lest the might of the powerful sadden you or the insinuations of the wayward keep you back. Take fast hold of the Most Great Cord, then remember the Lord of all worlds.

The dwellers of the Kingdom of eternity have been seized with rapture, and the grace of God hath encompassed both small and great. Blessed is the seeker who hath desired the Desired One, and the pursuer who hath recognized the Adored One, and the soul that hath arisen to serve the Cause of God, the Lord of the worlds.

We make mention of all who have turned to the Countenance and We inscribe their names in Our preserved Tablet. Can any bounty equal this? Nay, by the Creator of the heavens and earth!

We have revealed the Book and have enjoined all therein with supreme wisdom, lest that appear which would trouble the hearts of the servants. He is, in truth, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

Thus have We remembered thee and favored thee with this wondrous Tablet.

BH07257: This is a Book sent down in truth…

He is the Book, the Manifest, the Hidden

This is a Book sent down in truth, and verily it counseleth the people with that which shall profit them in this world and the next, but the people understand not. Verily it is God's Balance amidst all else and the Most Great Proof among the nations. Blessed are they who remember. Verily He is the Rememberer in the prison and the Remembered in the Tablets of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

And verily He is the Promised One—when He came from the heaven of the Bayan, the people of the contingent world were shaken, save those who cast away vain desire and turned toward the praiseworthy station. We have found from thy mention the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, and We have revealed unto thee this Hidden Tablet whose verses were inscribed by My Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is he who findeth from it the fragrance of the Beloved. Be thou assured through God's grace and mercy, then speak forth His remembrance that perchance the people may turn unto God, the Mighty, the Loving. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken, as a bounty from His presence upon thee and upon those who have believed in God and were guided by His signs.

BH07318: O son of Barat! Hearken unto that which thy…

He is the Manifest One in the Kingdom of Utterance

O son of Barat! Hearken unto that which thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower, calleth thee, and remembereth thee by, on this Day whereon the Lord of lords speaketh—this blessed and wondrous Day. Bear thou witness unto that which God hath witnessed, then stand firm in the Cause of thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Thy call hath reached the Divine Throne and attained the hearing of the

Wronged One. Strive thou that in the days of God thou mayest not be deprived of the outpourings from the heaven of grace and bounty. All have been created to serve in this Day. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto His recognition. Endeavor to succeed in such deeds as may cause the perpetuation of thy remembrance in the Kingdom of God, and seek from God steadfastness, for verily the satans have been and are lying in wait. Praise be to God that the grace of God hath been and is with thee, and the witness and proof of this grace is that from the Most Great Prison thy mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen. Be thou thankful unto thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.

BH07259: Thy letter hath been presented before the Sun…

In the Name of the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful!

Thy letter hath been presented before the Sun of Truth, and what was mentioned therein hath been observed. Today all the loved ones must, with perfect love and unity, occupy themselves with the remembrance of the Lord of creation, and act in accordance with whatsoever hath been enjoined by the Most Exalted Pen. This is the most great bounty for the peoples, would they but hear it.

Praise be to the Best-Beloved of all creation, Who hath aided thee and adorned thee with the raiment of faith. Know thou the value of this supreme blessing. His honor Zayn, upon him be the Glory of God, hath made mention of thee and the other loved ones in his letters which he hath sent to the Most Holy Court. Know ye his worth, for he is among the successful, the sincere ones. And that which thou didst submit regarding the two Tablets hath been accepted. Verily thy Lord is the Ever-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Convey greetings to all the loved ones. All are mentioned in the presence of the Throne, and all have attained unto that which hath been sent down from the heaven of God's Will. Blessed are they! That which thou didst send hath been presented. We have accepted it as a bounty from Our presence, that thou mayest be among the joyous ones.

BH07392: O Ata'! He Who created the heavens makes mention…

He is the One Who has dominion over all names!

O Ata'! He Who created the heavens makes mention of thee in the prison of Akka and summons thee to the supreme horizon and causes thee to hear the shrill voice of this Pen through which the world was shaken and the peoples were thunderstruck, except such as God, thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, willed.

We have, at all times, summoned all created things unto the Merciful, and neither the cawing of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, prevented Us from that which We desired. Blessed is he who hath arisen to serve the Cause and hath spoken this wise Remembrance among the servants.

Stand thou firm in the Cause in such wise that neither the veils of the divines nor the allusions of them that have turned away from the horizon of Revelation when it shone forth through this great Name shall hold thee back. And blessed is he who hath attained unto the recognition of God and for whom hath been sent down from the Pen that which shall cause his mention to endure in the Kingdom of God, the Almighty, the Powerful.

We have heard thy call and have answered thee through this exalted Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord and be assured through the grace of thy Master Who hath spoken thy name in this mighty Prison.

BH07535: God willing, may you drink at all times…

In the Name of God, the All-Seeing, the All-Knowing

God willing, may you drink at all times from the living waters and be occupied with the remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds.

The ordinances of God have been sent down from the heaven of His most august Revelation. All must diligently observe them. Man's supreme distinction, his real advancement, his final victory, have always depended, and will continue to depend, upon them. Whoso keepeth the commandments of God shall attain everlasting felicity.

A twofold obligation resteth upon him who hath recognized the Day Spring of the Unity of God, and acknowledged the truth of Him Who is the Manifestation of His oneness. The first is steadfastness in His love, such steadfastness that neither the clamor of the enemy nor the claims of the idle pretender can deter him from cleaving unto Him Who is the Eternal Truth, a steadfastness that taketh no account of them whatever. The second is strict observance of the laws He hath prescribed—laws which He hath always ordained, and will continue to ordain, unto men, and through which the truth may be distinguished and separated from falsehood.

Strive ye, God willing, that ye may be enabled to act according to what God hath willed. He, verily, is the All-Counseling, the All-Knowing.

BH07855: The breezes of divine mercy waft continually over…

In the Name of the Beloved of the Worlds!

The breezes of divine mercy waft continually over the leaves of the blessed Tree, and from their rustling is heard "The Kingdom is God's, the Almighty, the Self-Subsisting."

Blessed art thou, O leaf, in that thou hast clung to the Tree and turned unto the Dawning-Place of the light of oneness. This special bounty hath not been and is not vouchsafed unto every soul, as thou dost witness that most are deprived thereof and occupied with their own desires. Soon shall all drink from the cup of extinction and return, disappointed and in loss, unto the dust.

God willing, may ye be nourished at all times from the chalice of certitude and be engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation. If outwardly there be witnessed any delay in sending Tablets, yet in the presence of the Countenance ye have been and shall be remembered, for ye are of Him and related unto Him.

The glory be upon thee and upon those with thee.

BH07512: O Mihdi! By God, the ocean of inner meanings…

He is the All-Knowing, the Manifest Expounder, the Speaking One.

O Mihdi! By God, the ocean of inner meanings has surged, and verily it is the quickener of all who are in the heavens and earths. Blessed is the eye when it turns toward the Most Sublime Vision and blessed are the ears when they hear the call of the Lord of Destiny which has been raised from this noble station. Every soul was created for this Day wherein all things testify to the Lord of Names and

the Concourse on High proclaim: “The Kingdom belongs to God, the Lord of the worlds.” We have heard your call and recognized your yearning for the horizon of revelation. Verily your Lord is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. We have answered you with this Tablet which God has made a treasure for you in His inaccessible and impregnable Kingdom. Be thankful for this bounty and say: “Praise be to Thee, O Goal of the mystics!” Thus does the Wronged One remember you while imprisoned in this mighty fortress. Stand firm in the Cause of God in such wise that neither the cawing of every pretender nor the gestures of every heedless and remote one shall deter you.

BH07852: In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise! Your call has been heard with the ear of acceptance, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath spoken in reply to thee, both before and after.

Whatsoever befalleth in this Day the sincere ones, the assured ones, the steadfast ones, and the firm ones hath not been due to error or transgression. Reflect upon that which was visited upon the Beloved of the world through the tyranny of the peoples.

I swear by the Most Great Name, were the world to possess any worth, the dominating Power of God would assuredly have prevented all from that which they have wrought, nay rather, would have cast them all into the fire in but a moment. The creation is but a handful of ashes, and God’s conquering Will is greater than a hundred thousand winds—nay, there can be no comparison.

Verily He hath forgiven thee and purified thee from transgression, inasmuch as thou didst turn unto Him, and hath ordained for thee that which gladdeneth the hearts of them that know. Thus have We adorned thy letter with decisive verses, that they may bear witness for thee in My worlds.

Be thou thankful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the solitary Wronged One!

BH08007: Praise be to God that the horizon of manifestation…

In the name of Him Who is the Desire of the world

Praise be to God that the horizon of manifestation is luminous and the heaven of utterance moves and flows upon the ocean of divine knowledge. Blessed is the state of one who has clung fast unto it. That which today is the most excellent of all deeds is steadfastness in the Cause of God and adherence to His commandments. God willing, may ye attain unto this. Fix not your gaze upon the world, for soon shall all that is therein perish and be no more, and for those souls who act aright hath been ordained that which

no treasures of earth can equal. Therefore must the loved ones of God carry out His commandments with the utmost joy and fragrance, and shun that which He hath forbidden. This is the supreme counsel that hath issued forth from the Pen of the Lord of eternity. Blessed are they that act! That which thou didst send hath been presented before the Wronged One, and We have accepted it as a token of Our grace upon thee, that thou mayest be of those who are thankful.

BH08370: Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I…

He is the One Who is manifested to all who are in the heavens and on earth!

Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge, and the heaven of Thy bounty, and the sun of Thy bestowals, to make me in all conditions one who looks unto Thee and speaks forth Thy praise. Then assist me to serve Thy Cause in Thy days.

O Lord! I have turned toward the horizon of Thy favors and have clung to the hem of Thy grace. I beseech Thee not to leave me to myself, nor to deprive me of the Kawthar of Thy recognition and the Salsabil of Thy knowledge. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever Thou willest.

The circumstances of the oppressors cannot prevent Thee, nor can the hints of those who have disbelieved in Thy Self render Thee powerless. There is no God but Thee, the Powerful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

O Lord! Ordain for me that which will benefit me in every world of Thy worlds. Then immerse me in the ocean of Thy good-pleasure. I testify that Thou art verily the Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08085: We make mention of the servants of God purely…

In His Name, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

We make mention of the servants of God purely for His sake, and We desire from them no recompense in this world. God is sufficient as a witness. We have sacrificed Our very selves and Our spirits for the salvation of the world, and God is cognizant of what I say.

Among the people are those who have turned away from the truth, and among them are those who have denied God's proof and His signs, and among them are those who have said "This is naught but a man who desires to lead you astray from the path that was straight." Thus did they speak when Muhammad, the Messenger of God, appeared, and before Him when the Spirit came with a Cause that encompassed all the worlds.

Verily he who attains unto this Cause is numbered among the people of Paradise in the Book preserved in the pavilion of glory. Thus doth the Supreme Pen move and thus doth the tongue of grandeur speak in this station which hath been raised up in the name of God.

BH08382: The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: Thy turning…

In the Name of the Beloved One, Who is manifest and visible

The Most Exalted Pen proclaims: Thy turning to the Kaaba of the Divine Purpose hath been accepted, and the reward of attainment unto His presence hath been inscribed in thy letter. I say in truth, thy reward for not entering the Most Holy Court without permission and for returning with the consent of the Beloved is greater than the reward of those who entered without permission and attained His presence. Verily thy Lord is the Most Great Rewarder.

Praise the Sovereign of existence, Who from the ocean of bounty and grace accepted thy deed and revealed and sent down this Tablet especially for thee, which maketh manifest that which God hath willed, that thou mayest with complete joy be occupied with the remembrance of the Lord of all beings.

Say: His is the praise and the favor, and His is the bounty and the majesty. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH08435: The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious. Say: Praise…

The Most Holy, Most Great, Most Glorious. Say: Praise be unto Thee, O my God, for having enabled me to recognize the Dayspring of Thy Revelation and the Dawning-Place of Thy knowledge, and for having given me to drink of the wine of Thy bounty in such wise that I have turned my face unto Thy face and been honored by Thy favors to such extent that Thou hast mentioned me in Thy Most Great Prison.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names and Creator of heaven, to cause me, in all Thy worlds, to be one who maketh mention of Thee and of Thy praise, who gazeth toward the horizon of Thy beauty, who moveth according to Thy will, and who soareth in the atmosphere of Thy nearness. Verily, Thou art the Gracious, the Possessor of ancient bounty. O Lord! Look with the glance of Thy mercy upon this handmaiden who hath stood before the door of Thy grace and clung to the cord of Thy bounty. Then ordain for her that which is best for her, and grant her the privilege of serving the Dayspring of Thy Cause in the worlds which Thou hast ordained. Verily, Thou hast power to do what Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH08109: O maidservant of God! Thou shouldst be occupied day…

In the name of the one true Friend!

O maidservant of God! Thou shouldst be occupied day and night with the praise and glorification of the Lord of all beings, for from His infinite bounties He hath bestowed upon thee a son who emigrated in His path, attained to faith in Him, drank from the Kawthar of His presence, and now dwelleth in His vicinity. Know thou the value of this bounty, for if a soul should possess all the treasures of the earth and expend them all in the path of God, he would still not attain to this station except through the will of God.

Be thou steadfast in the love of God and firm in His Cause. Verily We make mention of every handmaid who hath believed in God in that place and We send Our glorification upon their faces from Our presence, and I am verily the Generous, the Bountiful.

BH08421: Your letter hath been presented at the Divine Throne…

In the Name of the One, the Eternal!

Your letter hath been presented at the Divine Throne, and the sweet fragrances of thy love are wafting from it. That which thou didst request hath already been granted from before. His bounty hath encompassed all things and His mercy hath preceded the worlds.

Praise be to God that thou hast turned unto the Most Exalted Horizon and found the fragrances of the Robe of the All-Merciful. God willing, thou shalt be so gladdened by the breezes of revelation that no sorrow shall overtake thee and no grief shall follow.

The glory of existence hath been and ever shall be the knowledge of God, and after that, what is essential is to act according to the divine commandments and to remain steadfast in the love of the King of Oneness, for thieves lie in wait and devils stand ready at their posts. Beseech ye God, exalted be His glory, that ye may be protected at all times from the evil of corrupt souls.

The glory be upon thee and upon those who are with thee.

BH08729: O friends! The fragrance of the Merciful's garment…

In the Name of the one God!

O friends! The fragrance of the Merciful's garment is wafting in all times, the heaven of grace is upraised, and the sun of bounty is shining. Strive that ye may attain to that which shall endure and remain forever.

Erelong the world and whatsoever is therein shall perish and become non-existent, as ye can observe. Ye are counted among the people of the immortal Kingdom. Ye must, through the assistance of the Lord of Names, sanctify and purify yourselves from unpleasing conditions and selfish limitations.

Blessed is the state of one whose mention hath flowed from the Most Exalted Pen and who hath attained unto that which God hath desired. We beseech God to assist all to serve Him and obey Him, and to ordain for His loved ones that which shall profit them in this world and the next. Verily, He is the Protector of those who do good.

BH09019: Your letter was present before the Throne and your…

In the name of the Ever-Abiding, All-Knowing One!

Your letter was present before the Throne and your call was heard. Praise be to God that you have attained to this most great bounty and your mention was made in the Most Holy Court.

God willing, may you occupy yourself at all times in the remembrance of God and in meditation upon His verses with a pure heart, an illumined breast, a sanctified tongue and a penetrating vision. Today steadfastness is essential. Ask God that you may remain firm and steadfast in His love.

His honor the migrant, that is, Shaykh Salman, has endured hardships in this journey. Verily, He does not suffer the reward of those who have drawn nigh to be lost.

Verily, the glory be upon you and upon your daughter and her daughters and upon every maidservant who has believed in God, the Powerful, the Supreme, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH09016: Thy book hath attained unto the Most Great Horizon…

Thy book hath attained unto the Most Great Horizon and what was mentioned therein was observed. Grieve not over the world and its conditions. Reflect upon what hath befallen the Beloved of the worlds, Who called all unto the One, the Omnipotent, the Most Exalted, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

Praise be to God that thou hast been illumined by the lights of faith and hast turned toward the supreme horizon. This is the beginning of all good. Ye must be engaged in the remembrance of God with utmost joy and gladness. There shall descend upon you from the heaven of His bounty that which hath been ordained for you. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

Remember on Our behalf those who are in thy household, and convey unto their faces My glorification, and give them the glad-tidings of My mention of them in this wondrous Tablet. They who have attained today unto the recognition of God—these are the people of Paradise in this mighty station.

BH11840: We make mention of him who has turned…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

We make mention of him who has turned to God and held fast to the Sure Handle which We have manifested through this Great Name. Blessed is he who has sought the One Who is Sought and who has turned toward God, the Lord of the worlds. Our mercy has preceded the world and Our generosity has encompassed those in the heavens and earths. We bid thee to show forth the greatest steadfastness in the love of thy Lord, the Lord of all beings. Hold fast to it, detached from the doubters. The fragrance of the garment has been diffused and the sweet savors of God have wafted among all, young and old. Blessed is he who has attained thereunto and woe unto the heedless. Be thou glad in the remembrance of the Wronged One of thee. He remembers His loved ones even while He is in the hands of the oppressors. Thus has the shrill voice of My Pen been raised and the ocean of My mercy surged, as a bounty from My presence upon thee. Be thou grateful and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Goal of them that seek Thee.

BH08695: We make mention of her who hath inhaled…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

We make mention of her who hath inhaled the fragrance of God and turned towards the horizon of His luminous Cause.

O My handmaiden! Know thou that We have read thy letter and perceived from it the fragrance of thy love for thy Lord, the Wronged One, the Stranger. We have granted thee what thou didst desire before

thy asking, for He is verily the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. We have made thee to know the Dayspring of My Cause and have given thee to drink the Kawthar of My bounty with the hand of My loving-kindness—and I am the All-Knowing, the All-Witnessing. We have guided thee to My path and have drawn thee nigh unto the ocean of My mercy that hath encompassed all worlds.

Speak thou My praise amongst My handmaidens. We shall assist thee through Our grace. Verily thy Lord is the Helper, the All-Informed.

Verily, she who hath been set ablaze with the fire of My love and hath attained unto the Kawthar of My revelation—there shall appear from her that which shall cause the hearts of the handmaidens to soar. Thy Lord, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days, beareth witness unto this.

BH08915: The servant in attendance before the Throne has recited…

He is the All-Knowing Speaker.

The servant in attendance before the Throne has recited what you composed in verse regarding this Order through which the world has been organized after it was in great dispersion and upheaval. Blessed art thou for having heard, recognized and arisen to mention thy Lord and serve His Cause, the One ruling over all worlds. I beseech Him to make thee successful in all conditions and to make thee a shooting star against every accursed satan.

Say: O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy power and might, Thy sovereignty and dominion, to assist me to serve Thy Cause, that there may appear from me that which will establish my remembrance in Thy kingdom and Thy dominion, through the perpetuity of Thy most beautiful names and Thy most exalted attributes. Verily Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest, and verily Thou art the All-Bountiful, the All-Forgiving, the Most Generous.

BH09015: Your letter is illumined with the lights of nearness…

In the Name of God, the All-Knowing!

Your letter is illumined with the lights of nearness and honored by the glances of favor. We have heard your call and have answered you through this exalted Tablet.

Be not grieved by what hath befallen you. Tribulation is inseparable from loyalty. Reflect upon that which hath befallen the Self of God through the tyranny of the oppressors.

God hath ordained for you that which will enlighten the hearts and bring solace to the eyes. Be engaged in His remembrance with utmost joy and delight. Verily, He remembereth you in His mighty and exalted Kingdom.

God will exalt your mention and your station, and will bestow upon you that which is best for you. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Generous.

We have adorned the horizon of your letter with the verses of God that they may be a testimony for you. Rejoice then in this manifest grace.

We have accepted what thou didst send, as a token of Our favor. He, verily, is the Ever-Bestowing, the Ancient of Days.

BH09241: O Husayn! Hearken unto the Call which hath been…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O Husayn! Hearken unto the Call which hath been raised from the two Vavs. Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Through the first Vav were created the heavens which were raised up throughout the ages, and through the second was manifested He before Whom the doubles bowed down in worship. Thy Lord is, in truth, the Expositor, the All-Wise. Rejoice thou in God's remembrance of thee, then make mention of Him with an illumined heart and a wondrous tongue. The tongues were created for this Day, and the eyes for this horizon whereby all who are in the heavens and on earth were illumined. Thus doth the Wronged One remember thee from His prison whilst encompassed by the heedless ones. Render thanks unto God for having directed towards thee the countenance of the Ancient Beauty from this glorious station.

BH09311: Hearken unto the Voice of the Beloved…

In the Name of God, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing!

Hearken unto the Voice of the Beloved of the world. I swear by the Most Great Name that whosoever hath truly heard it hath become detached from the world and all that dwell therein, and hath arisen with utmost joy and fragrance to serve His Cause. His bounty is such that its mention and description transcend the bounds of utterance, and all the pens in the world fall short in celebrating its praise.

Know ye the value of these days and arise with perfect steadfastness to serve His Cause. Although He is imprisoned in the Most Great Prison amidst the nations, He summoneth all to the supreme horizon. Blessed is he who pondereth this Cause and adorneth himself with the raiment of goodly deeds. He is assuredly among the successful, the sincere ones.

And praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09202: Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto His…

In the name of the Peerless Friend

Praise be to God, thou hast attained unto His infinite divine bounties, and this recognition of the Manifestation hath been and is the Hidden Treasure. Whosoever attaineth unto this hath attained unto all good.

Beseech ye God that in all worlds ye may hold fast unto the Tree and be moved by the winds of His will. And this station is "there is no power nor strength except through God." Blessed are they that attain, men and women.

The glance of God's favors hath ever been and is directed towards each one of you. Therefore give thanks unto thy Lord, then praise Him and say: praise be to Thee, O Thou the Goal of the worlds!

Verily, upon thee be glory from One All-Knowing, All-Wise.

BH09291: O Sadiq! Thy letter was presented before the Most…

In the Name of the Beloved of the World

O Sadiq! Thy letter was presented before the Most Great Horizon and was observed. God willing, mayest thou ever be joyous and glad through the sweet savors of the favors of the Lord of creation.

That which thou hast extracted from the verses concerning the Greatest Name was accepted before the Throne. Blessed art thou!

However, today the greatest of all things is to strive that perchance ye may save one who is drowning—that is, to quicken one who is dead through the water of Divine love, or guide one who is heedless unto the abode of wisdom. The sciences of numbers neither nourish nor satisfy.

God willing, mayest thou be adorned with divine virtues and be gladdened by the breezes of His revelation, and be occupied with that which yieldeth visible results. Thus doth thy Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed, command thee.

BH09360: I make mention of My leaf who has turned…

In the Name of Him Who is sanctified from all mention!

I make mention of My leaf who has turned to God and attained His presence when the All-Glorious came with grandeur and majesty. We have heard your call to God and We answer you with this Tablet from your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Blessed are you for having clung to the Divine Lote-Tree and been stirred by the breezes of your Lord's mercy, the Revealer of verses. Give thanks that you have been mentioned in the presence of the Beloved and your name has been recorded in the Scriptures and Tablets. By My life! This is a bounty that shall endure as long as the earthly and heavenly kingdoms endure, and nothing in all creation can compare with it.

Praise your Lord and remember Him with such remembrance as will cause all things to be attracted. This befits all who have turned to God in this Revelation whereby the mountains have taken flight.

BH09271: God willing, in all times and seasons mayest thou…

In the name of the God of Mercy!

God willing, in all times and seasons mayest thou be engaged in the remembrance of the Beloved of all creation and attain unto the living waters. Thy letter was received before the Countenance and thy moanings and lamentations in separation from the Luminary of the horizons were heard.

It is most clear that the ever-existing and eternal Truth hath never wished to deprive His loved ones from His infinite outpourings or to withhold them from the Kawthar of His presence, which is the cause of the creation of the world.

The decree of prohibition of the gaze is due to a wisdom that hath been revealed in the tablets of God, and all are commanded to act according to it, lest aught occur that might cause harm. Verily, He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

May the Glory be upon thee.

BH09485: Thy letter hath attained unto the Most Great Horizon…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great, the Most Glorious

Thy letter hath attained unto the Most Great Horizon as the Lord of Destiny walketh and uttereth verses whereby the Concourse on High hath been made joyous and the dwellers of the cities of names have been attracted. Verily thy Lord is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Grieve thou not over anything. Put thy trust in God. He is with His steadfast handmaidens and His sincere servants. He hath ordained for thee that which will rejoice thy heart. He, verily, fulfilleth the reward of those who turn unto Him with radiant countenance.

Remember thou thy Lord throughout all days and say:

> "I have turned unto Thee, O Lord of the mystics! I beseech Thee to number me among those who circle round Thy throne, then ordain for me that which shall profit me in this world and the next. Verily, Thou art the Answerer, the All-Merciful."

BH09489: We have read your letter and found from it…

In His Name, the Most Holy above all Names

We have read your letter and found from it the fragrance of your love for your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O My Afnan! We have sheltered you within the pavilion of utterance and have honored your dwelling place. Know ye this station which nothing created on earth can equal. Verily He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing. Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Speaking Book, the All-Evident, and by Thy Name which hath dominion over all who are in the heavens and on earth, and by the ocean of Thy mercy and the sun of Thy grace and the heaven of Thy bounty, to make me at all times turned toward Thee and gazing toward the horizon of Thy dawning. Verily Thou art the All-Powerful, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

BH09216: Today is a day when the joy…

In the Name of the peerless Lord!

Today is a day when the joy of the manifestation of the Most Great Name has encompassed the world. Yet most of the men and women servants have been veiled by earthly troubles, selfish desires, and the

dust of passion. Blessed is the one who has attached himself to the Truth and become detached from the world—such a one drinks from the ocean of divine joy.

Praise be to the Lord of existence that thou hast attained to His recognition, turned to His horizon of revelation, and drunk from the Kawthar of His knowledge. Verily He is the Forgiving, the Generous.

May the Glory be upon thee and upon those women who have believed in God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH09486: That which thou didst send hath reached this Most…

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of the world!

That which thou didst send hath reached this Most Great Prison. God willing, through divine bounty in these spiritual days thou wilt be occupied with His remembrance and engaged in His praise.

The Sun of God's loving-kindness hath risen and shone forth from the horizon of grace, and all have been created today for His presence, yet the people of hypocrisy have become a barrier between the loved ones and the dawning of the Daystar of the horizons.

Be not saddened by this, but be content and thankful for whatsoever He hath ordained, for verily God is powerful and bestoweth the reward of His presence upon whomsoever He willeth.

We make mention of thee and thy father and thy mother as a token of grace from Us. Be thou grateful and numbered with them that praise.

BH09779: God willing, you have ever been and will ever…

He is the Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Great

God willing, you have ever been and will ever remain beneath the shadow of the providence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most High. Verily He maketh mention of you even as He mentioned you before, and hath ordained for you that which shall bring joy to the eyes of them that are endued with true understanding.

You must needs be enkindled with the fire of the Divine Word in such wise that its warmth may influence the hearts of men. Verily He is the One Who influenceth all things, the Confirmer, the All-Knowing.

Grieve not over anything. Rather, rejoice in My remembrance of thee and My turning toward thee. By My life! Nothing that thou beholdest can equal this. Verily thy Lord is the Expositor, the True One, the All-Informed.

May the Glory rest upon you and upon those who are with you.

BH09936: Your letter has attained unto the Most Exalted Presence…

He is the One Sanctified above all possibility!

Your letter has attained unto the Most Exalted Presence and the Countenance of God, the Lord of Names, hath turned toward it. We have read what thou didst utter in praise of God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise,

and We make mention of thee in this Tablet through which the sincere ones perceive the fragrance of My Most Exalted Pen and those near unto God inhale the sweet savors of My Great Name. Blessed art thou for having drunk from the cup of recognition when the hands of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, passed it round. This, verily, is a great bounty. We make mention of the leaves who have turned unto God and have spoken in His beauteous praise. Be thou steadfast in the Cause and glorify thy Lord, the Almighty, the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH09931: We have heard your call and read your letter…

In His Name, the One Who rules over all names

We have heard your call and read your letter, and We answer you with this Clear Tablet. We have ordained for you that which shall profit you in every world of the worlds of your Lord. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing.

Rejoice thou in this Book, and make mention of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower. He, verily, is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Grieve not over this world. Be thankful that the Best-Beloved of the worlds makes mention of thee. He is with whosoever makes mention of Him in all conditions, and ordains for whomsoever He willeth whatsoever He pleaseth. There is none other God but He, the Forgiving, the Generous.

Thus have We answered thee with this Tablet through which the fragrance of the loving-kindness of thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful, hath been wafted.

BH10008: Thy letter was received and thou didst attain unto…

In the Name of the Peerless Beloved!

Thy letter was received and thou didst attain unto mention by the Most Exalted Pen. Reflect upon the grace of God, that from the horizon of the Most Great Prison He maketh mention of thee. By the Truth itself, were the loved ones to comprehend this station as it deserveth to be comprehended, all would arise to serve the Cause with complete joy—an arising that no sitting down would overtake nor follow after.

Give thanks unto the Wronged One, the Unique, and be steadfast in His love, for the whispering of satans shall become manifest and ascendant in most cities and regions. Verily He is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH09974: The Supreme Pen proclaims: Thy letter was adorned…

In the Name of the Beloved of the world!

The Supreme Pen proclaims: Thy letter was adorned with the ornament of the Divine Throne and attained the Most Holy Presence. Blessed is the state of those souls who have attained to the remembrance of

God in His days and have been honored with the sprinkling drops from the ocean of His grace, for a single letter from Him is more exalted and mightier than the creation of all things.

Since people have not become aware of this station, they remain wandering in the wilderness of remoteness and bewilderment. Were they to inhale even as much as a needle's eye the fragrance of this paradise, they would pass beyond the world and all who dwell therein, turning their faces to the horizon of revelation.

Thus have We made mention of thee that thou mayest rejoice and give thanks unto thy Lord, the Beneficent, the Generous.

BH10365: Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of eternity…

In His Name, the One All-Powerful over the world!

Say: Praise be to Thee, O Lord of eternity, for having caused me to hear Thy call and for having made known to me the ocean of Thy bounty and the heaven of Thy generosity. I beseech Thee, O Beloved of the worlds and Desire of them that have recognized Thee, to make me among those who have stood firm in Thy love, who have spoken Thy praise, who have held fast to the cord of Thy Cause, and who have clung to the hem of Thy mercy. Then ordain for me that which befitteth Thy majesty and beseemeth Thy station and Thy power.

Thou art He to Whose power and sovereignty all atoms have testified, and to Whose grandeur and glory all created things have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Most Exalted, the Mighty, the Great.

BH10179: O Firuz! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful…

He is the Most Great, the Most Glorious

O Firuz! Hearken unto the call of the All-Merciful on this Naw-Ruz wherein all things have been adorned with the raiment of My remembrance and the garment of thy Lord's loving-kindness, the Bestower, the Bountiful.

This is the Day wherein the Tongue of Grandeur maketh mention of him who hath turned unto Him—verily He is the All-Remembering, the All-Seeing. Blessed art thou for having attained unto the lights of faith and turned unto the All-Merciful while every ignorant and remote one hath turned away.

We make mention of thee as a token of grace from Our presence that thou mayest rejoice and be of them that remember. The glory be upon thee and upon thy father and mother from thy Lord, the All-Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

BH10362: O He Who is sanctified above all mention!

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Say: Glory be to Thee, O my God! I am he who hath turned toward Thee and drawn nigh unto the horizon of Thy Revelation and hath heard Thy sweetest call which was raised from the divine Lote-Tree. I beseech Thee, O Lord of eternity and Creator of nations, to make me in all conditions one who gazeth toward Thee and is detached from all else but Thee. Then enable me to act according to Thy good-pleasure and that which Thou hast commanded me in Thy Tablets. Thou art He Who hath ever been in the heights of might and power and the summit of loftiness and grandeur. There is no God but Thee, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH10349: Your letter has attained unto the Most Transcendent Scene…

He is the One Who warbles upon the branches

Your letter has attained unto the Most Transcendent Scene, and the Lord of Destiny addresses you and says: Say: Glory be unto Thee, O my God! I am but a leaf which Thy Will and Purpose have caused to grow until it appeared from Thy Branch. I beseech Thee, O Lord of the nations and Sovereign of eternity, to make me one of those who circle round Thee in every world of Thy worlds.

O Lord! Thy leaf was stirred by Thy Will and has resigned its affairs unto Thee. Verily, Thou art powerful to do what Thou willest, and Thou art, in truth, the Near One, the Witness, the Trusted One.

BH10202: O maidservant of God! Your cry and the cry…

In the Name of the Beloved of all creation!

O maidservant of God! Your cry and the cry of the writer of your letter attained unto the presence of the Beloved of the world. God's mercy hath ever preceded all else and His grace hath encompassed all things. From time immemorial unto time immemorial He hath never deprived those men and women who have sought Him of His infinite grace, and He hath ordained whatsoever He hath deemed expedient.

Were there any worth to this world, the Self of God would not have been afflicted in the Most Great Prison. Verily He hath chosen this for Himself, but that which befitteth these days is not meet to be mentioned. He, verily, is the Unconstrained, the All-Wise.

God willing, may you be engaged in the remembrance of God with the utmost sanctity and detachment.

BH10380: Thy letter hath reached the Most Great Horizon…

In the Name of the One God!

Thy letter hath reached the Most Great Horizon, and that which was mentioned therein was observed. Blessed art thou for having turned unto God, the One, the All-Informed. We have forgiven thee and accepted thy turning unto Us. Rejoice thou at this and be of them that are thankful.

Strive thou that in the days of God thou mayest act in a manner befitting and meet—that is, that ye may act according to that which hath been revealed in the Book of God and which causeth not the clamor of

the people—so that the fragrance of holiness may be wafted from thee. This is what My Most Exalted Pen counseleth thee. Give thanks unto thy Lord, the Teacher, the All-Wise.

BH10381: Your letter was seen and your call was heard…

In the Name of the One Friend!

Your letter was seen and your call was heard, and the response has descended from the Most Exalted Pen. Today that which is necessary and obligatory is service to the divine Cause. God willing, may you be illumined by the lights of the horizon of revelation and engaged in service to the Cause. Thus does your Lord, the All-Knowing, command you.

Strive to bestow the Kawthar of divine knowledge upon the people of the world of possibility, that perchance a soul may attain unto it and become aware of the ultimate purpose. Thus have We adorned the head of your letter with the crown of grace and utterance, that you may rejoice therein and give thanks to your Lord, the Bestower, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH10342: Your letter has attained unto the Most Exalted Horizon…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Your letter has attained unto the Most Exalted Horizon, and the Lord of Names calls out to you as a token of His grace, that you may be numbered among the thankful ones.

Say: O my God! I am he who has held fast to the cord of Thy bounty and clung to the hem of Thy favors, who has acknowledged Thy singleness and confessed Thy oneness, and who has become certain that Thou art the Lord of existence and the Bestower of both the unseen and the seen. I beseech Thee to give me to drink, at all times, of Thy hidden nectar and Thy treasured Kawthar. Then ordain for me a seat of truth with Thy chosen ones and Thy sincere ones, and grant me that which befits Thy generosity and munificence. Verily, Thou art the Giver, the Bountiful, the Forgiving, the Generous.

BH10642: Your letter is present and has attained…

In His Name, the Speaker in all times!

Your letter is present and has attained to the lights of the Most Great Countenance. Your call was heard and your mention was observed. We have forgiven you as a grace from Our presence. Verily your Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.

We have adorned the head of your letter with the crown of My Most Great Remembrance. Be not disturbed by the clamor of the people. Verily He protects whomsoever He willeth through His sovereignty that overshadows the worlds. Continue this remembrance.

I beseech Thee, O Lord of all beings, to assist me in that which Thou lovest and art well-pleased with.

BH10575: The sprinklings of the Ancient Ocean have trickled forth…

In His Name, the One Who is Supreme over the world!

The sprinklings of the Ancient Ocean have trickled forth from the Fountain of the Pen of the Lord of nations in the form of these words: Thy mention was mentioned before the Throne and thy letter was observed. God willing, thou wilt ever drink from the ocean of divine bounty and attain unto His remembrance which is, in truth, the immortal wine of the eternal realm.

God willing, thou wilt be assisted in that which is, in the sight of God, among the most mighty of all affairs—and that is His remembrance amongst His servants and the propagation of His wise and unalterable Cause.

BH10644: Thy letter reached the Wronged One and was adorned…

He is God, the Manifest, the All-Knowing!

Thy letter reached the Wronged One and was adorned with the lights of the countenance of the Intended One. Praise be to the Best-Beloved of the worlds that in His days thou hast attained unto His recognition and turned thyself unto the Most Exalted Horizon.

Know thou the value of this most great bounty. Although today its worth is not known, ere long God, glorified and exalted be He, will make manifest its value and demonstrate its station unto all the peoples of the world. Be thou grateful and be of them that render thanks.

BH10641: Your letter attained unto the presence of the Lord…

In the Name of the Beloved of the world

Your letter attained unto the presence of the Lord of Names. As to what you wrote concerning bewilderment—verily bewilderment is beloved in the Book, as expressed in His words “Increase my bewilderment in Thee!” Know thou in what place thou dost find thyself, morning and evening, in the vicinity of thy Lord’s mercy, the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. God willing, may your bewilderment also be in the knowledge of God. Be thankful unto thy Lord for this remembrance, through which every sweet remembrance is made more delightful. May the glory of God rest upon you all from God, the Lord of all worlds.

BH10573: Thy mention hath reached the Seat of Mention…

In the Name of the All-Bountiful, the All-Merciful.

Thy mention hath reached the Seat of Mention, and thy lamentation and ardor in the love of the Beloved of the worlds hath been heard.

Say: O my God! Ordain for me, through Thy sovereignty and power, that which shall profit me in every world of Thy worlds. Then aid me to stand firm in Thy Cause and to arise to serve Thee. Verily, Thou art the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Thus hath the light shone forth from the horizon of Thy Tablet through that which hath been honored by the words of Thy Lord, the All-Forgiving, the All-Bountiful. Blessed art thou, and thy wife, and thy son, inasmuch as ye have been honored by the mention of God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH10613: Thy petition was presented before the Most Great Horizon…

In the name of the peerless one God!

Thy petition was presented before the Most Great Horizon and the eye of mercy was directed towards it. Be not grieved at separation and remoteness, for this is the Most Great Day of joy wherein sorrow is not permitted.

Hold fast unto that which will cause the exaltation of God's Cause. Blessed is the soul that ariseth today with complete sincerity and becometh adorned with that which guideth mankind and speaketh thereof.

Thus have We adorned the head of thy letter with the crown of utterance. Rejoice thou and be of the thankful ones.

BH10842: Thy petition hath reached the Divine Throne, and whatsoever…

In the Name of the One Friend!

Thy petition hath reached the Divine Throne, and whatsoever was mentioned therein hath been observed. God willing, through the grace of the All-Merciful thou shalt at all times drink of the water of life and remain firm and steadfast in the Cause of God with complete steadfastness.

We have adorned the head of thy letter with these blessed words:

> "O My servant! I have, of My grace, forgiven thee. Be thou grateful unto thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Merciful."

BH10803: Know ye of a certainty that ye are remembered…

In the Name of the loving Lord!

Know ye of a certainty that ye are remembered before the Throne, and the Supreme Pen hath turned to your mention.

Verily the Wronged One remembereth every wronged man and woman, and the Stranger loveth every stranger, man and woman, and every captive man and woman, especially those who are made such in the path of God. This is God's testimony wherewith We have adorned the beginning of thy book, that His favor unto thee may be evident.

BH10865: Your letter was seen and your call was heard…

In the Name of Him Who is the Goal of all existence!

Your letter was seen and your call was heard. Verily, He answereth him who calleth upon Him. Verily, He is the Answerer, the All-Seeing.

Be assured by the grace of God and be free and detached from all else. What is essential today is steadfastness in the Cause and adherence to the divine ordinances which have dawned and are manifest from the horizon of the Book.

Blessed art thou and blessed are the devoted women who have believed in God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

BH10862: Your letter hath reached the Most Great Horizon…

In the Name of the Friend!

Your letter hath reached the Most Great Horizon, and turned toward the Dawning-Place of the Cause. Praise be to God that thou hast been mentioned in His remembrance and been sustained in His days.

Beseech thou God that He may assist thee to serve His Cause and enable thee to achieve His good-pleasure. God willing, at thy end thou shalt attain unto that which hath no end, and be adorned with the ornament of steadfastness.

Verily thy Lord is the All-Bountiful, the Bestower, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

BH11027: O Sultan! Thy letter hath reached the divine presence…

In the Name of the One Friend

O Sultan! Thy letter hath reached the divine presence, and the glance of favor hath been directed toward thee. God willing, thou shalt drink from the cup of sanctification and be adorned with the robe of detachment. Give thanks to the Best-Beloved of the worlds that thou hast attained unto the traces of the Most Exalted Pen. Blessed is every handmaiden who hath acted according to what hath been revealed in the Book.

BH11036: In My Name, the Guide! O Hadi! Through divine…

In My Name, the Guide! O Hadi! Through divine bounty thou hast drunk from the chalice of mystical knowledge and turned thy face toward the Most Exalted Horizon. That which is now required is steadfastness in this Most Great Cause. By My life! None shall attain unto it save the sincere ones, for most of mankind are heedless and veiled from the original purpose, except those whom thy Lord willeth.

BH11236: O Raqiyyih! Your letter hath come before the Scene…

In the Name of the One, the Single

O Raqiyyih! Your letter hath come before the Scene of transcendent Oneness. Today is the Day of deeds. God willing, thou shalt be enabled to act according to what hath been sent down in the Book. Be thou

detached from the world and all who dwell therein, and with the utmost joy and fragrance remain firm and steadfast beneath the shade of the Beloved of all creation.

BH02945: God willing, may you drink from the living waters…

In the Name of the One God

God willing, may you drink from the living waters which have been unsealed by the hand of divine power through the grace of the All-Merciful. Your letter arrived in the prison and attracted the attention of the Wronged One, Who hath called all to God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Its opening was adorned with this blessed prayer:

> "O my God! I beseech Thee by Thy Glory at its most glorious."

Observe how the people of the Furqan remain heedless, even though it was previously stated that God's Most Great Name is mentioned in this prayer. To those possessed of insight it is clear and evident that the station of the mention of the Most Great Name must be at the beginning, for it precedes all names and is the source and dawning-place of all remembrance—and indeed it appears at the opening of the aforementioned prayer. Despite this, they all denied it and failed to recognize its truth. Rather, they pronounced sentence of death upon Him, save those whom God preserved through His truth and delivered from the ocean of idle fancies. He, verily, is the Mighty, the Powerful.

Blessed art thou for having adorned thy letter with this Name, through which the limbs of the divines trembled and the hearts of the ecclesiastics were troubled, and through which that which was hidden in God's knowledge was made manifest—He, the Protector, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. This day is the lord of all days, for the Lord of mankind openly declareth: "Look! I shall show thee My beauty" and "Turn! I shall give thee to drink of the Kawthar of My grace." This is such a word that were one of the chosen ones to be blessed with hearing it, he would soar on wings of longing to the horizon from which the Luminary of the world hath shone forth. Whosoever in this Day performeth a service to God's Cause shall endure through the endurance of God's Word. God willing, thou must be enkindled with a newly kindled fire in the days of God and be illumined by the lights of His countenance, in such wise that through the heat of that fire, receptive souls may be warmed by the fire of the love of God.

Blessed is the strong one whom the might of the mighty hath not weakened, and blessed is the one who turneth, whom the veils of creation have not prevented from turning unto God, the Lord of all worlds. Give thanks unto God for having been mentioned before His presence and for the revelation of this Tablet from which the sincere ones inhale the fragrance of the mercy of thy Lord, the Forgiving, the Bountiful. When thou receivest it, say:

> "Praise be unto Thee, O Thou Who art the Beloved of the worlds!"

BH03538: Through the attentions of the moments of the Lord…

In the name of the Eternal Knower

Through the attentions of the moments of the Lord of Names and Attributes thou art favored, and by the lights of the Most Great Countenance thou art illumined. God willing, be thou at all times engaged in His remembrance and occupied in service to His Cause. From thy letter the fragrances of the love of the Beloved of the worlds were diffused. Well is it with thee, then blessed art thou, in that thou hast drunk of the wine of divine knowledge and the pure water of utterance in the days of thy Lord, the Most Merciful, and wert among those who have attained.

In truth I say, that which today is the greatest and most important of all deeds is steadfastness in the Cause. Although this mighty command hath been revealed and established in most of the Tablets, at the mere raising of a cry the people were seen to be disturbed. The friends of God must appear and shine forth from the horizon of certitude with the lights of assurance, and must summon all to the most great steadfastness.

During the sojourn of the Lord of Names in Baghdad and the Land of Mystery and the Most Great Prison, We informed all the servants of the cawing of the crows and the call of the deluded ones. Nevertheless it was observed that some, by a call that neither nourishes nor satisfies, remained deprived of the ocean of inner meanings. Say: O My loved ones! Take ye the reins of the Cause, then preserve it in the name of your Lord, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Blessed art thou in that thy letter hath attained the presence of the Most Glorious and there hath been revealed for thee from the Most Exalted Pen that which shall preserve thy remembrance in the Kingdom of God, the Lord of the worlds.

Say: Praise be to Thee, O my God, for having given me to drink of Thy Sealed Wine and for having caused me to partake of the Kawthar of the knowledge of Thy Self-Subsisting Name. I beseech Thee, O Thou the Possessor of existence and the Educator of the seen and the unseen, to make me one of those who have aided Thy Cause and have arisen to serve Thee. Then ordain for me what Thou hast ordained for Thy trusted ones and Thy chosen ones. Verily Thou art the One Who hath power over whatsoever He willeth. There is none other God but Thee, the Forgiving, the Merciful.

There hath been revealed for every name that was in thy letter that which shall gladden the hearts of those endued with understanding. Give thanks unto God for this and say: Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds.

BH05791: Blessed is he who has arisen to serve…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Exalted, the Most Glorious

Blessed is he who has arisen to serve the Cause of God and remained steadfast when the clamor of those who disbelieved in God, the Lord of all worlds, was raised.

We complain of those divines who have turned away from Him Whom they invoke—they are indeed among the liars. They have disputed the verses of God, denied His proof, and warred against His Own Self, the One Who rules over all who are in the heavens and on earth. The Concourse on High marvel at

them, as do those who circle round My mighty Throne. They have violated the Covenant of God and turned back on their heels—they are indeed among those who are confuted.

Thy letter hath come before the Face and won the gaze of thy Ancient Lord, Who hath sent down this Tablet that thou mayest thank thy Lord and remember Him among His heedless servants.

From this luminous Spot We send Our greetings to the faces of those women who have believed in God, the Single, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Give them glad tidings from the Wronged One through this remembrance, from which the fragrance of the Beloved hath wafted and the Dove hath warbled. The kingdom belongeth unto God, the Mighty, the Praised.

We make mention of thy sons as a favor from Us—verily thy Lord is the Munificent, the Generous. Blessed are they in that they have been mentioned before the Throne and the Pen of God, the Mighty, the Beautiful, hath moved to make mention of them. Thus have We mentioned every name that was mentioned in thy letter, that thou mayest thank thy Lord, the Self-Sufficient, the Almighty.

BH06708: He is exalted above mention and praise! This…

He is exalted above mention and praise! This is a Book We have sent down in truth for those who have drunk the choice wine of utterance when the All-Merciful came with manifest sovereignty. We make mention of those who have turned to the Countenance and We assist them in their endeavors. He, verily, is the One Who has power over whatsoever He willeth. There is no God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

Remember thy Lord in thy days and cling to His luminous hem. Verily, he who hath attained unto this Day is reckoned among the denizens of Paradise in the sight of God, the Lord of all worlds. And he who hath turned away is assuredly among the most lost of servants, as doth the Tongue of God testify in this glorious station. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, and when thou attainest unto the Tablet of God and the traces of His Pen, read thou and be of the thankful ones. His mercy hath preceded the world and His grace hath encompassed all things great and small. From within the prison, He maketh mention of His loved ones and summoneth them unto that which shall cause their names to endure in My preserved Tablet. Beware lest the affairs of men prevent thee or the allusions of the deniers veil thee. Remember thy Lord at all times with such remembrance as shall cause the hearts of the wicked to tremble and the hearts of the sincere to find peace.

BH07729: He is the One dawning from the horizon…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance. He has become the Dayspring [of Revelation] amidst the people of wickedness, and for this do all things lament, yet the people understand not. Servants who know not a single letter of the Book have opposed Us, and they perceive not. The verses have been sent down by night and by day, yet the people hear not.

All created things were brought into being for the days of God—verily He hath appeared with the truth, yet they see not. Their desires have so seized them that they have been debarred from the bounty of God, the Self-Subsisting, the All-Compelling. When We send down the verses they dispute them, and

when We manifest the clear proofs they disbelieve in God, the Lord of what was and what shall be. Verily he who hath drunk the choice wine of utterance from the hand of My bounty is of them that have attained unto all good—to this doth the Tongue of grandeur and glory bear witness in this praiseworthy station. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee and place thy trust in God, the Mighty, the Loving.

BH08395: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the Most High, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who are in the realm of possibility, that it may draw all to God, the Lord of all worlds. Whoso believeth in it hath believed in all the Books of God, and whoso turneth away from it is accounted among the deniers. Say: This is He, one word of Whose Book cannot be equaled

by all that was revealed aforetime. To this hath testified He Who announced unto the servants My advent and spoke of My Name, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. How many a soul, upon hearing the Call, hath turned to the Most Exalted Horizon, and how many a soul hath turned away and followed every envious opponent. When thou attainest unto thy Lord's Book, read it with joy and fragrance. Verily it will draw thee to God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy. Then thank Him for having caused thy name to flow from His Most Exalted Pen. This indeed is a great bounty—recognize it and say: Praise be unto Thee, O Thou the Beloved of the worlds!

BH08873: God beareth witness that there is none other God…

He is the Ever-Abiding after the passing away of all things.

God beareth witness that there is none other God but Him, and He Who hath appeared is verily the One promised in My hidden Book and in what the people possess of My Scrolls and Psalms and My blessed, holy Books which We have sent down unto the Prophets and Messengers.

Whoso hath attained unto Him hath attained unto all Books, for He is the Supreme Scroll for all who are in creation, and My Most Great Book amongst the nations, and My Preserved Tablet in My all-compelling knowledge of what was and what shall be.

And verily He is the Ocean of Utterance for all who dwell in the realm of possibility—whoso hath drunk therefrom hath indeed attained unto the Living Waters, and whoso hath turned away is of them who are debarred from this Spirit which at every moment bestoweth the signs of God, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting.

BH09528: This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent…

He is the One dawning from the horizon of utterance.

This is a Book which the All-Merciful hath sent down for all who dwell in the realm of creation, that it may draw them nigh unto God, the Lord of all worlds. The people's vain desires have barred them from this Straight Path. They have taken to fancy, turning away from God, the Mighty, the Praiseworthy.

Know thou that thy letter hath come before the Face, and We have heard that wherewith thou didst call upon God, and We have answered thee through this perspicuous Tablet. Blessed is the tongue that hath spoken in remembrance of the Desired One, and the eye that hath turned toward the Countenance, and the hand that hath taken hold of the Book of God, the Mighty, the Strong.

That which thou beholdest shall perish, but there shall endure for thee the reward of thy remembrance of the Beloved of the worlds and the presentation of thy letter at this noble Scene. Rejoice thou in My remembrance of thee, and be of the thankful ones.

BH00977: Praise be to God Who created the Point…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Unapproachable, the Most Great, the Most Glorious!

Praise be to God Who created the Point and appointed for it four pillars, and brought forth from the first pillar an Alif which spoke of its own self and circled round it, being the mirror reflecting it in the station of Oneness, wherein the believers profess His unity, the sincere ones glorify Him, and those nigh unto God proclaim that He is God, there is none other God but Him, the All-Knowing, the One. And from its second pillar He manifested that same Form in another station, and shed upon it the lights shining forth from His Most Great Horizon, whereupon it called out, turned towards Him, arose in the station of multiplicity, and proclaimed that verily there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Bestower.

Thus did all things appear and all names become distinct. And from its third pillar He brought forth another Alif and made it the Dawning-Place of His most exalted attributes, and it proclaimed that verily there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the All-Knowing. And from its fourth pillar He manifested that which reflected the first, third and second pillars, and it proclaimed in this station that He is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden, there is none other God but Him, the Mighty, the Peerless.

Glory be to Thee, O Knower of all knowledge! Hearts and minds are bewildered in seeking to comprehend the pillars of the Point which was created by Thy command and brought into being by Thy will. How can anyone soar into the atmosphere of the knowledge of Thy Self or ascend to a station which those nigh unto Thee among Thy creatures and the sincere ones among Thy servants are powerless to comprehend? I testify that Thou art not known through attributes nor remembered through names. Thou hast ever been exalted above whatsoever may occur to the minds of Thy chosen ones and sanctified from all that may be heard or seen in Thy realm. I beseech Thee by Thy Self to accept from us whatsoever may appear in Thy love as a token of Thy grace, and to hear from us that which our tongues may utter as a sign of Thy bounty. Verily, Thou art the Munificent, the Generous.

My soul be a sacrifice for your love! The servant hath been honored by your noble letter and your exalted words, from which the fragrance of your love was wafted to all regions and by which the hearts of lovers were set ablaze on this Day of Meeting. Joy hath so overtaken me that it cannot be described in writing. I beseech God to reward you with the most excellent of rewards, for verily He is the Rewarder, the Mighty, the Generous.

Furthermore, it is submitted that a year or less before the arrival of Shaykh Salman, he forwarded to the Most Holy Court such petitions from the loved ones as were in his possession, and for all that was

received, replies were revealed from the Dayspring of favors and were dispatched. God willing, may all attain unto them and be illumined by their light, and be set ablaze by the fire of divine love that is enkindled in the words revealed in these blessed pages, and become firm and steadfast in the love of God in such wise that they may cause the people of the world to be set ablaze.

And furthermore, what was with the honored Shaykh arrived, except for the rice. The honored Shaykh (may the Glory of God rest upon him)—Shaykh Salman himself will present the details of this matter. However, I give him the glad tidings that before Shaykh Salman's arrival, a Tablet specifically for him was revealed from the heaven of divine Will, and in that Tablet mention was made accepting what they had sent. Well is it with him!

This servant conveys greetings to him, and likewise the funds from the honored Aqa Muhammad Husayn and what Aqa ʿAli-Akbar (upon them be the Glory of God) had sent all arrived, and this evanescent servant sends infinite greetings to each of them. I beseech God to strengthen them at all times. It is well known and evident that all that exists in the world will soon perish and vanish. Blessed are they whom the opposition of the divines and the objections of the jurisprudents—that is, the ignorant ones—have not prevented from the manifest horizon and the straight path, and who have turned with complete certitude and assurance to the horizon of the All-Merciful. Their mention shall endure in the Book of God as long as His earthly and heavenly kingdom endures—a bounty that cannot be compared with any other bounty and whose description the Pen of creation is utterly powerless to render. Today is the Lord of Days, and whatever appears in it is reckoned among the most excellent of deeds. Blessed are they who have attained the recognition of God in His days and have arisen to mention and praise Him.

Although there was much delay in responding to the petitions of the loved ones—nearly two years passed as Shaykh Salman's arrival was delayed—yet response was sent to all, living and deceased, for repeatedly was this word heard from the Most Holy Tongue that the living and deceased loved ones of God have one station in the Most Great View:

> "We address them in their death as We address them in their life."

Furthermore, the rice that your honor had given to the honored Trustee (upon him be the Glory of God, the Lord of the worlds) arrived. Moreover, mention of the prisoners of that land has ever been made in the Most Holy Court. Blessed are they who assisted them in their life and remember them after their ascension.

I beseech God to enable all the loved ones to act with the wisdom that hath been revealed in the Tablets. Had they acted upon what was revealed until now, most of the people of the earth would have turned to the horizon of the Cause. God willing, may all be focused on what God hath desired.

Some time ago, through Shaykh Salman, the Most Holy, Most Exalted Tablet specifically for your honor was revealed and sent, and likewise in this instance, the last Tablet was given to his honor, the Name of God M.H. (upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God) to forward. Praise be to God, perfect bounty from the horizon of grace is shining upon your honor. All those circumambulating send greetings to your honor. The Glory be upon your honor and upon those who are with you.

This petition was to be dispatched to your presence in the company of Shaykh Salman, but due to numerous occupations it was delayed and sent from elsewhere. We beseech God to honor him with your presence. Verily, He is the Hearer, the Answerer.

The servant 66 [of God] 11 Rajab 1292

BH01798: Praise be to God Who has made Himself known…

He is God, exalted be His station in greatness and glory

Praise be to God Who has made Himself known to us, taught us His Cause, made clear to us the paths of truth and certitude, and manifested what befits His generosity towards all the worlds. We thank Him in all conditions with thanksgiving wherewith He has spoken in His Book and taught us through His bounty and sovereignty. And glory and splendor be upon those who have remained steadfast in His Cause, who have voiced His praise, who have attained to hearkening unto His call, who have turned towards the horizon of His grace and drawn near to the ocean of His Most Great Name. May my spirit be a sacrifice for your honor.

Some time ago this servant submitted a petition which I hope has arrived. After that, during the days of Ridvan, the dishes which your honor had sent were used according to instructions. One night among those nights, Khwajeh Ilyas ʿAbbud, in whose house the Throne is now established, attained the Most Holy Presence, and after seeing the dishes, at one point asked this servant whether it would be possible to write and have brought one set of coffee cups with one covered soup bowl from the Chinese dishes. This servant remained silent. Recently he made the request again, therefore this servant has taken the liberty to submit that if it can be arranged with utmost ease, please send them.

The aforementioned Khwajeh is not a believer, but he has shown much consideration to the friends in this land and during the commotion that occurred in this land he stood firm. Since he is among the notables of the city and has now become the Russian consul, he has rendered assistance without dissimulation and shows the utmost affection. Sometimes he is present during the revelation of verses and listens with complete humility and submissiveness. It is not known what is God’s will concerning him. Thus far he has attained to the aforementioned virtues, and afterward the matter is in His hand. As for the bowl that was mentioned, let it be medium-sized, neither too large nor too small. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to assist him in that which He loves and is pleased with.

Glory be to God! This servant is astonished at the condition of people. A group of Christians from various regions have shown sincerity and affection, and have come to this land solely to investigate and examine. Although they did not attain the [Holy] Presence, they were blessed for several days to attain the presence of the Most Great Branch of God—may my spirit and the spirit of all the worlds be a sacrifice for Him—and they asked several questions about religions, faiths and the principles of divine knowledge, and heard complete and sufficient answers, such that after returning they recorded the details in the London and Prussian newspapers. Nevertheless they are still hesitant, and those newspapers have also reached this land.

In any case, the Fire is ablaze, the Sun is shining, and the Light is manifest, yet the people are in great delusion. Soon most of the people of the world will become enkindled, for there has not been and is not any escape for anyone. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to rend asunder the veils that have come between them and the lights of the Countenance, to show them His most exalted horizon and His most glorious view, to cause them to hear the cooing of the Dove and to give them to drink of the purest nectar. Verily He is the Ruler over what He wishes. There is no God but He, the Most High, the Most Great.

If Jinab Aqa Mirza ʿAbdu'l-Hamid is present, this servant's greetings to him depend on your honor's grace. And verily glory be upon your honor and upon those with you and upon those who love you.

The servant 66 [Allah], 11 Rajab 1292

BH03173: O peoples of the earth! The gate of divine…

He is the Most Holy, the Most Great

O peoples of the earth! The gate of divine generosity hath been opened in the Most Great Scene—turn ye unto it with humility and repentance. The Hidden Mystery hath been revealed, for the Manifestation of Revelation hath come. Draw nigh unto Him, O people of insight! The Truth hath spoken among creation—blessed is he who hath attained unto His utterance, and woe unto every doubtful misbeliever.

The darkest night hath been illumined as the dawn breathed forth from the horizon of eternity. Come ye and hasten, O peoples of creation, and tarry not for less than a moment. The light of divine unity hath shone forth when darkness had encompassed all creatures—this is a bounty whose mention all pens are powerless to make. The limbs of darkness have trembled at this light shining from the horizon of this station.

Beware lest the conditions of self and passion withhold you from the Lord of the first and the last. Turn ye unto God, the Lord of all return. Behold and remember when the All-Bestowing came: the buzzing of flies rose up and objected to God, the Lord of all men. The pebbles testified and the date-pit glorified, while the transgressors remained heedless and opposed Him Who possesseth the Mother Book.

Say: O My loved ones! Adorn your temples with the ornament of remembrance and utterance, and your hearts with the sweet savors of your Lord, the All-Merciful, that perchance the people of possibility may become aware and turn unto God, Who giveth life to bones. All things have been stirred by the breezes of revelation while they remain in heedlessness and error.

Blessed art thou for having turned to the Countenance and directed thyself to Him through Whom the Cry arose between earth and heaven, souls were troubled and mountain peaks shook. How many a lofty one hath fallen through following self and passion, and how many a lowly one hath ascended unto God, the Lord of all beings. All things are within His mighty grasp—He doeth what He willeth in His dominion and ruleth by His sovereignty as He pleaseth.

We have remembered thee in this Tablet that thy remembrance may endure in the kingdom of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Most High. Arise to remembrance and praise and say: O people of creation! The Lord of

Names hath come—draw nigh unto Him and follow not every misbeliever who hath denied God, the Mighty, the All-Bestowing. May the glory rest upon thee and upon those who have attained unto this Cause whereby feet have slipped.

BH04685: Blessed is He Who speaks that which benefits…

He is the One dawning from His most exalted horizon

Blessed is He Who speaks that which benefits the world, yet the people remain behind a manifest veil. They hear the call of God but do not comprehend it, for they are among the abject ones. The Tongue of Grandeur has spoken and the Dove of Glory has warbled upon the Divine Lote Tree, yet the people remain in grievous remoteness. We desired to draw them nigh unto the Kingdom, but they chose for themselves dwellings like the spider's web—We bear witness they are among the lost.

We have caused all things to speak in remembrance of Our Name, the Lord of Names, and by it every lofty and towering mountain was attracted. Had the people known, they would have cast away their desires and turned with pure and radiant hearts to the countenance of their Lord, the Most Merciful. The bounty is present but they eat not thereof; the proof has appeared but they recognize it not; the verses have been sent down but they comprehend them not; the evidences have been manifested but they turn away on their heels.

Say: Cast away idle fancy—this is the Lord of all beings Who has come from His most exalted horizon and speaks with His most sweet call that there is no God but Me, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Say: Knowledge profits you not—abandon vain imaginings and turn to Him with Whom is the Preserved Tablet.

We have shown the Way as a bounty from Us, and it is indeed the Straight Path upon which the sincere ones tread. Hold fast to God's Most Great Cord and cling to His glorious and kind robe. Grieve not over anything and trust in God in all matters.

BH04783: He is the One with power over what was…

He is the One with power over what was and what will be. The signs have appeared and the evidences have emerged and the Promised One has come in His Name, the All-Compelling, the Self-Subsisting. He is indeed the Hidden Treasure and the Concealed Mystery.

He has appeared from the horizon of the world and summons all peoples unto God, the Ancient Lord, but the people do not hear. Their desires have veiled them in such wise that they hear not the call of God nor see His praiseworthy station.

Blessed are ye, O people of Baha, in that ye have rent asunder the veils, despite those among creation who denied God's favor after its revelation and followed their own idle fancies and vain imaginings.

We show them the horizon of certitude but they turn away from it, and We cause them to hear the cooing of the Dove but they hearken not. The Pen of Revelation remindeth them at all times but they remember not. They follow the ignorant and call them learned ones. Nay, they understand not.

Those who cannot distinguish right from left lay claim to knowledge and through it have waxed proud before the Truth, the Knower of things unseen. Say: By the Lord of creation, ye are but ignorant flocks from whom your very limbs and members dissociate themselves, yet ye perceive it not.

Be thou assured through thy Lord's grace. He is with those who have turned toward Him and have attained the Choice Sealed Wine. Soon shall the idolaters behold their abode in the fire, while those who believe in divine unity shall dwell in God's kingdom, Lord of what was and what will be.

Thus hath spoken the Tongue of Grandeur in the Most Great Prison, as a mercy from Him upon thee and upon those who soar in the atmosphere of love.

BH05104: The spring of life hath flowed, and the Path…

He is the Powerful, the All-Compelling over all who are in the heavens and the earth

The spring of life hath flowed, and the Path hath appeared, and the Proof crieth out between the heavens and earth that He desireth naught for His servants save that which draweth them nigh unto God and teacheth them what profiteth them in the life to come and in this life. He is, verily, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

He hath accepted sorrows for the joy of those in the realm of possibilities, and borne abasement for the glory of all creation. To this beareth witness My Most Exalted Pen and this Tongue which speaketh that there is none other God but He, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

We desired for them that which would purify them from the defilement of the world, yet they have consigned Us to this mighty prison. By God! He was not imprisoned by their command, but rather that there might be revealed what lay hidden in their hearts, and behind this is a wisdom which none knoweth save God, the Lord of the worlds.

We gave the people glad tidings of the Most Great Vision and caused them to hear that which the Lord of Destiny doth utter, yet they turned away from it and denied this mighty grace. We make mention of those who have turned unto God, that their remembrance might endure throughout the kingdom of earth and heaven. He is, verily, the Powerful, the Mighty.

Rejoice thou in that the Supreme Joy maketh mention of thee—He Whom sorrows have not hindered from uttering what He desireth. He hath spoken and declared: The Kingdom is God's, the King, the Glorious, the Praised. We have sent thee this Tablet that thou mightest remember it and be of the thankful ones.

BH03105: May my spirit be a sacrifice for you! Your…

Section 1: "May my spirit be a sacrifice for you!…"

He is God, exalted be His glory, the Grandeur and the Power!

May my spirit be a sacrifice for you! Your most luminous and pure letter dated the 25th of Sha'ban arrived at the most auspicious time. Praise and gratitude be to God! The ear of the soul was blessed to hear the melodies, songs and warbling of the doves of praise and glorification of the peerless Beloved from the branches and twigs of the Tree of Utterance and the Lote-Tree of Exposition of your honor. Blessed be the hearers! In detail it was presented at the Most Holy Court. His blessed and exalted Word:

> "O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! We have heard your call and read your letter and recognized what was in your heart of the love of God, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting. We make mention of all whose names flowed from your pen—this is of My favor upon you. Be thankful and say: Praise be to Thee, O God of existence! And in all this We are watching you, and this is a favor that behooves you to thank for as long as the heavens and earth endure—nay, as long as My Most Beautiful Names endure—nay, as long as My Self, which overshadows all witnesses and witnessed things, all those who remember and are remembered, endures. Convey My greetings to My loved ones, remind them with My tongue, adorn them with the garments of My grace, and illumine them with the lights of My luminous and beloved Utterance."

Regarding what you mentioned about Aqa Jamal, this is what was revealed concerning him:

> "Verily We have remembered him in the Kingdom of My prison and have accepted what he hath wrought in the path of God. Blessed is he in that he heard God's call and responded to it. By My life! His deed is better than the deeds of those who have turned toward the direction of the Throne without God's leave, the Protector, the Manifest, the All-Wise. Give him these glad tidings that the fragrances of his Lord's love, the Mighty, the Generous, may take possession of him. We make mention of him even as We have mentioned him as a favor from Us, and I am the All-Remembering, the All-Informed. Those who cast the command of God behind their backs are indeed following their own desires. The Pen of thy Lord, the Mighty, the Inaccessible, beareth witness to this. The Cause is in His hands. He accepteth from whomsoever He willeth what he hath wrought in His path, and ordaineth for whomsoever He desireth that which shall profit him in the worlds of thy Lord, the Almighty, the All-Powerful."

Regarding what you wrote about the small item, I beseech God, exalted and mighty be He, to answer your honor's prayer and that your honor yourself may be engaged in service at the Most Holy Court.

Concerning what was written about Haji Kazim—this land has become greatly populated and has caused rumors among the people. Thirty-five souls, in addition to those who emigrated with the Ancient Beauty, have gathered here. Consider then what has occurred and is occurring in the prison city, despite its constraints, lack of means, the discord of its people and the agitation of its inhabitants. In these days from the land of Kha, Ab, Badi' (upon them be the Glory of God), one of their sons and another person have arrived; and Muhammad-Sadiq (upon him be 966 [the Glory of God] the Most Glorious) and another person; likewise ʿAli from the people of Q and another person; and numerous souls of whom news has arrived will be coming these days; and the sister of Aqa Husayn and her son, and another sister and her husband; and likewise souls who are in the vicinity of the prison city are continuously arriving. You yourself know what people outside of this gathering have said and are saying. I beseech God to assist His loved ones to hearken unto His commandments and prohibitions.

In any case, mention of Haji Kazim was made at the Divine Threshold. The utmost kindness was shown regarding him:

> "O Kazim! Be thou happy in the love of God and be not grieved by His prohibition. God hath loved and loveth His loved ones, and He commandeth whatsoever is required by the time and is wise. Praise be to God, thou art mentioned at the Most Holy Court and art honored by His mention. Be not grieved by the lack of permission. By My life, My utterance is sweeter than all sweetness and My mention is more delicate than the breeze. Be content with that and be grateful to the Exalted Truth. He is the Bestower of the reward of attainment and the Cupbearer of the Kawthar of reunion. Grieve not. With complete joy, be occupied with His mention among the people, but with wisdom."

End quote.

Furthermore, regarding the sum that you wrote one of the handmaidens had sent through Nabil—it arrived, but according to previous instructions, if any sum arrives it should remain with you and be reported to the Most Holy Court so that its decree may be revealed. The measuring tape that was sent also arrived. Likewise regarding the poem of Aqa Sadra—a portion of it was presented at a special time at the Most Holy Court. His service was accepted, but its circulation depends on all of it being presented and the Sun of permission rising. There is so much work that truly this servant and a hundred like this servant are powerless and wanting, except through the confirmations of the Beloved.

Concerning what was written about Aqa Ghulam-ʿAli—that you were pleased he had not arrived without permission—it was said that complete permission is that which is obtained from the land of residence, whereas he sought permission after departing from that land and arrived in these parts. Therefore, some aspects of permission apply to him but not all. They are also concerned about his wife and child, but upon arrival he was unwell, and the climate of the prison is known—he has not yet fully recovered. God willing, they must act according to the divine ordinances revealed in the Most Holy Book.

And concerning Ḥabibah, Nasir was informed that whatsoever she desireth, she should acquaint that honored one therewith. And regarding Ahmad-Vali, of whom thou hadst written, the matter was submitted. This is that which hath been revealed for him. He, exalted be His Most Great glory, saith:

O Ahmad! Thy mention hath been made in the presence of the Wronged One, and We make mention of thee from this mighty Prison. Say: O My loved ones! Be not grieved by that which hath befallen you in the path of God, the Almighty, the All-Compelling, the All-Knowing. Consider the generations of the past and the bygone ages, and what befell therein the trusted ones of God and His chosen ones who called the people unto God, the Lord of the worlds. By My life! The people are veiled by a mighty veil and are in manifest loss. God beareth witness that there is no God but Him, and they who have shown patience seeking His good-pleasure—these are they who are guided among all creation. The dwellers of Paradise and this noble scene do offer prayers for them. O My loved ones! Dispute not with anyone. Hold fast unto what is seemly in all conditions. Read ye what We have sent down aforetime from the presence of One All-Knowing, All-Wise. God shall soon exalt your names and your remembrance, despite those who have

veiled themselves from this Cause whereby the horizon of utterance was illumined and the Dove of exposition did warble. The Kingdom is God's, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

Section 2: "O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! The names of those persons mentioned…"

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin! The names of those persons mentioned in thy letters have been recorded by the Most Exalted Pen. This is due to the favor that hath been shown unto thee and continueth to be shown. For instance, if today the most wretched of people should cleave unto thee, he would be forgiven and mentioned in the presence of God, even though he be unaware of it. Should they deem it advisable, they may deliver the revealed response to whomsoever they wish, otherwise not—how much more for those who have turned toward God and whose mention thou hast submitted.

As to what thou didst write concerning Aqa Muhammad-Sadiq, upon him be the Glory of God, his petition was submitted. Thus speaketh He, exalted be His majesty: O Sadiq! Thou hast been and art remembered, and art worthy, for thou hast attained the most great bounty and hast borne grievous trials in the path of the Beloved. We beseech God to aid thee, assist thee, and give thee to drink, at all times, from the Kawthar of His love, the Mighty, the Inaccessible.

Furthermore, the petition of Muhammad-Amin Chalabi from Salahiyyih was submitted. This is what was revealed in response:

He is the Expositor, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Thy letter was present before the Wronged One, and what was mentioned therein was observed. All people are occupied with the remembrance of Truth day and night, yet they remain veiled from Truth itself. In every age and dispensation when the fragrance of the garment of the All-Merciful was diffused among the people of the world, most remained deprived of the dawning-place of divine oneness due to vain imaginings. Even as today, He Who summoneth all people to the straight path of God for His sake alone hath been imprisoned in this Most Great Prison. Yet God, exalted and glorified be He, hath made this prison a piece of paradise, and in the utmost joy and fragrance we are occupied with His remembrance, detached from all the world. We praise and thank Him for this. Verily, He is the Witness, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. We beseech Him, exalted be He, to aid thee and strengthen thee to be steadfast in His Cause. Verily, He is the Protector of the doers of good. God willing, may they drink at all times from the cup of His love and be occupied with His remembrance. This is the most excellent of all deeds in the presence of the Self-Sufficient, the Most Exalted.

Write this response in fine handwriting and send it.

Concerning the question about shaving the head, which was forbidden in the Kitab-i-Aqdas but commanded in the Surih of Pilgrimage—His exalted Word—all are today bound by the Kitab-i-Aqdas and whatever is revealed therein is the Divine decree amongst the servants, though shaving of the head hath been pardoned for those who visit the House. Today, such actions as do not cause commotion among the people should be performed by all.

From the land of Kha, his honor Ismu'llah-i-Javad, upon him be 9 66 [Baha], who resided in Karbila, inquired that today the non-shaving of the head causeth commotion among the people and asked about the trials of the companions and their obligations. It was decreed that the performance of certain actions is for the time of the ascendancy of the Cause, and before its ascendancy all must act with wisdom, for if any soul becometh known by this name in certain lands, the people avoid them and the teaching of the Cause is delayed.

Concerning the question about the Kitab-i-Iqan, known by the name of His Honor the Uncle, upon him be the Most Glorious Beauty of God, wherein fear is mentioned regarding His Holiness Moses, while in the Kitab-i-Badi' fear is denied for the Prophets—His exalted Word: O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, that which was revealed in the Kitab-i-Iqan was mentioned regarding divine tests, in consideration of removing people's delusions in this Dispensation. Therefore, what was revealed in the Qur'an was mentioned as the exact blessed verse without interpretation or explanation. Moreover, it is clear from the implicit meaning of the verse that what Moses, upon Him be the Glory of God, said was to silence the opponent, for they said to Him "Thou art he who committed murder and fled." His Holiness, to confound them, mentioned the meaning of the blessed verse and confirmed: "I am indeed he, but I have been adorned with the robe of forgiveness and honored with Messengership." The mention of fear and such matters pertains to events before His appointment, and there are various explanations regarding fear in that station which would take too long to detail. What is revealed in the Kitab-i-Badi' is indeed the truth wherein there is no doubt. Observe His actions after His appointment—verily He was strong and trustworthy.

O Zaynu'l-Muqarrabin, hearken unto what the Herald of Sinai speaketh in this Dispensation:

> "I was heedless, or I was asleep, when the breeze of the All-Merciful passed over Me and awakened Me and caused Me to cry out between earth and heaven"

- even though the fragrance of the All-Merciful and the breeze of the All-Glorious emanated from Him, nay rather, He was its Creator. Reflect and be of the thankful ones. Similar utterances have been revealed in the Tablet to the Sultan and what was revealed to certain divines. This was revealed and continues to be revealed out of His grace due to the weakness of the servants. Were He to appear and speak of what He truly is, thou wouldst find the people as though dead, except for whom thy Lord willeth.

Furthermore, mention was made of Ismu'llah-i-Asdaq, upon him be God's good-pleasure and His glory. He is remembered before the Throne, and a special prayer of visitation hath also been revealed for him from the Supreme Pen, though permission for its dispatch hath not yet been granted. God willing, whenever permitted it shall be sent and they shall attain unto it. Blessed is he for having attained and been present and heard the call of God, the King, the Mighty, the Beautiful, and ascended unto God with joy and delight, as testified by the Pen of the All-Merciful from this luminous horizon.

And furthermore, the honored beloved, his eminence the Name 66 [of God] Mihdi, upon him be the Most Glorious Glory of God, has returned some time ago and is residing in the vicinity. I conveyed your greetings to him, and he in turn sends infinite greetings. His books and tablets that were sent together with his eminence M.M., upon him be all glory, have reached him, and he mentioned what is with his eminence Ustad Ali Akbar. If given willingly, well and good, otherwise let it be.

And another supplication of this evanescent servant to your eminence is that you convey expressions of sincerity and self-effacement, and most wondrous, most impregnable, most exalted, most sublime greetings on behalf of this servant to all the masters and friends of that land. Verily, the Glory be upon your eminence and upon all who attain your presence and are blessed to serve you.

The servant. 27 Dhi'l-Qa'dih 1292.

The Most Great, Most Mighty Twin Branches and the Afnan of God remember your eminence with gems of remembrance and greetings.

BH04793: Say: O My City! Be not grieved at…

He is the Most Holy, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise!

Say: O My City! Be not grieved at that which hath befallen thee from those who have scorned to worship thy Lord and have turned away from God, the Lord of all worlds. Soon shall the banners be raised within thee in My Name, and God shall exalt those who have been visited by tribulation in this mighty Cause. Afflictions have encompassed those within thee, that what We promised them in Our perspicuous Book might be made manifest.

We make mention of My loved ones in My City—they who have fulfilled My Covenant, have turned their faces toward My countenance, have taken hold of My Book, have soared in the atmosphere of My love, have drunk the choice wine of utterance in My Name, and have spoken amongst the servants with My remembrance and praise. They are under the glances of My loving-kindness which have preceded all worlds. We counsel them to manifest supreme steadfastness in this mighty Cause whereby all who are in the heavens were thunderstruck, save whom God willed, the Almighty, the Powerful.

A letter hath come before Our presence. We have read it and found from it the fragrance of steadfastness. This indeed is a great victory. He hath glorified and praised his Lord with sublime utterance. Verily his Lord, the All-Merciful, is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. The glory of Baha be upon him for having made mention of this wronged Baha in this mighty prison. Blessed art thou, O thou who hast migrated unto God, for having departed from My City and turned thy face toward My countenance until thou didst enter this noble station. Rejoice thou in this most great favor, then render thanks unto God, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of all in the heavens and on earth.

BH07667: Glorified art Thou, O God of existence…

He is the Most Inaccessible, the Most Holy, the Most Great!

Glorified art Thou, O God of existence and the One with power over the unseen and the visible! Thou seest Thy loved ones among Thy servants who have turned away from Thy face and objected to the Manifestation of Thy Cause, Who speaks throughout the world in Thy name and through Thy sovereignty, and Who calls all to the horizon of Thy grace and Thy favors.

O Lord! I beseech Thee by the ocean of Thy knowledge and the heaven of Thy Cause to make me steadfast in Thy love in such wise that the veils of the world shall not prevent me from Thy remembrance

and praise, nor shall the affairs of the nations keep me from turning toward the direction of Thy bounty. O Lord! Thou knowest what is in my heart and hearest my cry. I beseech Thee to send down upon me from the heaven of Thy grace that which will preserve me from Thine enemies. Verily Thou art He Who hath ever been powerful over all things and dominant over all names. The might of the heedless cannot frustrate Thee, nor can the turning away of those who have turned aside. And verily Thou art the Most Exalted, the All-Powerful, the Most High, the Most Great.

BH09372: Glorified art Thou, O my God, O God…

He is the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise

Glorified art Thou, O my God, O God of the world and Educator of the nations! Thou beholdest the tears of the lovers throughout all regions in their separation and remoteness from Thee, and what hath befallen them in their longing for the horizon of Thy knowledge, and Thou knowest their patience in tribulation and their steadfastness in adversity. I beseech Thee, O Lord of Names, by Thy Name which hath dominion over earth and heaven, to assist them to spread Thy knowledge amongst Thy creation and to stand firm in Thy Cause within Thy realm. Then draw them, O my God, through Thy Most Exalted Word to the Supreme Horizon in such wise that neither the oppression of the peoples nor the opposition of the learned shall dismay them. Verily, Thou art powerful over whatsoever Thou willest. There is none other God but Thee, the Ordainer, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed.

BH11846: O Ahmad! We have mentioned thee before and made…

He is the All-Knowing Expositor

O Ahmad! We have mentioned thee before and made known unto thee the straight and manifest path of God. The Wronged One remembereth him who hath turned towards Him and shown patience in what befell him in the path of God, the King, the Mighty, the All-Wise. Be not grieved by what hath befallen thee, but look and then call to mind what befell the loved ones of God in ages past. He, verily, is the All-Knowing Expositor. Blessed are they who showed patience in times of hardship, seeking the good-pleasure of God. They are indeed among the triumphant. Remember ye your Lord, the All-Merciful, at all times, detached from those who have been heedless of His Great Name. Beware lest human conditions veil you from the Most Sublime Vision. Leave them to themselves and put your trust in God, the Almighty, the All-Powerful.

BH09858: Glory be to Thee, O God, O Educator…

He is God, the Powerful, the Protector, the Self-Subsisting!

Glory be to Thee, O God, O Educator of the nations and Quickener of moldering bones! I beseech Thee by Thy Name which Thou hast made the Lord of all names to send down upon us that which will protect us from the conditions of Thy creation and the vain imaginings of Thy servants, and will ignite us with the fire of Thy Word whereby the world was set ablaze. Then illumine, O my God, our hearts with the light of Thy knowledge and aid us to arise to fulfill that which Thou hast commanded in Thy Book. Thou art He Who hath ever been the Protector of all names and the All-Powerful over all things. The oppression of the

tyrannical hath never hindered Thee from Thy Cause. Thou doest what Thou willest through Thy sovereignty and ordainest through Thy power what Thou pleasest. There is no God but Thee, the All-Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Wise.

BH09862: Glorified art Thou, O God of the worlds…

He is the Ever-Abiding, without decline!

Glorified art Thou, O God of the worlds and Goal of them that have recognized Thee! I beseech Thee by Thy sovereignty which hath encompassed all who are in the heavens and on earth, to change the abasement of Thy loved ones into the glory which Thou hast sent down in Thy Tablets. Then gather them together through Thy bounty and favor. O Lord! Thou seest them turning toward the horizon of Thy grace and awaiting the manifestations of Thy Cause in Thy kingdom. I beseech Thee, O Cleaver of the dawn and Subduer of the winds, by the power that hath encompassed earth and heaven, to assist Thy servants to recognize the Manifestation of Thy Cause and the Dawning-Place of Thy signs. Then grant them that which Thou hast sent down from the heaven of Thy generosity. Verily, Thou art the Mighty, the Exalted, the Forgiving, the Bountiful.

BH09868: Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Thy…

In His Name, the All-Subduing Lord of Names!

Glorified art Thou, O my God! Thou seest Thy loved ones among Thy servants who have turned away from Thy face and disputed Thy signs and opposed those who have arisen to promote Thy Cause. O Lord! I beseech Thee by the tears of Thy ardent lovers and the burning hearts of those who long for Thee to send down from the clouds of Thy mercy upon Thy loved ones that which will cause the anemones of Thy wisdom and the roses of Thy knowledge to spring forth within their hearts. Then protect them through Thy power which the world hath failed to weaken. Thou art He to Whose power and might all created things have testified, and to Whose grandeur and transcendent glory all contingent beings have borne witness. There is none other God but Thee, the Almighty, the Most Exalted, the All-Giving, the All-Bountiful, the All-Glorious, the All-Merciful.